

FARM NEWS

Bacon Show Championship

West By V. B. Bradley
The seventh annual Bacon Show was held in conjunction with the Halton Seed Fair on March 17 in the Milton Town Hall. The township directors of the Halton Hog producers who selected the entries from their respective townships two weeks prior to the show, did such an excellent job that it was with some difficulty that W. S. McMullen and his staff of the Federal Live Stock Branch made their awards.

Seventeen of the twenty hogs entered and on display were Grade "A". However, all grade A hogs do not make top or first quality sides. The Grand Champion side came from a hog bred, fed and marketed by V. B. Bradley, of Milton, with the Reserve going to Roy Elliott, of Lowville. Others with first quality entries were Percy Merry, Hornby; W. E. Royle, Oakville; Rayner Bros., Milton; Glen Campbell, Milton; J. W. Carney, Georgetown and W. H. Reid and Son of Georgetown.

Trafalgar Township was the inter-township award, with Nelson Township in second place.

Harold Nanna of the Federal Live Stock Branch, in discussing the bacon display congratulated Halton producers on being the second high County from the standpoint of Grade A's in 1951, with 423 per cent.

Others who spoke briefly were Stanley L. Hall, M.P.P., Cedric Harrop, and Percy Merry, the latter two being the Secretary and President of the Halton Hog Producers. C. F. Picket, President of the Halton Crop Improvement Association was the chairman for the excellent afternoon's program.

Currie, vice president, Eleanor Stark, directors, Bernice Wilson, Margaret Milton and Jessie Wingfield.

Garnet Norrish Tops Junior Judges at Halton Seed Fair

Twenty-nine Junior Farmers from all sections of Halton competed in the Junior Farmer Seed Judging Competition at the annual Halton Seed Fair and Bacon Show. The young men judged classes of oats, wheat, barley, alfalfa, potatoes, hog carcasses and identified mounted weeds and forage plants. Garnet Norrish, of Moffat, was the high man of the day and was also awarded the Halton Cream and Butter Trophy for the high score in the judging of hog carcasses and potatoes. The Halton Seed Growers' Trophy, emblematic of the championship in judging grain was won by Howson Ruddell, of Ashgrove; while Fraser McNabb of Esquewaugh Township won the Strathcona Orchards Trophy for the score in judging small seeds, etc. Other awards were as follows:

- Grain**
Seniors — Gordon Darby, Rockwood; Irvine Thompson, Hornby; Geo. C. Wilson, Georgetown.
Intermediates — John W. Picket, Hornby; John C. Willmott, Milton; Frank Wilson, Georgetown.
Juniors — Harold Lawrence, Harold Brain.
- Small Seeds Section**
Seniors — Fraser McNabb, Georgetown; Mac Sprowl, Acton; Richard Course, Hornby.
Intermediates — Don Milton, of Georgetown; John Currie, Georgetown; Earl Wilson, Norval.
Juniors — Gordon Bird, Georgetown; Don Johnson, Milton.
- Hog Carcasses and Potatoes Section**
Seniors — Garnet Norrish, Moffat; Wm. Brain, Norval; Fyfe Somerville, Acton.
Intermediates — Howson Ruddell, Georgetown; Colin Marshall, Milton; tie for third Herb LaPier, Milton; Geo. Rogister, Milton.
Juniors — Bob Broughton, Bronte; Cliff Norrish, Moffat.

Earl Wilson Awarded Short Course Scholarship

The Achievement Day of the Halton Beaver Oat Club was held in conjunction with the annual Halton Seed Fair and Bacon Show. Eleven of the Club Members completed the project which was sponsored by the Halton Crop Improvement Association and initiated in the spring of 1950. The scholarship award donated by the Kingsway Kiwanis Club was won by Earl Wilson, of Norval. Other winners were as follows: Stuart Alexander, Georgetown; John W. Picket, Hornby; John C. Willmott, Milton; Harold Brain, Norval; Frank Wilson, Georgetown; Harold Lawrence, Oakville; Bob Broughton, Bronte; Geo. Rogister, Milton; Duncan Robinson, Norval; Floyd Bridgen, Hornby.

Annual Entertainment Delights Large Audience

The Annual Entertainment sponsored jointly by the Halton Holstein Breeders and Halton Milk Producers was held in the Princess Theatre, Milton, on Wednesday evening of last week, and at usual had a capacity house. A. G. Hunter, president of the Halton Holstein Breeders, extended a word of welcome and took charge of the presentation of the E. J. Meagher Memorial Trophy. The actual presentation was made by Bert Brunsdon, manager of Graymar Farm, Oakville, to Messrs. J. F. Trimble, Trafalgar Township, and Ross Segsworth, of Freeman, who were the joint winners in 1950.

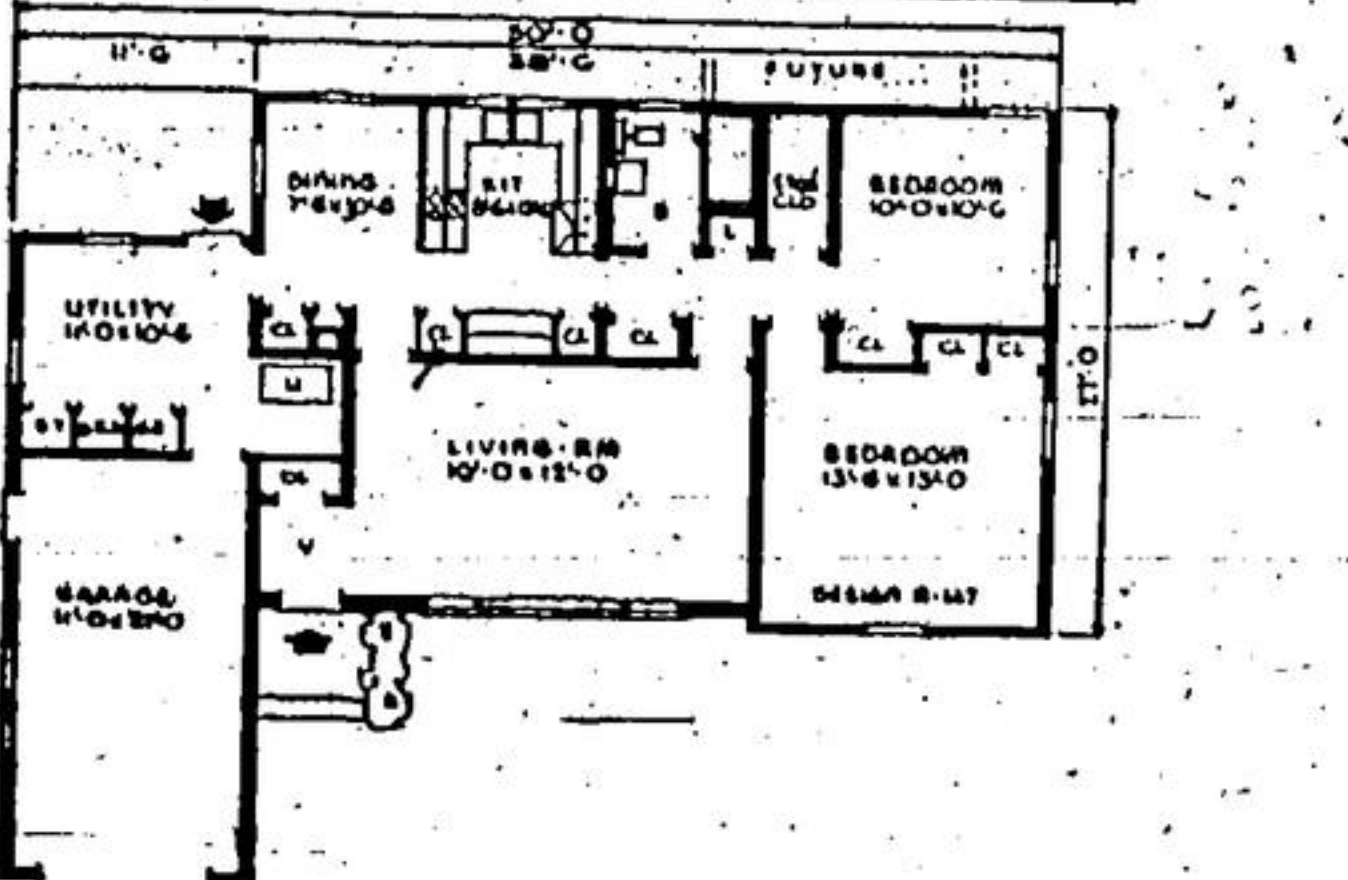
M. C. Beady, president of the Halton Milk Producers, was the able master of ceremonies for the outstanding program, which consisted of a skit entitled "S. S. Bermuda", presented by the Palermo Junior Farmers; Nancy Lou Gill and Larry Kendall, a versatile pair of juveniles from Brampton; Mr. and Mrs. John Asher of Port Credit, in solos and duets; and an acrobatic team called the "Nixbees". The guest speaker, Capt. the Rev. Norman Rawson, is an old favourite of Halton audiences, and if anything surpassed any previous effort locally. Capt. Rawson's ability as a speaker is too well known to need any eulogy here. His appearance in Milton was the 45th consecutive night he had spoken somewhere in Canada or United States. Along with his wit and humour he presented an intensely interesting picture of conditions in Great Britain, Germany (both in the United Nations and Russian areas), Italy and other European countries, which he had personally visited during the past summer. All in all, it was a delightful program and well up to the high standard established by the sponsoring organization in former years.

Howson Ruddell Elected President of Norval Juniors

Isabel Currie and Howson Ruddell were elected as the new presidents of the Norval Junior Institute and Junior Farmers respectively at the Annual Meeting held in the home of Duncan Robinson, on Tuesday evening of last week. Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock took charge of the election of the officers for the Junior Farmers and also gave an illustrated address based on the Halton bus trip to Ohio.

Robert Cooper of Brampton, who has accompanied nine plane shipments of livestock to South America addressed the joint group. His address, based on some of the highlights of these trips was intensely interesting.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: Junior Farmers: president, Howson Ruddell; vice president, Don Milton; secretary, Duncan Robinson; treasurer, John Currie; directors: Fraser McNabb, Elwood Carney, Frank Wilson, Cliff McDonald and Earl Wilson.
Junior Institute: president, Isabel



THE ALGER, though small in area, contains all the features necessary in any home, whether large or small.

All the rooms of the Alger are on one floor without basement or second floor. In addition, a third bedroom can be installed by a simple conversion of the storage closet into a connecting corridor.

The first floor slabs rest on a gravel fill, with the superstructure of frame with siding, except that the front living room wall is faced with stone or face brick.

Storage space is generously supplied, by 13 closets in all, distributed in every room. These twelve closets range in type from wardrobe closets in the bedrooms to large storage closets in the utility room.

The dimensions of the Alger are 50 feet by 36 feet. Floor area is planned to be 1163 square feet. The cubage of this house totals 14,665 cubic feet.

"Alas, Poor Diner" As Beef Costs Rise

The sorrowing steer once displayed on the country's billboards deploring the fate of his brother condensed down to pint size, today has something in common with the equally sorrowful consumer worrying about the rapidly diminishing value of his meat dollar. Mr. John Public fails to see why the steer that brings the producer 30 cents a pound on the hoof has to cost him up to 90 cents on the plate and links the price spread is unjustified.

Much of this misunderstanding arises perhaps because the consumer does not always appreciate what happens in between. Officials in the Department of Agriculture's Marketing Service at Ottawa point out that when each step is studied in detail there might be a better understanding of the problems confronting the producer, packer and various distributors concerned in bringing beef to the consumers' table.

What is the story, for example, behind a choice two-year-old, 1000 pound steer that farmer John Doe sells to the packer for approximately 30 cents a pound? During the steer's short life he would normally have spent about a year and a quarter feeding on pasture, consumed one ton of hay, four tons of silage and about 600 pounds or more of grain, depending on the finishing method adopted by the producer who collects about \$300 for a thousand pound animal.

When the packer finishes his part of the business cycle, however, he finds that he has only about 600 pounds (there may be considerable variation in this figure) of beef to sell the retailer, 40 per cent. of the live weight of the steer being

eliminated in the dressing process. At 30 cents a pound (Grade A carcass beef sells in Canada today from 50 to 54 cents) the packer will receive about \$300, or approximately the same amount as he paid the farmer. The packer must rely on the value of such by-products as hides, fat, casings (sausage covers), animal feeds and fertilizers which go to make up the 40 per cent. reduction from live weight to carcass weight, to offset dressing, handling and selling expenses and allow him some profit on the business transaction.

Turning to the activities of the retailer, we find that when he converts the 600 pounds of beef he bought into retail cuts, this in turn suffers a considerable shrinkage, and the retailer may end up with only about 540 pounds of saleable beef. Recent research findings on the Chicago market show that even the choicest steer will yield about 40 pounds of porterhouse steak which the retailer can sell at a top price of about 90 cents a pound, compared with about 160 pounds of hamburger and stew beef retailing at a much lower price.

Other of the more expensive cuts include sirloin and round steak totalling about 130 pounds, rib and rump roasts 70 pounds; chuck or cheaper meat about 100 pounds and about 40 pounds of fat, bringing the total quantity up to about 540 pounds of beef that the retailer sells at varying prices to the consumer on most Canadian markets, and will undoubtedly vary with different animals and varying market requirements.

Hot Water Bottle Provides Tea, Heat

From the books written by Charles Dickens we get some idea how the habit of tea drinking continued to grow among all classes in Queen Victoria's reign. In Dickens' famous "Pickwick Papers", for instance, there is a humorous account of how Sam Weller persuaded his father to go with him to a meeting of the Brick Lane Branch of the United Grand Junction Ebenezer Temperance Association. The poor old gentleman was alarmed to see the members drinking great quantities of tea. As he said, "the young ooman on the next form but two has drunk nine breakfast cups and a half and she's swellin' wibbly before my wery eyes".

William Ewart Gladstone, the "Grand Old Man" of British politics, was one of the heaviest tea drinkers of Victorian times. He proudly boasted that he drank more tea between the hours of midnight and 4:00 a.m. than any other man in the British House of Commons. The story is that the great man used to take a hot water bottle filled with tea to bed with him at night. Besides using it to keep his feet warm, he could have a hot drink of tea whenever his thirst became too much for him.

Afternoon Teas make friendly entertainment

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New Road Signs Follow U.S. Lead

The Ontario Department of Highways has announced it will change highway signs in the province and replace them with others conforming with recommendations of U.S. Highway Safety Conference. The change will be made gradually and it may take several years before completed.

The adoption of styles and shapes of markers now currently used along U.S. and state highways is a standardization move that, besides making highway signs more readable, will make things easier in Ontario for American tourists whose dollars make such an important contribution to our economy. It will also make travelling easier for Ontario motorists below the border as they will have become familiar with the American usage.

In keeping with American practice, verbiage will be eliminated as much as possible. For instance, a sign that now reads "Caution—Traffic lights Ahead 1,000 Feet" will be replaced with a concise "Signals Ahead".

Warning signs, now square, will be tipped up to form a diamond. However, prohibiting signs—like "No Parking"—will remain in their present square form. Railway crossing signs will also remain the same.

These changes will be made gradually. All signs are covered with a reflecting material called Scotchlight. This wears out and the signs have to be repainted; reshaping of the sign will be done at the same time. Existing signs that are damaged will be replaced with the new type.

Fish is too often overcooked, thus losing its delicate flavor.

AUCTION SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

The undersigned has received instructions from
MISS POST
to sell by public auction at her residence, Victoria St., Milton, (next to C.N.R. Station), on
SATURDAY, APRIL 7th
at 1:30 o'clock the following:
Mahogany Settee with 4 chairs to match, 2 Rockers; Large High End Antique Sofa; Corner Wharfedale Drop Leaf Table; Corner Cupboard; Large Wicker Rocker; 2 Old Rockers; Dining Room Table; Buffet; 4 Wicker Seat Dining Room Chairs; high back; Odd Round Fumed Oak Dining Room Table with leaves; Centre Table; 2 Fumed Oak Heavy Rockers; Fumed Oak Heavy Armchair; Roll Top Secretary; Studio Couch; Kitchen Table and 6 Kitchen Chairs; Large Lawn Wicker Chair and Bench to match; Electric Range; Electric Toaster; Large Size Iron Bed and Springs; Victrola and Records; 2 Raymond Sewing Machines; 1 drop head, both in good shape; Oak Bed Springs; Mattress; Dresser and Washstand to match; Low Oak Bed; Dresser and Washstand to match; Quilts; 3 Feather Mattresses; Blankets; Sheets; Comforters; Drapes; Curtains; Pillows; Large No. of Hooked Mats; Rug Carpets; Hanging Lamp, painted shade, with prisms; Coleman Lamp; Oil Lamps; Large Brass Kettle; Frank Hand Washing Machine; Carpet Sweeper; Several Pieces of Linoleum; Set of Flat Irons; Lawn Mower; Wheelbarrow; Quantity of Wood; Swede Saw; Sickle; Grass Shears; Mot-tos; Pictures; Paintings; Silver-ware; Glass; Toilet Sets; China, including 1 year old complete set of Dishes; several incomplete Sets; Cooking Utensils; Garden Tools; 3 Burner Coal Oil Stove with 2 Ovens; Large Quebec Heater and other small Household Effects.

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