

# FARM NEWS

## C. F. Picket Tops Fifty Bushel Winter Wheat Club

Winter Wheat is the most important cash crop in the mixed farming area of Halton County. In view of this the Halton Crop Improvement Association has for several years sponsored a Fifty Bushel Winter Wheat Competition. Inasmuch as the regulations necessitate using high class seed, the primary objective of the competition is to have a sufficient number of growers using high class in the county so that they in turn may serve as a source of good seed for others in the county requiring seed. Twenty competitors participated in the 1959-60 Competition. The awards are based on field score plus the yield multiplied by two.

While the yields based on small plots cut in each competitor's field will run somewhat higher than the field average it is interesting to note that the yields announced by the Department of Field Husbandry at the O.A.C. were from a low of 40 bush to 80.4 bush. The sixty bush yield was secured from the field of Miller Bros. Georgetown. However, the awards based on the combined score are as follows:

Name	Score	Yield	Total
C. F. Picket, Georgetown	83	59.2	2014
Robt. Alexander, Georgetown	75	56.9	1083
Miller Bros., Georgetown	75	60.4	1058
G. Leslie, Acton	87	53.7	1044
J. Y. McNabb, Georgetown	77	56.5	1000
W. R. Hunt, Milton	89	49.4	1078
J. H. Willmott, Milton	82	48.2	1074
Howard Bros., Milton	78	49	1076
Allan Clements, Milton	72	51.8	1056
Wm. Booth, Milton	82	46.3	1046
Ross Segsworth, Freeman	79	45.5	1070

It is also interesting to note that the first eleven awards were won by the variety Cornell 505. We understand from V. E. McArthur, president of the Halton Crop Improvement Association, that entries are now being accepted at the Agricultural Office, Milton, for the 1960-61 Competition.

### Guernsey Breeders Plan Club Sale

The Halton-Peel Guernsey Club is sponsoring a Club Sale at Hays Arena, Trafalgar, on October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. DST. We understand from President Art Spencer of Lazy Pat Farms, Palermo, that in the sale will be 50 fully accredited vaccinated females and 3 bulls.

## Geo. Currie New Vice-President of O.R.C.A. Zone 7

The annual meeting of Zone 7 of the Ontario Reformation and Conservation Association was held at St. George on Friday of last week. This organization is made up of representatives of the county agricultural and reforestation committees of the counties of Halton, Westworth, Lincoln, Welland, Hamilton, Brant and Waterloo counties, and others interested in conservation. Herb Richardson, director of the Conservation Branch of the Department of Planning and Development of the Ontario Government was the guest speaker at the noon day luncheon. To date stated Mr. Richardson, 14 authorities have been set up and five others are in the formative stage.

In Eastern Ontario there is the South Nation authority which covers some fifteen hundred square miles, and here the prevention of flooding is the primary objective. Next is the Napanee authority where the primary objective is to maintain a summer flow of water. Such a programme entails the erection of dams near the head waters of the various small streams in the district. The Mowra authority centres around Belleville, where the prevention of flooding is again the first problem to be solved.

The Ganaraski was one of the smaller authorities, and includes only six municipalities. Here a vigorous reforestation programme is under way and it is our understanding that they are undertaking to plant about five thousand acres each year for a period of five years.

In Central Ontario there are the Humber and Don authorities for

the control of pollution and the providing of recreation are the initial problems or steps in their programme.

In the case of the Etobicoke authority, the control of flooding is their objective at the moment. This stream which flows through the town of Brampton it will be recalled resulted in a half million dollar loss to the merchants of that town some two years ago. At the moment they are diverting this stream around Brampton, at a cost of some \$780,000.

Then comes the Grand Valley authority which resulted in the erection of the Shand Dam near Fergus, and a second dam to be built near Luther.

Passing on Westward we come to the Thames Valley authority, where already they have done a great deal of channeling of the river basin near Ingersoll. They have also made plans for the erection of the Farnshaw dam which we understand has a possible cost of some four and one-half million dollars. Along with this programme of straightening out the river basin and the erection of a dam, is included the programme of reforestation.

There is a strong possibility that the Halton Conservation Committee will in the immediate future give some consideration to the advisability of setting up an authority in this district so that the best advice possible may be secured from qualified engineers.

The new officers approved at this annual meeting for the coming year are as follows:

President, Mr. Emery, County Engineer, Waterloo County, 1st Vice President, G. Currie, Georgetown, 2nd Vice President, Mr. Reppel, Westworth County, Sec. Treas., Roger Lee, County Engineer, Brant County.



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