

Poet's Corner

It was the week before Christmas, when all over town, the people were rushing up street and down. The crowds were playing from two of our stores. At Manning's and Haxford's, Christmas stories were told.

The merchants were kept as busy as bees. Providing the gifts to place on the trees. The children were playing out in the snow. And the fact of a holiday made their eyes glow.

The post office staff are smothered with mail. They're working like mad so the greetings won't fall. Now if anyone doubts that Acton has got it. For real Christmas spirit, our town sure can top it!

When the big day is over, and the stories are told. The Free Press will record them like treasures of old. This paper to many who have changed to roam. It's just like a weekly letter from home.

And just let me say, as I stop for tonight. Merry Christmas to all—and let's all spend it right!

Anonymous

Three dimensional movies for the home camera artist are now offered with a new attachment for your present 16 mm. set-up, according to the Financial Post. You also need a unit that stands up in front of your home projector, dividing light beams into two pictures and polaroid glasses for the visitors.

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Norval Juniors Hold Excellent Meeting

Haltom County may well be proud of her Junior Farmers. Recently it was our privilege to attend the Annual Public Speaking and Amateur Entertainment Contest by the County Juniors at the Milton High School. While only three young people participated in the Public Speaking Competition, they are all to be commended for their excellent effort.

It is no easy task for anyone to get up before a crowded auditorium and participate in a public speaking competition. As stated by Mr. George E. Elliott, in his excellent and constructive criticism, "It is only by practice, practice, practice that anyone becomes proficient."

Our only regret is that only the Brookville and Palermo Clubs were represented in the competition. In the Amateur Entertainment Contest all five Haltom Clubs were represented.

In so far as we can determine all five of the skits or scripts had been written by the Juniors themselves, which makes their respective efforts all the more praiseworthy.

This past week, having a free evening, we dropped in on the regular monthly meeting of the Norval Juniors. This meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Currie and it was inspiring to find such a clean cut group of young people in attendance. The young men had Dr. Wm. Mitchell, V.S. of the Haltom Health Unit as their special speaker.

One had only to observe the attention and listen to the discussion which followed his address to know that his subject matter was timely and much appreciated. For the joint meeting the young people had an old favorite, in the person of Mr. George E. Elliott of Milton.

Mr. Elliott took as his subject "Vitamins and Trace Elements." However, it was not a technical address but one filled with both humour and meat, which held his audience throughout.

As we have stated on previous occasions, we have been delighted to note the progress being made by the Junior Farmers of Haltom in recent years. In brief, they have reached the point where they accept responsibility and run their own shows and what a job they can do. There is only one criticism which we have to offer and that not only applies to some of the Junior organizations but also to many senior groups. In brief, time does not seem to mean anything to them—they start late and end late.

The Scottish group of young people who visited Ontario last summer were also unfavorably impressed by this weakness on the part of so many of our rural organizations.

Haltom Plovers Elect Harold Pickett as President

The annual meeting of the Haltom Plovers was held in the Farmers' Building, Milton, on Friday evening of last week. Despite the heavy storm which made motoring very treacherous to say the least, a goodly number of enthusiastic plovers were in attendance from three of the four townships.

President V. E. McArthur, was in charge of the meeting. Mr. L. L. Skuce, Public School Inspector for Haltom was the guest speaker and as usual, delighted his audience with his interesting address. Mr. Skuce, on request, gave an illustrated address on his recent trip to Europe, which included visits to France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, England and Ireland.

Those in attendance felt more than compensated for the effort made to attend the meeting under difficult road conditions. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Harold Pickett, Hornby.

1st Vice President—J. Spencer Wilson, Norval.

2nd Vice President—Geo. Readhead, Milton.

Secretary-Treasurer—J. E. White-lock.

Directors, Esqueing—Roy Currie, Milton; J. C. Cunningham, Hornby; Clibert McDowell, Hornby; Lloyd Fisher, Georgetown.

Nelson—Roy Ellenton, Lowville; Glen Campbell, Lowville; J. H. Taylor, Freeman; J. E. Ellenton, Lowville.

Trafalgar—Leonard Lister, Hornby; Frank Hall, Streetsville; J. C. Marshall, Omagh; Jack Marchmont, Hornby.

Nassagaweya—Hugh Warrington, Campbellville; J. McPhail, Campbellville; Ross Gordon, Rockwood.

Hon. Directors—Stanley L. Hall, M.P.P., Hughes Claver, M.P., W. J. Robertson, Victor Hall, J. A. Elliott, W. E. Breckon, J. A. Dixon, M. T. McNabb, Arthur Diamond, W. H. Robinson, W. A. Robinson, C. F. Pickett, V. E. McArthur and Ross Segsworth.

Associate Directors, Esqueing—Stanley May, C. Wrigglesworth, F. Russell.

Nassagaweya—Tom Patterson, Elmer Blacklock, Wm. Mahon.

Nelson—Erwin Gunby, Jno. Richardson, John Readhead.

Trafalgar—Lloyd May, Thomas Howden, George Hall.

More About Seed Grain

Our article on the Seed Drill Survey made in Haltom last spring has apparently created some interest. The subject was discussed at a meeting recently. Some of those in attendance were quite sure that samples had been picked up only from the poorest farmers in the County others were of the opinion that the samples must have been taken from bins of feed grain.

This morning in order to confirm our previous statement, we again looked over the list. All that we can add is that a great many of those listed would feel insulted were they to be classed as poor farmers. We also contacted Walter C. Fox, County Weed Inspector who collected the samples and he assured me that the samples had been taken directly from the seed drills in the field.

All of the farmers claimed that they had cleaned their seed—true between 75 and 80% had been cleaned at home. This leads us to suggest again that a large percentage of the farming mills must be needing an overhaul job including some new screens. The more one looks over the results of this seed drill survey, the more one realizes why weeds are on the increase on so many Haltom County farms.

When the farmers from whom the samples were secured received a report back on their seed, many of them must have been just as rudely shocked as we were, to note what they were sowing. This seed drill survey was long overdue and we sincerely hope others may be made in the near future. May we repeat that it pays to "KNOW WHAT YOU SOW."

Two Sister Cows Set World Records

For many years, dairymen throughout the world have aimed at having a cow produce 1,000 lbs. of butterfat in 305 days on twice-a-day milking, yet in actual time within 100 lbs. of this figure until last Spring when Roeland Rag Apple Cherry, a purebred Holstein, set up a Championship mark of 1,011 lbs. fat. Now her paternal sister, Roeland Rag Apple Lilly has wrested the championship from Cherry by producing 1,089 lbs. of butterfat from 23,041 lbs. of milk in 305 days on twice-a-day milking.

The breeder and owner of both animals is J. W. Greenwood, Mapl., Ont. Cherry made her record as a seven-year-old and Lilly as a five-year-old. Both were tested in the Record of Performance under the supervision of the Canadian Department of Agriculture.

A year ago Lilly established a World Record for fat of 1,055 lbs. in the senior four-year-old class of the 305 day division on twice-a-day milking. At the time she was expected to set a new mark for the 305 day division but missed calving by several days within the 400 day limit from the start of her record, which is required for the 305 day division.

As a senior three-year-old, she produced in 305 days on 2x, 18,703 lbs. of milk containing 811 lbs. of fat, which stands second for fat and fifth for milk in Canada for all time and as a junior two-year-old produced in 305 days on 2x, 18,273 lbs. fat from 18,893 lbs. milk, which at the time was a World Record for the class.

Lilly, Cherry, Daisy and Jane, four paternal sisters in the Greenwood herd have between them in the past few years broken no less than six World Records for production and have completed 12 Superior Production records, that are records that rate within the top five ever made in Canada in their class.

All are sired by Kenevelyn Rag Apple Supreme, and Lilly and Daisy are full sisters as are Cherry and Jane. Of the famous four sisters, two of them Lilly and Cherry have been classified "Excellent", the highest attainable rating for type and Daisy has been classified "Very Good" while Jane is "Good Plus".

SHORT TALE

It would be a wonderful world if we would all smile with as much sincerity as a dog wags its tail.



A fine selection of Christmas Gifts for the whole family may be secured from us. The stock on hand at present offers a very fine selection to choose from.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR OLD AND NEW FRIENDS

KENNEDY'S Book Store

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Angus Kennedy, Prop.



To all on this glorious day, whether you are near or far, we wish the most sincere greetings for a most blessed Christmas.

Victor B. Rumley and Staff

TO ACTON ELECTORS:

Thanks to all who supported me in the municipal elections in Acton and elected me to Council.

TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF ACTON A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Lawrence Wieck

Season's Greetings



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