Reed Stained Alfalfa Seed

Canadian grown alfalfa seed is in short supply and likely to be higher in price than last year, states A. H. Martin, Director, Crops Seeds and Weeds Branch, Toronto. Mr. Martin also stated that for the first time in a number of years Red Stained Alfalfa seed is likely to be available in Ontario. This seed is mostly of French origin with perhaps some from the Southern States. Authorities at Ottawa and Guelph state that the hardiness of the seed is in doubt. As a matter of fact, that is the reason why the seed will be stained red—as a danger signal. It is stated that the differential between the price of domestic alfalfa and the red stained seed may be as much as 20 cents per pound. Halton farmers would therefore be well advised to locate and secure their requirements of Canadian alfalfa seed at the earliest possible date. In our opinion it would be preferable for Halton farmers to cut their usual rate of seeding by one or two pounds per acre rather than take a chance on red stained seed of doubtful hardiness.

Halton Crop Annual Packs Court Room

The eleventh annual meeting of the Halton Crop Improvement Ass'n. brought a record crowd to hear the excellent programme presided over by President V. E. McArthur. With the exception of the prisoner's box, practically every available seat in the court room, Milton was taken by the 135 farm folk in attendance from all sections of Halton on Friday afternoon last. Dr. H. L. Patterson, head of the Farm Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture in Toronto, who was introduced by Geo. S. Atkins, of Bronte was the guest speaker, taking as his subject "Cropping Practices in Relation to Dairy Herd Improvement." Basing much of his address on cost studies made in connection with Dairy Herd Improvement work in Ontario Dr. Patterson delighted his audience with his able presentation. In the interesting discussion which followed Dr. Patterson dealt with many inquiries pertaining to such topics as loafing stables, cut hay, the comparative cost of producing milk with dry feed, ensiled feeds, etc. A number of local co-operators also presented brief and interesting reports on various projects. Numbered among these speakers were Messrs. Edwin Harrop, Norman Reed, Ross Segsworth, Brock Harris, V. E. McArthur and W. E. Brewer.

It was announced that the annual Halton Seed Farm and Basin Show would be held in Milton on March [illegible]. The slate of officers for the ensuing year was as follows:

Hon. President, V. E. McArthur; President, C. F. Pickett; Vice-president, C. H. Lawrence; Sec.-Treas., J. E. Whitelock.

Directors: Trafalgar Twp., W. G. Bell, Frank Hall and J. H. Willmott; Nelson Twp., W. E. Brewer and Ross Segsworth; Esquesing Twp., John Reid, T. J. Brownridge and Robt. Miller; Nassagaweya Twp., Arthur Diamond, Robt. Hurren and Jack McPhail; Erin and Eramosa, Wallace Swackhamer; Auditor, H. C. Morris.

It was also announced that the annual meeting of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association is to be held in the Coliseum Exhibition Park, Toronto, on January 15, 16 and 17. The Halton association appointed Geo. S. Atkins as their official delegate with W. E. Brewer as alternate. Hon. J. G. Gardiner is to be the speaker at the annual banquet which will be held in the King Edward Hotel on Wednesday, January 17.

However, as noted at the Halton meeting of Friday last there was much of real interest and value presented that was not attempted to be reproduced here in view of many of those in attendance being members of the many excellent special meetings held by the Halton Association which already has the reputation of being one of the most active and progressive branches in the province. Certainly if there is any place in Halton in the immediate future for soils and better crops it will be to develop as it has done in recent years now and larger quarters will have to be secured in the near future.

Halton Juniors Make Plans for Winter and Spring Programme

At a recent meeting of the county Junior Farmers held under the leadership of president Stanley Jay plans were made for an active programme during the coming months. This includes a skating carnival in the Milton Arena; a Mock Parliament in the Milton High School; a banquet in the Trafalgar Township Hall; their annual seed judging competition in the Milton Town Hall; followed by their annual Church Service. Then comes their annual At Home in the Brant Inn, Burlington. Along with all this they are also considering the possibility of raising sufficient funds to build a Junior Farmer Building in Milton where all agricultural organizations might make their headquarters and hold their various meetings and functions. All in all, it is an ambitious programme which will have the support of all farm leaders.

Cars That Should Be Off The Roads

Before the war a motor car over 12 years old was rather a rare sight on the Canadian highway. That is not the case today. There are literally thousands of vehicles that date back well into the thirties and quite a few that are older even than that.

Since the end of the war Canadians have purchased close to a million new vehicles but in the same period they have scrapped less than 100,000. That means that there are far more cars on our highways today, but also that there are far more older ones.

This is a factor and an important one in our alarming increase in serious traffic accidents. As the Peterborough Examiner points out:

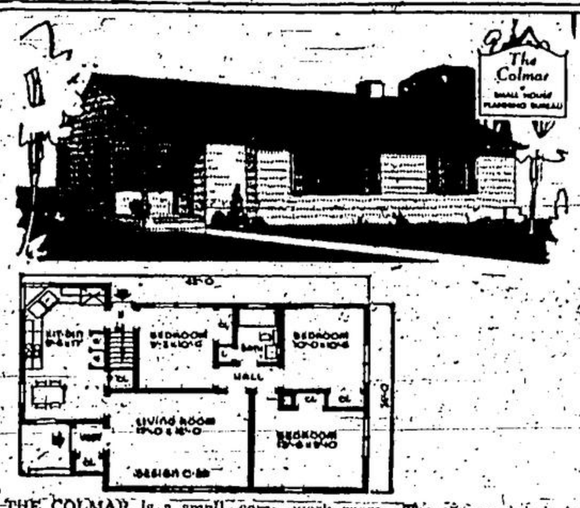
"It is not always old cars which are too faulty for safe driving, but old cars are most likely to be unserviceable. Their headlamps are either too weak or too bright, one is glaring and the other feeble, or one is out, and the other not. The tail light might be so dim that it cannot be seen a hundred yards away. They frequently have not enough power to drive at a proper highway speed, are thus more dangerous on the highways than a car travelling at sixty. Their brakes are often uncertain, their tires old, their windshield wipers ineffective."

High speed and youth have much to answer for in this grim business of highway accidents. But if we hope to curb the toll, then all factors must be taken into account.

Something certainly must be done about obsolete vehicles that hold up traffic on every hill and curve and thereby invite dangerous passing. And behind the wheels of these ancient chariots, which are as much out of place on a modern highway as a woodburning locomotive would be on the Montreal-Toronto run, who do we find? Not some irresponsible teen-ager but very often the most respectable and otherwise cautious of people—The Financial Post.

METALIZED CLOTH

One large fabric maker hopes to make clothes warmer without increasing the weight or bulk of the present fabric. A metalized cloth is the answer. It's supposed to reflect body heat instead of throwing it off by radiation.



THE COLMAR is a small, compact house with little waste space. It has three bedrooms, combination kitchen-dinette and a comortable living room. The covered front entrance enters a vestibule in which there is a coat closet. The entrance is located conveniently close to the kitchen.

Outstanding is the beautiful kitchen with its three exposures. Windows overlook the front entrance and the side and rear yards. It is connected to the centre bedroom which can also be used as a work room. The corner sink is in the centre of the cabinets, the stove on the left and the refrigerator on the right.

Eight closets are distributed one to each bedroom, three in the kitchen, one in the vestibule and a linen in the bathroom.

Plans call for an exterior of wide siding and asphalt shingles.

Dimensions are 42 feet by 24 feet. Floor area is 875 square feet while the cubage is 10,012 cubic feet.

NORTH EAST WEST SOUTH
NEWS FROM ALL DIRECTIONS

First in '51

Many papers boast the arrival of the first baby in the town or city for the new year. Col. L. H. Nelles of Oakville, makes another claim of which he is evidently just as proud . . . . he thinks he has the first Canadian thoroughbred colt of 1951. The foal was born three hours after midnight on January 1st, at Maryvale Farm, Dawes Rd.

Switchover

The newly established Erin High School opened last week as Erin Continuation School becomes an item of local history. A number of changes will be made next September when the new term starts.

Neighbourly Sag

Not only was news a little scarce during the holiday season, but mails were not functioning with normal despatch. Perhaps most hard hit by lack of news and of the papers themselves was Don Fairbairn, the "Neighbourly News" commentator who broadcasts items from weekly newspapers each Sunday morning. Many papers missed publication while others failed to reach him altogether for his programs on Christmas and New Year's Days.

Attack From Mars?

The Grand Valley Star and Vidette announces another aerial surprise to add to flying saucers stories. "The wires have been strung along the big hydro line which passes through East Garafraxa Township," the account reads. "Quite a surprise recently was given to the residents of the district when the inspector in a helicopter passed over the line." There are no accounts of ensuing reports of men from Mars or Communists attacks in the area, however.

Christmas Cards

The Georgetown Herald has interesting reading in a column which describes some of the odd and lovely Christmas cards the editor and his wife received. On one, a Christmas tree was hand-woven. Terra Cotta artist Jordanus van der Vliet used one of his own paintings with his greetings. Many very different and beautiful ones were sent to this editor too—quite a few are worth framing.

Halton Liberals

The new provincial leader, Walter Thompson, K.C., was the guest of honour at a meeting of the Halton Liberal executive and their wives at Glenwood school in Nelson Township last Friday evening. After dinner, those present met the new leader and heard an address from him. Many were present representing all parts of the county.

Absent-Minded Motorist

A resident of Guelph Township reported to Guelph police that a car had been stolen from where it was left parked in the city last week. A wide search was conducted and then one hour later the vehicle was found—parked, ready and waiting, not far from where the owner thought he had left it. Think that sounds like a woman driver? Well, it wasn't. It was a man who got in the car and drove away.

Highest Prices Ever

Agriculture Minister Kennedy of Ontario predicted in Toronto last week that 4951 will see the highest food prices in the history of the province. The shortage of farm manpower, he said, is as serious as during the war as workingmen are more attracted to the cities than the farms. At a meeting in Guelph he said he believed that Canada would be the greatest country of the future.

Door-to-Door Delivery

Burlington's Gazette states that the town may expect to have postal delivery before too long. The present post office is being altered for the change in service. The Inspector has recommended the future change to the Department although the number of mail slots is just below the required figure.

Minnie the Moocher

"A familiar sight on King Street in the mornings," the Hamilton Spectator reports, "is Minnie, a bread wagon horse straddling the sidewalk, waiting for her sugar cubes." Evidently a hand-out of sugar cubes is usually forthcoming from Syd's Smoke Shop.

The Arctic Barren Lands are the last stronghold of the musk ox, an animal which once ranged from the Arctic to the Mississippi Valley.

Watchmaker Isn't Immune to Shock

By Gerry Weeks in Detroit Free Press

Detroit watch owners let no advertising claim go unchallenged. Words like "waterproof" and "shockproof" simply seem to put them on their mettle, watch repairmen say.

Purchasers go in swimming wearing the time-piece and take long, soaking hot baths with them on.

One man came in to a local jeweller loudly crying "Gyp."

He had filled the washbowl and dropped his watch in, leaving it there to steep all day. Now it wouldn't run, he complained.

A technician points out that watches may be hermetically sealed before they leave the factory but that once they have been opened, for cleaning or any other purpose, they are no longer waterproof.

"Shockproof" doesn't quite mean what another Detroiter thought it did.

His watch had given up even trying to tick, he told the repairman. And all he'd done for a test was fling it against the wall a few times.

The things Detroiters will do to their watches, purposely or inadvertently, and still expect a simple repair job to put things right are unbelievable, a skilled watchmaker said.

One man brought in a corroded, sodden time piece that had a faint odor of geraniums.

He explained that the watch had been missing for several months. The other day when his wife was transplanting indoor plants she'd found it at the bottom of a pot of geraniums.

Junior had hurled it there and mamn had been watering geranium and watch ever since.

"Fix it," Papa ordered airily.

DISEASE HITS TURNIPS

Already causing considerable loss in some fields, turnip mosaic, a virus disease that is thought to be spread by aphids, is becoming a matter of concern to turnip growers in certain districts in Ontario, according to officials of the Canada Department of Agriculture's Laboratory of Plant Pathology at St. Catharines, Ont.

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An important difference
between you and your neighbours
CHANCES ARE you have a lot in common with your neighbours. But there is an important difference between your plans for the future and theirs.
There is something special, for instance, about your plans for retiring. You have your own ideas about how much income you'll need to live on in your later years. And you also determine at what age you'll want to start taking it easy.
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