



Milton Night School Enrolment Hits New High

The response to the announcement concerning the Milton Community Night School has been almost overwhelming. When the local planning committee met on Tuesday evening of last week a total of 423 applications had been received. No less than nine of the fourteen courses offered have been filled to overflowing. No further applications have been accepted since November 6th for the courses in Clothing, Leathercraft, Woodworking, and Oil Painting. On the other hand, we understand that additional applicants will be accepted in the following courses: Farm Business, Farm Machinery, Drama, and perhaps a few more can be squeezed in for the course in Crops, Soils and Land Use.

One hundred and seventy nine ladies out of the 423 applicants applied for one of the four courses in Clothing. Consequently the planning committee with A. T. Woodley as chairman, and Mrs. M. J. Brown as secretary, have their work cut out if they are to arrange the necessary accommodation and line up twelve qualified instructors in these four clothing courses. It may also be of interest to our readers to learn that 68 have applied for instruction in Leathercraft, and 50 in Oil Painting. Here again staff may be a limiting factor.

Two courses, namely those in choral work, and public speaking and current events, have been cancelled due to lack of a sufficient number of applicants. We understand, however, that the Junior Farmers of Halton are planning to organize a Choral group following the conclusion of the Night School. It would appear that the new pavements in Milton will receive a real test on the twenty evenings of the night school which opens on November 27th.

Halton Farmers Enthusiastic on Veterinary Public Health Service

A little over a year ago the Halton Health Unit set up a division of Veterinary Public Health. This division is under the direct supervision of Dr. W. R. Mitchell, D.V.M., D.V.P.H. In this program, Dr. Mitchell is giving special attention to milk production, meat supply, diseases of animals transmissible to man, and food control as it affects the health of the residents of Halton County.

We have been impressed by the favorable reaction on the part of the milk producers in the County whose herds have been checked for mastitis. The program for control of mastitis involves a co-operative effort on the part of the herd owner, Dr. Mitchell, and the herd owner's personal veterinarian. The herd owners with whom we have discussed the matter, are delighted with the results secured. In short, their mastitis headache has almost been eliminated. This leads us to suggest that other herd owners who are having trouble with this disease, and there aren't too many who don't at some season of the year, would be well advised to contact Dr. Mitchell at the Halton Health Unit in Milton. To what extent this service can be extended we are not qualified to even suggest. However, we do know that mastitis does cost the dairymen of Halton a tremendous sum of money annually. Consequently, if the experience of the dairymen with whom we have discussed the matter represents a fair picture of the possible results which may be secured, then it would seem folly not to make an effort to learn more about the help and service which may be available through the Veterinary Public Health Division of the Halton Health Unit.

Unconventionalist In Favor of Litter

In this day and age of great emphasis on sanitation and cleanliness it may seem a little imprudent for anyone to suggest that considerable benefit can come of a foot or so of litter, even though the suggestion is aimed towards poultry. But T. M. McIntyre, of the Experimental Farm at Nappan, N.S., a man who is recognized as an authority on the subject, has advised poultrymen that a foot of litter on the henhouse floor is not only sanitary but has a definite nutritional value for the birds as well. Mr. McIntyre has proof, too.

The litter material used is not important, but, four to six inches must be added to start with. Additions of fresh litter should be made from time to time as this becomes caked or damp. Litter should not be removed until eight to 12 inches are built up, and six to eight inches should always be left for continuous use.

Once established, under good conditions, says Mr. McIntyre, built-up litter can be maintained indefinitely. The moisture is absorbed and the heat generated by the microorganisms helps keep the floor dry and the litter warm. The microorganisms favoured by this method of litter management, not only produce some valuable nutrients in the litter, such as vitamin B12, but also seem to have some

effect on the presence of harmful organisms in the litter. In other words, this built-up litter is not insanitary and, if properly handled, is beneficial to growing stock and laying hens.

2,000 Population? Maybe 35 Million

The other day Prime Minister St. Laurent predicted that our population would be 35 millions before the end of the century. The Financial Post asked a group of prominent Canadians what they thought. Most replies agreed. But, it was added, we'll have to work to get the new population. Many replies stress the need for a sustained, intelligent and aggressive immigration policy.

Few of the respondents see any difficulties ahead in absorbing new population. Housing and education needs are stressed by one; another sees the progress of industrialization in Canada as a determining factor. Several think the Prime Minister's prediction erred on the conservative side and see 50 million as nearer the likely end-of-century population figure.

Where will the new population go? Alberta and B.C. get the overwhelming vote; Ontario and Quebec are also regarded as sure bets for new population. A few see opportunities expanding in the north to attract new population.

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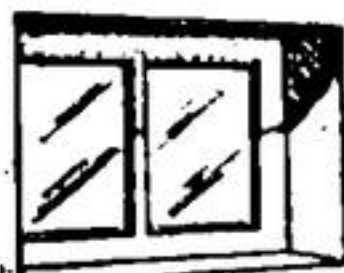
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