

FARM NEWS

Milton Night School Closes to Hold "Open Night"

The Night School classes inaugurated at Milton last November will conclude on Tuesday, March 6th. We understand from Mrs. M. J. Brown, Secretary of the local committee, that the following Tuesday evening, namely March 13th, an "Open Night" is to be held at the Milton High School in order that the members of the various classes may have an opportunity of seeing and hearing what has been accomplished in classes other than their own. Incidentally, the general public is also extended an invitation. In so far as we can determine the various courses have been an unqualified success. As a matter of fact a large percentage of those attending are already making inquiries regarding what courses will be available next year. It will be of interest to our readers to learn that of the 330 enrolled, 72 percent are from the rural sections of the County.

The programme on March 13th will provide an opportunity to see something of the work accomplished in such handicrafts as wood-working, oil painting, and leather-work, and we think many visitors will be surprised. Frankly we personally have been amazed at the progress which has been made by many in these three fields. The respective fashion parades to be staged by the groups in elementary clothing, advanced dressmaking, and tailoring, should be equally as interesting. Then there will be

some numbers by the Choral Group and last, but not least, there will be opportunity to hear something of the highlights of the course in Farm Business, Effective Speaking, and Farm Machinery, the members of which groups are equally as enthusiastic about their courses as those in other courses to which we previously referred.

Crop Leaders make plans for This Year

Friday of last week was a busy day for the directorate of the Halton Crop Improvement Association. In the morning they met in the Farmers' Bldg., Milton, to plan their projects for 1951. In recent years difficulty in securing satisfactory seed catches has been a major problem on many farms. The question of mulching spring grain immediately after seeding created keen interest. Vice-President Cecil Lawrence of Sheridan, who acted as chairman throughout the day, reported that he had personally practiced this to some extent in recent years with excellent results both from the standpoint of increased yields and improved seed catches. All directors of the Association are undertaking to try out the idea in a limited way at least this coming spring, some on spring grain, and others on corn. Another subject which created keen interest was that of legume seed setting. This question of pollination which was briefly reviewed in our column of last week and to which the honey bee would seem to be closely

correlated, resulted in the recommendation that a demonstration or experiment on alfalfa be conducted this year. Other projects planned include a "Fifty Bushel Winter Wheat Club"; a winter wheat variety test of eight varieties of oats and nine varieties of barley; application of ammonium nitrate on both meadows and spring grain on one or more farms; the sponsoring of a boys' "Frank" club; a bus-tour, etc.

At the afternoon session which was held in the Court House, Milton, and which was open to the public, Geo. S. Atkins and W. E. Breckon, Halton delegates to the annual convention of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association, presented excellent reports, touching on some of the highlights of that excellent three day convention. W. E. Breckon in reporting on the address pertaining to "barn hay drying", intimated that it had been stated at the Toronto Convention that the use of barn hay driers permitted storing hay in the barn with 35 to 40 per cent moisture. It was also stated that the extra protein secured by this method of curing alfalfa off 40 acres at today's prices would pay for the installation of the necessary equipment.

During the latter part of the afternoon, Professors Jas. Laughland, and N. J. Thomas of the O.A.C., together with W. E. Breckon and

Geo. S. Atkins acted as a panel of experts. Questions from the audience on all phases of soil and crop production were dealt with by the members of the panel to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Halton Juniors Stage Parliamentary Debate

A bill which would permit rural municipalities to set up "Graded Schools" was the subject of the parliamentary debate held in the High School at Milton on Friday evening last. The Government was composed of the Milton, Brookville, and Norval Juniors and the opposition, of the Palermo and Acton groups. The bill was introduced by "Minister of Education" John Copley of Brookville Juniors, with "Prime Minister" Stan Jay and "Minister of Agriculture" Evelyn Course the heavy artillery for the Government, while Opposition Leader Geo. Pelletier assisted by L. and Bill Vivian of Palermo and Mac Sproul of Acton provided most of the ammunition for the opposition. Geo. S. Atkins was the dignified speaker of the House, with Dick Course as Clerk; Ross Wilson as sergeant at arms; and Jack Ferguson as the efficient page. In general the young people on both sides of the House made some able presentations. The bill finally passed with a large majority.

The programme also included an

excellent sing-song ably led by D. Pelletier assisted by Anita Cowan at the piano; humorous skits by the Milton Junior Farmers and the Brookville Junior Farmers, and a reading by Mae Wingfield of Norval Juniors.

The evening concluded with a dance to music supplied by Alex. Near and his orchestra.

CANADIAN HENS POPULAR

Because of its quality and attractive package appearance, Canadian dressed poultry has made a place for itself even before the last war on the British market, in spite of keen European competition. In recent years, however, only about eight per cent of the annual 300 million pounds usually produced in Canada has found its way to the export market; as there has been a keen demand at good prices for quality poultry products on the domestic market.

In the opinion of officials closely associated with the dressed poultry industry, the future expansion of both the export and domestic markets depends to a great extent on further improving quality by giving more attention to finishing and to improved packaging of the product being sold to the consumer.

In 1950 contracts were let for the building of 72,330 homes and apartment buildings in Canada.

CAR MARKET BOOMS AGAIN

Fears of shortages and restrictions on manufacturing have speeded up the Canadian car market, both used and old, reports The Financial Post. Whereas a few months ago you could get some cars almost as soon as you ordered them, now there are waits up to at least four months in certain lines, and there are hints of premiums again over list prices for immediate delivery from gray operators.

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