

FARM NEWS

Cecil Baker, Freeman, Tops Halton Field Crop Competition

The awards in connection with the Field Crop Competition in Beaver Oats, sponsored by the Halton Agricultural Society at Milton, have just been released by the secretary, Mrs. Geo. E. Readhead. First place in the competition was awarded by the official judge, J. M. Cockburn of Guelph, to Cecil Baker of Freeman whose field had a score of 96 points.

Other awards were as follows: 2nd, J. S. Norris, Moffat; 3rd, M. T. MacNabb & Sons, Georgetown; 4th, John Pickett & Son, Hornby; 5th, Geo. E. Readhead, Milton; 6th, Geo. S. Atkins, Bronte; 7th, J. L. Chisholm, Milton; 8th, J. H. Willmott, Milton.

Cornell Tops Wheat Variety Test at Fred Dixon's Farm

In the fall of 1950 the Halton Crop Improvement Association laid down winter wheat variety tests on two Halton farms. One acre blocks of Dawson's Golden Chaff, Dawbul, and Cornell 595, were sown on each of the two farms. The results of the test on the Fred Dixon farm near Milton have just been released by secretary, J. E. Whitelock of the Crop Improvement Association. Mr. Dixon combined and weighed up each variety separately. His findings were as follows: Dawson's Golden Chaff, 1415 lbs.; Dawbul, 1520 lbs.; Cornell 595, 1770 lbs.

All three plots were each slightly under one acre in extent, and furthermore, there was also a slight difference in the sizes of the three plots. When these factors were taken into account the average yields for the three varieties were as follows: Dawson's Golden Chaff, 27.9 bus.; Dawbul, 27.4 bus.; Cornell 595, 31.7 bus.

The second test was laid down on the farm of Fred Nurse near Ashgrove, and yields of the three varieties will be released as soon as available.

Halton Club Members Visit O.A.C.

Two bus loads of club members from the counties of Halton and Peel visited the Ontario Agricultural College recently. The 85 young people were taken for a tour of some of the experimental plots, the beef and dairy barns, and the greenhouses, by members of the staff of the respective departments. Following lunch, at which they were guests of the College, Rev. W. A. Young, College Chaplain and Dr. Norman High, Director of the two year Associate Course, extended a welcome to the young people, and briefly described some of the courses available at the O.A.C., Macdonald Institute and the Ontario Veterinary College.

In the afternoon's tours were made of the United Farmers' Co-op Creamery, the Flora Rocks and the Shand Dam at Fergus. At the latter point the chief engineer, Mr. Cameron, pointed out a few interesting facts concerning the project. In all they have flooded 1800 acres and have 900 acres surrounding Bellwood Lake planted back to trees. In addition to providing for water storage and controlling floods the artificial lake is rapidly becoming a tourist resort. Three large boys' camps have been set up and at least a hundred summer homes have been built here and there along the shoreline. All in all, judging by reports, the young people had a most profitable and enjoyable day.

Hessian Fly Authority to Address Halton Crop Meeting

The farm of Robt. A. Hurren, on the Guelph Line, one mile south of Campbellville, was the scene of an evening crop meeting on Friday, August 3rd. The meeting centred around replicated oat and barley tests, which constituted another project sponsored by the Halton Crop Improvement Association this season. Eight varieties of oats and a similar number of varieties of barley (each replicated four times) were included in the test.

A representative of the Department of Field Husbandry at the O.A.C. led the discussion on the various varieties. The program included an address by Prof. H. W. Goble, provincial entomologist. His subject, "Control of the Hessian Fly," is a most timely one in view of the serious damage to Halton's wheat crop.

Threshing of the 1951 crop, got under way last week and yields as low as 10 bus. to the acre have been reported. True, a small percentage of Halton's fields will likely exceed 40 bus. to the acre, but our guess is that the average yield for the County will not be very much over the 20 bus. mark. With wheat being quoted around the \$1.60 mark one does not have to be a mathematician to realize that a 20 bus.

crop is no profit maker under present day costs.

Halton Trip Winners Enjoy U. S. Tour

Two of Halton's prominent Junior Farmers accompanied the Lincoln County bus tour which left St. Catharines last week. The fortunate young men were Mac Sprout of Acton, vice-president of Halton Juniors, who was awarded the Hamilton Spectator championship trip in connection with the Halton Juniors' Judging Competitions held earlier this year, and John C. Willmott, of Milton, runner-up, who won the second championship trip, which was donated by Halton Juniors.

The party was made up of prominent Juniors from a number of central and western Ontario counties. During the week which they were away they visited various points of interest in the states of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New York. The young people returned on August 1st.

Halton Juniors Enjoy Moonlight Cruise

Halton and Peel Junior Farmers jointly sponsored a Moonlight Cruise to Queenston and return via the S. S. Cayuga on Thursday evening last. According to David Pelletier, president of the Halton Juniors, approximately one hundred Halton Juniors participated in the cruise and all report a delightful evening. Rumour has it that two Halton Juniors having missed the boat in Toronto, motored to Queenston and returned with the "Cruisers". We understand the young men in question come from near Lowville—perhaps they operate on standard time.

J. A. Garner, Extension Director Visits Halton

J. A. Garner, Director of Extension for the Ontario Department of Agriculture in Toronto paid a brief visit to this county on Wednesday of last week. In company with Agriculture Representative J. E. Whitelock, brief visits were made to the provincial pig hatchery owned and operated by Dr. C. A. Martin of Milton; Kelmescott Swine Herd of Large English Whites owned by E. L. Taylor, of Milton; Halton's famous beaver dam; the Fisher Pond near Nelson; the J. C. Bell pond near Nelson; in addition to several other ponds and dug-outs in the district. Mr. Garner was particularly impressed by the efforts being made in Halton towards conservation.

Gordon Bennett New Associate Agricultural Extension Director

An announcement recently made by Col. the Hon. Thos. L. Kennedy, Ontario Minister of Agriculture will be of interest to many of our Halton readers. Commencing August 1st, Gordon Bennett, formerly of the Kilbride-Carlisle district, will be one of the associate directors of extension for the Ontario Department of Agriculture, with headquarters in Toronto. For some years Mr. Bennett has served as

Agriculture Representative in Huron County and prior to that served in the same capacity in the County of Glengary. Mr. Bennett is a brother of the versatile and popular Jack Bennett of Campbellville R. R. 3, who operates the Bennett homestead and in between times helps out in various capacities at community programs.

In his new position Mr. Bennett will give special attention to Boys' and Girls' Clubs in Ontario. His many friends throughout the County wish him well in his new field.

E. L. Taylor Now in Great Britain

E. L. Taylor of Kelmescott Farm Milton, has made another "flying" trip to Great Britain. During his brief stay overseas Mr. Taylor is selecting some additional foundation stock for his outstanding herd of Large English Whites at Kelmescott Farms. During the comparatively short time the Kelmescott swine herd has been in operation it has achieved international prominence as a source of outstanding foundation stock. Shipments have been made to practically all provinces in Canada, and also to many states across the line.

Visitors are always impressed by the vigor, scale, bone and rapid growth made by the Large English Whites. Incidentally W. P. Watson, Ontario Live Stock Commissioner, foundation stock in Great Britain with which to establish a herd at the Ontario Agricultural College.

OUTDOOR MUSEUMS

Canadians own—and freely enjoy—some of the finest outdoor museums in the world in their National and Provincial Historic Parks. As wildlife sanctuaries, the National Parks also provide rare natural laboratories for the study of wildlife management.

Tops with camera enthusiasts are the deer, elk, bear, moose, buffalo, rocky mountain sheep and goat, squirrel and a fascinating variety of other small animals which roam the Parks without fear.

Diphtheria Still Killer, Doctor Says

Diphtheria is still a killer that claims lives needlessly in Canada and throughout the world, points out Dr. C. S. Anglin, in an issue of Health magazine. During the Second World War it was the leading epidemic disease on the European continent both in point of numbers of persons affected and numbers of deaths caused.

In Canada there has been a steady fall in the number of reported cases of diphtheria from the year 1944, when there were 3,223, to the year 1949, when there were 799. Similarly the yearly number of deaths has fallen during the same period, from 300 in 1944, to 70 in 1949, according to the Health League of Canada Publication.

"The fight against diphtheria in this country has been so successful that many Canadians may never have heard of anyone they know suffering from it," writes Dr. Anglin, who is a paediatrician on the staff of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. "Indeed, there are many doctors in practice today who have never seen a patient with diphtheria. In spite of this, however, diphtheria is still with us, bringing suffering and death to Canadian families who have not been reached by safe and simple immunization."

YUKON ROAD

The 247-mile all-weather highway from Whitehorse, Y.T., on the Alaska Highway to Mayo, completed last year, opens up a large section of the interior to year-round traffic. The new road also goes far in cutting down the difficulties and uncertainties of seasonal river transportation with which mining operations have been faced in the past.

More than 100,000 acres of sugarbeets have been planted in Canada this year and a million ton crop is expected.

BISHOP LAYS WREATH

Dr. Harold Sexton, Bishop of Vancouver, is in London. With Mrs. Nancy Hodges, Speaker of the British Columbia Legislature, he recently laid a wreath on the grave of Captain George Vancouver at St. Peter's Church, Petersham, Surrey. The Mayor of Vancouver last year gave \$2,250 towards the restoration of St. Peter's.

In Canadian home building both starts and completions of new dwellings were higher in the first four months of 1951 than in the same period of 1950.

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- Reinstatement in civil employment. Unemployment Insurance and other appropriate benefits under Veterans' Charter as extended by Parliament.
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