



**Further Hessian Fly News**  
 During the past week we have had further opportunity to see more of the damage caused by the Hessian Fly. In general the wheat fields in Halton are a sorry sight. Undoubtedly in some sections of the County considerable damage has been done by wind, rain, and hail. However, in the majority of the fields the worst culprit is the Hessian Fly.

That Halton is not the only county where the damage is serious is indicated by a recent conversation with A. T. Woodley, Halton representative on the Toronto Milk Producers' Ass'n. Mr. Woodley stated that at a recent meeting of the Toronto Board which was attended by some 15 directors from as many different counties, all reported considerable damage in their respective counties.

While our entomologists have not as yet made any pronouncement as to the why and wherefore of this outbreak, we still are of the opinion that weather conditions have been favorable to this mosquito-like fly. It was suggested to us by one of our veteran farmers (on Thursday last, that this sudden outbreak of the Hessian Fly is due to the long open fall without any serious frosts in 1950. We can't help but wonder if he hasn't hit the bull's eye.

Since writing the above, we have had a chat with Chas. A. Galbraith of Hornby. The "Pastor" as he is known to his many friends not only around Hornby, but throughout the Province, has an enviable reputation as a source of information on a multiplicity of subjects. Mr. Galbraith points out that in south western Ontario as many as three broods of Hessian Fly hatch in a single season whereas farther north there are only two broods and still farther north, only a single brood in a season.

We would judge after our chat with Mr. Galbraith, that he does not take much stock in the suggestion that this year's infestation is due to lack of frost in the early fall. He points out that it is a gradual build up of the pest over a period of years.

We would also judge that he feels the only safe procedure to follow this fall is to sow an early trap crop of wheat which should be plowed down after the bulk of the eggs have been laid on them, thus protecting the main crop planted later. Certainly this is in accord with earlier literature on the subject which we have available. Apparently in those days there was some evidence which indicated that certain varieties were more subject to Hessian than others.

As a matter of fact we thought we saw a difference in infestation between our two main varieties in this County but it would require a much closer check on a much larger number of fields and over a period of years, before one would be justified in making a statement of this point.

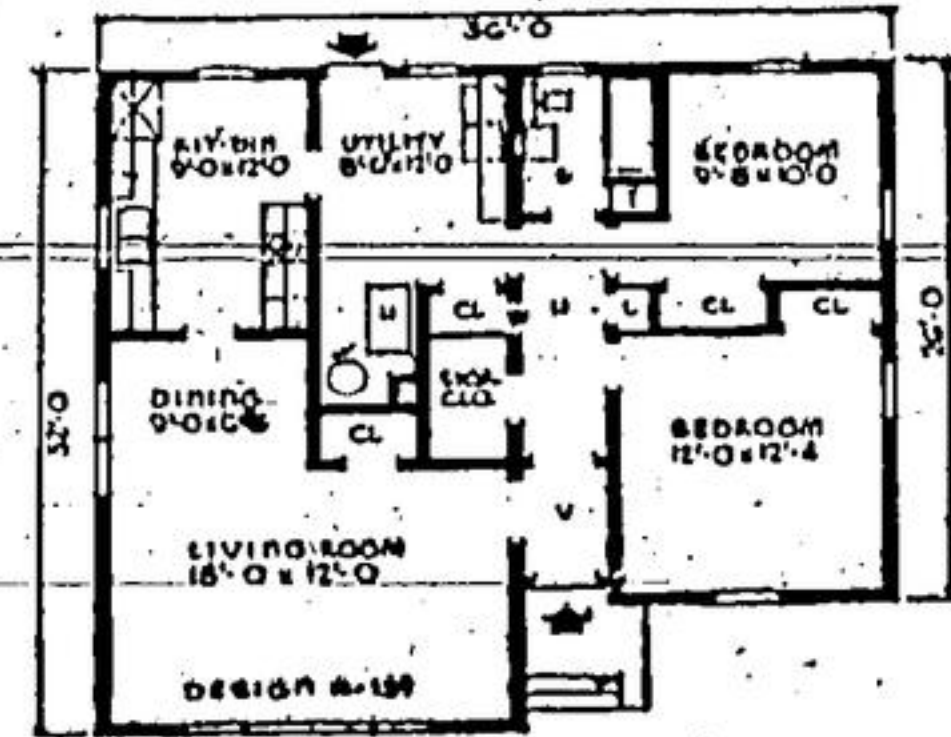
**Hapmaking Very Backward**  
 July twelfth, 1951, found practically half of Halton's hay crop still in the fields. True, a few Halton farmers have their first crop of hay all in the barn. Whether these men are better managers or whether they were missed by some of the showers, or just plain lucky, we do not know but to our amazement we not only found four men this past week who had finished haying but they had a lot of good hay.

The general picture is discouraging—the labour situation is the worst in years, and this, coupled with too much moisture, has many Halton farmers wondering if they will ever get the crop off. While there is always a first time one can't help but anticipate better weather shortly. Spring grain crops notwithstanding the late seeding are heavy—in fact some are badly lodged already. In any event history will not refer Halton as the "Sahara" of Ontario in 1951.

According to a rain gauge in the Hornby district our precipitation from April 1st to July 12th this year totals 14.3 inches in contrast to 8.02 inches for the entire four months in 1950—that is from April 1st to July 31st.

**Junior Farmer News**  
 Huttonville Park was the mecca for Halton Juniors on Wednesday evening of this week, when they held their annual mid-summer dance. The young people are also planning a moonlight cruise from Toronto to Queenston on the S.S. Cayuga. We understand that this is to be a joint cruise with the Peel County Juniors. Tickets can be secured from any of the Junior Farmer club presidents.

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**THE AUSTEN**, a basementless house, features easy circulation. All rooms can be reached from either front or rear entrance without passing through any room. A dining alcove, with large double windows, is a part of the living

room which has a large, double glazed picture window in front. Dining space is also provided in the kitchen where the cabinets line two walls. The sink and refrigerator are on the outside wall and the range, with counter on both sides, is on the inside.

An alcove in the utility room houses the heating unit and water heater, and the laundry equipment is on the bathroom wall. For storage space there are seven convenient closets in this house, including a large closet located centrally in the bedroom hall.

The Austen features an exterior finish which includes siding and asphalt shingles.

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**New Cherry Types Rival Famed Bing**

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Earlier than Bing, the new Star variety is described as a black cherry, large, firm and of high quality, good for processing and an outstandingly good canner. Van is reported to be a variety as large as Bing, earlier and firmer in texture than this old favourite, black with an eye-catching black lustre and good storage life. Another point in its favour is that so far no cherry virus disease has been found associated with it and to date it has been found more resistant to cracking than Bing.

**STORE SALES UP**

In dollar value at least department store sales are running about 10% above a year ago, reports The Financial Post.

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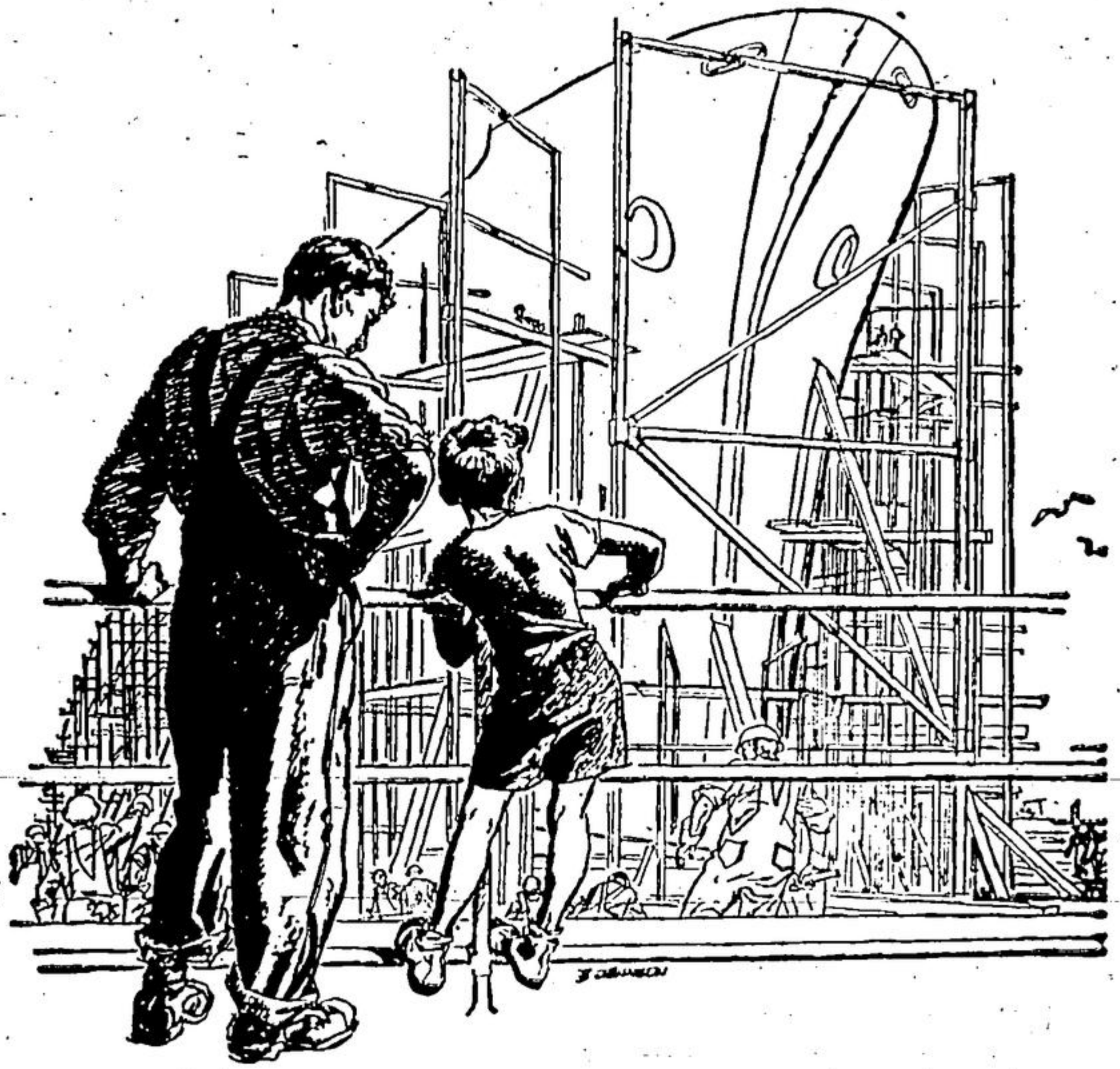


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**Busy As Beavers, Conserve Too Well**

Beavers released in the 16-Mile Creek two years ago in an effort to conserve water have proved just too efficient. The area has plenty of water—in fact, so much that roads are sometimes covered with it.

Governmental action was hoped following the meeting of Halton County Council on July 10. Reeve George Currie explained that his committee, along with Stan Hall, M.L.A., had met with Nassagaweya Council and agreed to ask the department of lands and forests to make the area a game reserve.

The delegation named included George Currie, chairman of the County Reforestation Committee; Edgar Ellenton, reeve of Nassagaweya; J. E. Whitelock, Halton's agricultural representative; Game Warden Dudley Hitchcox; Stan Hall, and a member of the Halton Sportsmen's Association, to be named.

About 20 inches of fill was put on the 6th line near Campbellville last year by Nassagaweya township to bring the road level to the water level. Already this year the road has had an additional 14 inches and township officials feel that they can no longer bear the expense of the little colony.

It is only 12 beavers who are just as busy as beavers are expected to be. Their work is spread throughout a 500-acre reforestation area.

Dudley Hitchcox, Halton game warden, said, "About twice a week I visit the beaver dams and rip holes in them. This lets the water off the road but by the next day the beaver have repaired their dams and the water is back over the road."

He explained that the people in the area wanted to keep the beaver, realizing their value. If the department of lands and forests would take over the area as a game reserve, he said, they would maintain the roads. "The beavers are doing a wonderful job," he stressed, "and it would be a shame to remove them."

Members of the Halton County Sportsmen's Club brought four emblematic little beaver to the creek in August, 1949. These settled down to housekeeping in the stream that runs through the property formerly owned by the late Matthew Job.

During the two years the growing family has plied its trade in Nassagaweya, many visitors have viewed the dams.

**FISHERMEN**  
 Fish brought the French 40 St. Pierre and Miquelon off the Newfoundland coast in the 14th century and fishing has been the staple industry of the islands ever since.

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