



FARM NEWS

Haltom Junior Farmers Stage Plowing Match

Haltom Junior Farmers staged their annual Plowing Match on the farm of Spencer Wilson near Hornby on Friday last. When measured by the number of competitors it was not up to the standard of most Junior Farmer events in Haltom. However, from the standpoint of workmanship, it left little to be desired. Winifred Timbers, veteran plowman from Stouffville, who acted as chief coach and judge, paid tribute to all of the contestants and in particular to Jean Patterson and in particular to Jean Patterson of Bronte, the only contestant in Class 1 open to Haltom young ladies. Mr. Patterson stated Mr. Timbers is not only a credit to Haltom County but to any county in the Province. She plowed a straight uniform ridge and with further experience and coaching would go far in Match plowing.

John Headhead of Lowville had the top ridge in the field with Jim Pickett of Hornby in second place. These two young men will represent Haltom in the inter-county event at the big International to be held near Acton October 10 to 13 inclusive. This inter-county event is open to a team of two plow boys from a county and must be under 20 years of age.

Other prize winners were as follows:

Class 2 Boys 16 years and under: Arnold Howden, Trafalgar Township; Win. Gray, Nelson Township; Bobt. Houghton, Bronte.

Class 3 Boys 17 to 19 years in classes: John Headhead, Nelson Township; John W. Pickett, Trafalgar Township; Sam. Egan, Trafalgar Township.

Milton Junior Farmers won the Special for the Club with the highest number of competitors and they also won the inter-club competition with Patricia in second place. The members of the winning team were as follows: John Headhead, John W. Pickett and Arnold Howden.

Justly of those who are successful mix their alfalfa with their grain and sow it down the grain spouts. In short, they get the alfalfa seed down to moisture. However, when we come back to the question of organic matter, on which some of our readers will no doubt think we are a bit "hipped", we are reminded of the comment of an Oxford County farmer: "Why don't you plow down some buckwheat then?" he asked. While we would much prefer to plow down a good

crop of clover—if we haven't got it then the next alternative is to get some organic matter from some other source. It may be buckwheat—it may be straw or spoiled hay or other trash. It will all make humus. If it is good business to mulch orchards with some of these materials and most of our successful orchardists do it, then let's take a leaf out of their book and adopt the idea of general farming. True some farmers have tried plowing down straw, etc. and their crops for the next two years were poor to say the least. Why—because they failed to apply nitrogen to their fields before plowing down this fibrous material.

In short, when plowing down any fibrous material it is a good investment to first broadcast 100 lbs. of a nitrogen fertilizer per acre such as cyanamid, over the field. Early in the fall ammonium nitrate at the same rate can be used to

even better advantage. Such applications will rot down the fibrous material and the resulting crop will not suffer from nitrogen starvation. Others may decide to convert a straw stack into manure as was described by John Stewart of Ailsa Craig when addressing the Haltom Seed Fair and Bacon Show last spring. Anything is better than burning or selling it—our soils for the most part are crying for it. Ample humus in our soils will help materially to offset the lack of precipitation in the critical growing months and then only will we have fewer failures in our seed catches.

Good Prices at Campbell Sale

The sale of imported Short-horns at Campbell Farms was in so far as we could determine an outstanding success. The average we understand was \$1232. The sale drew a great many buyers from across the line as well as from all parts of Ontario and other provinces in the Dominion. The top was \$2750 for a three year old heifer with calf at foot.

Haltom Junior Homemakers Make Good Showing at C.N.E.

Junior Homemakers from Ash Grove and Limehouse groups made an excellent showing in the Junior Homemakers' Competitions at the C.N.E. Under the leadership of Mrs. Sam Gistly and Mrs. Frank Brown the Haltom Demonstration team of Shirley Burt and Ruth Brown placed in the first prize group. In the individual competitions Eleanor Stark and Mae Wingfield were in the first group, Jessie Wingfield and Shirley Burt in the second prize group and Ruth Brown in the third group.

MILTON William Little, 86 Oldest Merchant

William Little, a harnessmaker and familiar figure on Milton's streets, this week celebrated his 86th birthday. Milton's oldest business man, he was born here 86 years ago and is thought to be the only Milton-born man to ever serve as Warden of the County of Halton.

On Saturday, August 26, 1950, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Marcellus of Milton, their second daughter, Helen Fraser Marcellus Reg. N. became the bride of David Randolph Allison of London, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Allison of Delaware.

On August 30 the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman, Omagh was the scene of a surprise party when a group of neighbors and friends gathered and presented them with a lovely basket of mums and white gladioli on the occasion of their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary.

Nelson Township schools showed a total attendance Tuesday of 825 on the first day of school.

At Glenora School the registration was 425 as compared with 310 at the opening last year. Principal H. M. M. Adeson and his staff of teachers conducted the first day activities and organized the classes. Full routine was adopted to day. Canadian Champion.

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ERIN Puppy Takes First At Ex Kennel Show

Mrs. W. S. Milne's Doberman Pinscher puppy, Wolfgang Von Marmoring, took first prize in his class at the C.N.E. Toronto Kennel Club Show. Wolf is seven months old and will be shown at the London Fair and two other shows this month.

Mr. N. E. McKinnon shipped nine horses averaging 1800 lbs. to a Northern Lumber Company last week. These horses were purchased within a radius of forty miles. Mr. McKinnon ventures the opinion that within five years the demand for horses will far exceed the supply.

The Erin Junior Farmers Softball Club took a measure of vengeance against their many rivals in Inglewood when they walked away with the first prize at the Inglewood Tournament.

When Erin and Mimosa hooked up in a thrilling 9 inning contest, the crowd really went home enthused over the fact that even the Erin Township League is capable of producing a good game of ball.

School re-opened for the 1950-51 term with 103 pupils in the public school and 75 in the continuation school including 26 brights.

Another of a pioneer family of Erin Township Mrs. Sarah Davidson passed away early on Sunday morning August 27, at her sister's home in Toronto. Advocate.

Calling All Crees

When a nationally-circulated Canadian publication recently asked prominent citizens for their opinions on the subject of radio, one correspondent, to indicate his distaste of present-day "commercial" facetiously suggested that all advertising messages henceforth should be delivered in the Cree language. What he probably didn't realize is that there is a Cree Indian program regularly broadcast from at least one Canadian station.

CFAR Elm Flon, is the home of this unique broadcast which is supervised by an Anglican church rector. He is thoroughly familiar with the Cree dialect and speaks to the Indians in their native tongue. The program is eagerly listened to by Indians in Northern Manitoba, and on several occasions the rector has gone on the air to broadcast special messages to the Indians, as for example when he asked them in their own language, to be on the lookout for a missing plane.

The program regularly reports on news of interest to the Indians, keeps them acquainted with current trapping regulations and has even featured "guest appearances" by Indian chiefs and councillors who happened to be in town at broadcast time.

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