



FARM NEWS

Hilton Crop Members Hear Address on Forage Crops

Despite heavy roads and impassable lanes the Farmers' Bldg., Milton, was well filled for the address on Forage Crops on Friday afternoon last. Due to the unavoidable absence of Dr. Robt Weir who had been advertised for this meeting, Wm. Tossel, Assistant on Forage Crops in the Department of Field Husbandry at the O.A.C., was the guest speaker. His able address and the discussion which followed was listened to with keen interest by the audience which came from all sections of the County. With the aid of charts he clearly indicated the relative value per acre of such crops as wheat, oats, barley, mixed hay, alfalfa hay and pasture. It was pointed out by the speaker that as a result of poor catches of seeds in 1949 and unfavorable weather conditions, many farmers in this section of Ontario at least should be giving thought as to how best to meet the situation in 1950. According to Mr. Tossel the average mixed farm in Holland is 95 acres in extent. That the Hollanders are strong believers in hay and pasture crops is revealed by the statement that on the average 26 acre farm in Holland, 80 acres is in grass and legumes and the other 15 to 15 acres in a rotation of cereal grains and grasses. On this acreage on the average it is reported that they carry 36 milk cows, 18 heifers, 2 or 3 horses and 60 sheep. About 3 acres of the hay is artificially dried, 8 acres made into grass silage and the balance of the hay aside from some made with the aid of tripods is handled in the conventional Ontario method. Due to the amount of rainfall and the irrigation methods it is possible for the Dutch farmer to economically apply up to 1000 lbs. of commercial fertilizer to the acre in addition to the utilization of all so called barnyard manure.

Hilton Holstein Breeders and Milk Producers Plan Annual Entertainment

Hilton's Annual Entertainment annually jointly sponsored by the Hilton Holstein Breeders' Club and the Hilton Milk Producers' Association is to be held in the Princess Theatre, Milton, on Thursday evening, March 23rd. We understand that Joseph Connell of Kitchener is to be the guest speaker and his subject "The Road to Happiness." The program will include Paterno Juniors in their skit "In a Kentucky Farmyard", written and directed by Geo. S. Atkins. Assisting artists are the noted and popular tenor, Ronald Stewart; Miss Beth Corrigan, leading soprano singer with the Royal Conservatory Opera Co.; Shaw and Hayes "Rhythm Boys", precision tap and comedy dancers and Ross Bertram, popular magician. Notwithstanding the fact that tickets are not as yet available many directors have already received orders that will exceed their quota.

SOIL CONSERVATION BEGINS ON FARM

Soil conservation, like charity, is much more effective when it begins at home. Most farm operators can find signs of the need for soil conservation practices by periodically making a careful survey of their own farm. Every year a little bit of somebody's valuable top soil either blows away or is washed away. With it goes not only much of the natural soil fertility, but the value of the farm is also lowered and eventually the farm family's standard of living declines.

Soil conservation doesn't mean that a farmer should do something for nothing. The practice of soil conservation is simply a sound business proposition, paying good returns over a long-term period. It is only good business to protect an investment and that is what every farmer does when he takes steps to prevent soil wastage on his own farm.

No farmer will willingly see tons of soil per acre washed off his fields if he knows he can correct this by planting on a well planned contour system. Tests have shown that plots planted to grass or legumes, or other crops cultivated on the contour, lose little or no soil. A farmer's experience may teach him that some soils, and some fields, should never be left without some kind of cover. In fact he may find that in the long run it is better farm practice to put some of these soils under grass for the production of seed or livestock.

There is no official "must" about preventing soil wastage on a man's own farm, but if the operator hopes to stay and make a living there, the top soil must remain there too. Soil erosion is nothing new. Whether due to wind, rain or over-grazing it played a vital part in the rise and fall of nations throughout recorded history. The story—and the lesson—is there for those in Canada who wish to learn. Gone are the days when a farmer could plough up, wear out and move on to greener pastures. To-day the wise farmer knows that if he takes care of his soil, the soil in turn will look after him.

Price Lists of the Milton Seed Fair and Bacon Show to be held on March 17 and 18 were available at the meeting. Those responsible for the preparation of this booklet have incorporated a great deal of useful information and many of those present commented favorably on the fund of valuable data which had been included. If you did not receive your copy the Agricultural Office at Milton will send one forward on request.

New Junior Farmer Group Organized in Nassagaweya Township. As a result of the activities of the Milton Junior Farmers, new Junior groups have been organized in Nassagaweya Township. Their next meeting is to be held in the Township Hall at Brookville and judging by the copy of the program which came in our mail, they would appear to have an interesting evening in store on Friday, March 3rd at 8:30 p.m. Audrey Rinehart is the president of the Junior Institute with Arlene Thomas as Secretary. In the Junior Farmer group Fred Rinehart is President and Alex Buchanan is the Secretary. All Nassagaweya Juniors are extended a cordial invitation.

Maple Cattle Breeders Add Short-horn Stud

The Maple Cattle Breeders Association which now has a membership of nearly 2000 and who for the past year have been providing service from studs of Holstein, Ayrshire and Jersey bulls have recently decided to add a battery of Short-horn. Their Short-horn bull buying committee is now busy locating suitable studs. We understand from G. W. Ketter, Manager of the Maple Association that it is their intention to select sires with plenty of scale and substance out of dams with reasonable milk production. Incidentally, the annual meeting of the Milton branch of the Maple unit is to be held in the Court House, Milton, on Monday, March 13, at 1:30 p.m.

Palermo Juniors Awarded Debate

Blocked roads and lanes resulted in a much smaller attendance than normal at the inter-club debate at the Milton High School on Friday evening last. Owing to Norval defaulting a mock parliament was held with Palermo Club and supporters occupying the government benches and Norval and their supporters in the opposition. Under the leadership of Geo. S. Atkins, who acted as Speaker of the House, the Juniors had an exciting hour debating "Resolved that Ontario legislation should be amended to permit commercialized sport and open theatres on Sunday." The government of the day, who were led by Lorna Lawrence and Pete Fisher, upheld the negative and defeated the resolution. The next debate will be held on March 17th when Milton and Brookville Juniors will debate "Resolved that our

Annual Report Lakeside Chapter Is Presented

Following is the report presented by the Secretary at the annual meeting of the Lakeside Chapter IODE.

It is with pleasure that I present to you, the members of the Lakeside Chapter IODE, a summary of the records for the thirty-first year in the Chapter's history.

During the year the Chapter held ten regular meetings. Nine meetings were held in the Legion Hall and one on the school campus in the form of a picnic, later adjourning to the Acton Continuation Schoolhouse for our business. There was one special evening, a miscellaneous shower for a bride in the Chapter. With a membership of seventy-seven, including three out-of-town members, the roll call averaged thirty-six. Eight new members were welcomed into the Chapter during the year and one member moved from Acton.

At the beginning of the year a program was arranged which would depart from our regular business cover our basic interest "Education." This program was to include a guest speaker, current events, empire study, the Constitution and also a short time for sociality.

We had the honor of having throughout the Chapter year, as guest speakers, Mr. R. R. Parker, President of the Acton Home and School Association, who explained the objectives that the Association was setting forth to the interest of students, teachers and pupils in the community; Miss Flora Moffat, nurse in Bella Bella, B.C. for the past two years and home for vacation related her experiences in the missionary hospital sponsored by the United Church of Canada and her work among the Indians; Mrs. Mary Gowdy, A.T.C.M. gave a very worthwhile talk on Music Appreciation and an account of her pleasant stay in the Bahamas; Mr. Ted Hansen spoke on Vocational Guidance taught in schools to-day in order that a student may be able to study themselves, their future, the occupations available, how to obtain a position and the provisions for self-guidance; Mrs. Fred Cook, home from Cookstown, South Africa, who gave us a very picturesque description of the African and his habits and displayed many beautiful pieces of work made by the natives; Mrs. L. L. Skuce outlined in her interesting and humorous way the various resolutions discussed at the National Annual Convention held in Victoria, B.C. Misses Audrey Anderson and Aileen Duffy displayed a discussion in Miss Duffy's office on a case history that Miss Anderson ran into in the County of Halton, and how it could be worked in with our Chapter welfare work; and Mrs. Arthur Gamble gave us a full outline on the education in English Schools.

In September, we were pleased to have as our guests the members of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter and ladies and teachers from the Acton schools. In December, we put aside all but the necessary business and enjoyed a social evening.

On Remembrance Day the members paraded, attended services, placed a wreath on the cenotaph and flags on the graves of veterans.

In October ten members attended the Area Conference and banquet in Kitchener. The Chapter flag being represented at the afternoon ceremony. Our Regent replied very fittingly to the message given by Mrs. Cecil R. Brown, Provincial President.

We wish to thank the Regent wholeheartedly for her tactful and untiring efforts on the completion of such a successful and eventful year, and all the members of the executive for their generous time and thought. Also, all those who so willingly assisted us with our projects or helped us in any way.

May we, the members of the Lakeside Chapter, IODE, stimulate our interest with pride and loyalty to our chapter and maintain the solid foundation of the past for King and Country in this Jubilee Year of the Order.

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of court whist and exchange of Christmas gifts

Our Empire Study was on Africa, known as the Dark Continent. We had two papers on this country, covering its vastness, inhabitants and industries, a guest speaker and moving pictures. We were also favored with a descriptive letter from Clayton Fryer to his Mother, stationed at an R.C.M.P. outpost and a paper on the habits and work of the women of Newfoundland.

The Post-War Committee bought material for several boys shorts and shirts and the members made up the garments. Members contributed each, one article of food and good used clothing for Britain and four quilts were tied.

The sick received flowers and cards or a personal visit and cards and flowers were sent to the bereaved. Silver spoons were given to each newly-born babe of Chapter mothers.

The Child and Family Welfare Committee worked in co-operation with the Public Health Nurse and Liaison Officer throughout the year to give assistance whenever possible and a layette and crib were distributed. The Chapter, with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Acton, arranged for boxes of food and fruit to be given to appreciative families at Christmas. Flowers were given to shut-ins at Easter and Christmas time. Members contributed generously to a family shower for a burned out family and children's clothing was donated also.

During the year, the Chapter worked ardently on five projects: Eucharist and Bridge, Fall Fair Booth, Garden Party, Bazaar, Milk of Money and the sale of cards.

Contributions made were as follows: Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund, Institute of the Blind, Acton School Board (record player and three albums), Soldiers' War Memorial Fund, Provincial Workroom Maintenance Fund, Poppy Fund, Ryder Memorial Fund, Endowment Fund, Acton Scout Hall, British Work in India (hospital), National Shipping Fund, Provincial Representatives Special Fund, National Seaman's Fund, British and European Relief Fund, Film Fund, Peace Garden Fund, Halton Musical Festival, Acton Library Board.

Two rings were purchased for one boy and one girl for General Proficiency, diplomas given to ten Never-late-never-absent pupils and a scholarship to the student with the highest standing in Grade XII. Also a two hundred dollar bursary was obtained through the Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund, the first of its kind to be received in Halton, for a local student to further his education.

Our Chapter and Flag were represented at the Roxey Theatre during British week. The Regent explained the three rules applied to minors attending movies.

Seven officers from our Chapter were guests at the Annual Officers Tea held by the Duke of Devonshire Chapter in March.

In May our Chapter was represented at the Annual Music Festival Association meeting.

The Lakeside Chapter joined with other organizations to raise money for the Acton War Memorial. Four members canvassed.

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REID J. SMITH
Manager of The Bank of Nova Scotia's Toronto main branch who has been named an assistant general manager.

Mr. Smith has gained wide experience during his 41 years as a banker. He was successively assistant manager of the Halifax main branch, then of the Montreal main branch, in charge of the Foreign Relations Department at the general office in Toronto, and manager of the Halifax main branch. He has been head of the Toronto main office since 1946.

BUSINESS DEAL

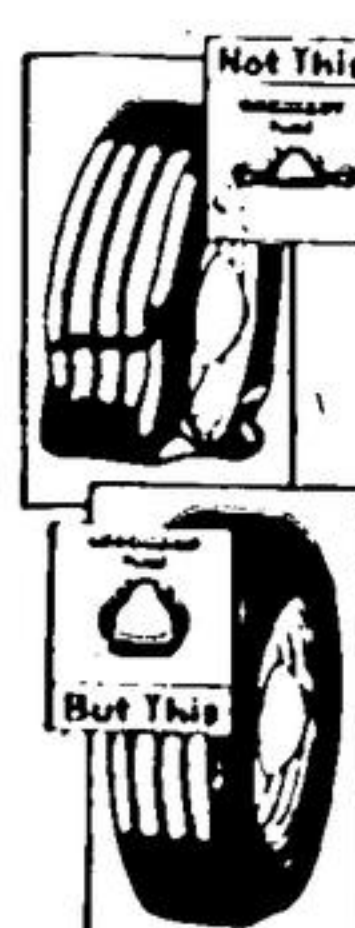
A Texas ranch woman brought her son and prospective daughter-in-law to one of the swankiest jewelers in Dallas to buy flat silver. She did all the talking, ultimately made up her mind and ordered the most expensive set in the store. The clerk inquired as to initials.

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