

Announcement . . .

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Halton Folk Enjoy Field Day At The O. A. C.

The annual Halton and Peel Holstein, Jersey and Guernsey Field Day at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, attracted 1000 folk from the two counties on Saturday of last week. Weather conditions were ideal and coupled with the fact that the event was held on the Saturday prior to Farmer's Week at the O.A.C., those in attendance had every opportunity to see some of the outstanding features at that institution at their best.

The group were guests of the O.A.C. at the dinner held in the College dining hall in the absence of President MacLachlan who is now overseas, a few words of welcome were extended by the acting president, Professor Ross Cayen.

The staff of the Animal Husbandry Department, under the leadership of Professors R. G. Knox and Geo. E. Rathby had gone to no little trouble to make the day's program an outstanding success. Excellent classes of Holsteins, Jerseys and Guernseys were provided for the judging competitions. Geo. E. Drennan, Holstein, fieldman for West Central Ontario, Herb Armstrong, of the Jersey Club, and J. Lloyd Chisholm, Milton, President of the Ontario Guernsey Club, were the official adjudicators. The prizewinners were as follows:

Holstein class, Men: Ross 8273-worth, Burlington; Ladies: Miss Blanche Scott, Burlington; Juniors: Miss Teresa McVicar, Brampton. Jersey class, Men: Stafford Bennett, Burlington; Ladies: Mrs. W. H. Ludlow, Norval; Juniors: Don Joyce, Milton. Guernsey class, Men: Doug Jefferson, Milton; Ladies: Mrs. W. H.

Robinson, Georgetown; Juniors: Bruce Storey, Acton.

Splendid prizes were provided for the event by the Milton Milling Co., Walter Job, Burlington; Halton and Peel Guernsey Club, the T. Eaton Co. and the Robert Simpson Co. Ltd.

The parade of livestock also included some splendid individuals from the College herd of Large English Whites; their stud of outstanding horses, plus a demonstration of their six horse hitch, with Andrews' "Candy" at the reins. While the young folks enjoyed a sports program the senior folk had the option of taking in one of the tours provided. Dr. Gordon M. Rostie, head of the Field Husbandry Department, took a good number out to see something of the main operations being carried on with forage and cereal crops, another group visited the new housing barn and milking parlor under the leadership of Professor M. W. Staples of the Animal Husbandry Department; still another group with representatives of the Agricultural Engineering Department in charge, inspected the new hay driers and other points of interest; and the ladies were taken for a tour of the College greenhouses, and the campus, which is always beautiful at this time of year.

In the meantime another large group cornered Professor Geo. Rathby in the livestock pavilion for a discussion on grass slugs. As usual this genial and popular official delighted his audience with his sane, practical answers to the many questions "fired" at him on the rather contentious subject.

Incidentally, the many Halton friends and admirers of Professor Rathby, who by the way is head of the research committee on Slugs at the O.A.C., will be delighted to learn that he is leaving for a trip overseas, where he will investigate some of the agricultural research work being carried on in Great Britain and at the same time we trust, enjoy a well deserved holiday.

However to return to the field day, the various officials at the College on the hill had left "stones unturned" to make it not only most enjoyable but of real educational value. Halton farm folk, whether or not they breed Holsteins, Jerseys or Guernseys, who annually miss out on this event at the O.A.C. would in our opinion, make no mistake in participating in the 1953 event. In short, it is a day which no farmer who is interested in Soils, Crops and Livestock, can afford to miss. Along with that the program always contains something of interest for all members of the family.

Halton Agricultural Society To Sponsor New Commercial Feature

We understand from Mrs. Geo. Beaudou, Secretary of the Halton Agricultural Society, that at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, it was decided that the 1952 show at Milton will feature "Hay" as their commercial feature. This would appear to be a step in the right direction. It is generally admitted that hay and pasture are our two most important and valuable crops in the mixed farming sections of the County. In short, the quality of the hay and pasture frequently means the difference between profit and loss to both the dairyman and beef producer.

The suggested prize list includes the following classes: (a) Bale of first cutting of Hay (minimum weight 40 lbs.) (b) Bale of second cutting Hay (minimum weight 40 lbs.) (c) Bushel of Chopped Hay (Field chopped) (d) Bushel of Grass or clover Silage.

We understand there is also to be inter-group competition open to Junior Farmers, Farm Forums, or other farm organizations. Excellent prizes are being offered which should be some inducement to make this new feature not only a credit to Halton farmers, but of real educational value.

Holstein Breeders Hold Twilight Meeting

Despite unfavourable weather conditions 150 dairy cattle enthusiasts attended the Twilight Meeting recently sponsored by the Halton Holstein Club in the Hay Ltd. Sales Arena, Trafalgar. President J. F. Trimble of the Halton Club was in charge of the excellent program. Geo. Drennan, popular Holstein fieldman, was the official adjudicator of the competition in Selective Registration.

While it would be too much to expect everyone to agree with the official grading, nevertheless all were agreed that the genial George handled the difficult job in a masterly style. Incidentally, the announcement of the winners by Art Bennett, newly appointed Assistant

Representatives for Halton and Peel counties, created no little amusement and perhaps some embarrassment to the breeders of the "Black and Whites." In both ladies' and men's sections the top awards were won by Jersey breeders Mrs. M. C. Beatty, Milton, winning in the ladies' section, and Max Alexander, of Norval, in the men's section.

Those in attendance enjoyed one of the most outstanding and interesting addresses we have heard in many a day. The speaker was J. A. Carroll, assistant deputy minister of Agriculture for Ontario. Mr. Carroll, spoke on his trip overseas in charge of Ontario Champion Plow Boys.

His description of the many countries visited, his impressions of the people, their standard of agriculture and lastly his first hand impression of the King's funeral, all were masterpieces. E. Ross Sieg, worth, Halton director of the National Holstein Breeder's Board, ably expressed the appreciation of those present to Mr. Carroll, Hays Ltd., Geo. Drennan, and last but not least to the ladies who provided the delicious refreshments.

Two Pair of Twins Help Double Cattle

Two sets of twin calves were born within 24 hours of each other last week out at the farm of Joe Henry, Kiltbuck.

Joe and JoJo, Jack and Jill are all doing fine and are proud of their part in doubling the cattle stock on the farm within two weeks. Just before the end of May, the two sets of head of calves on the Kiltbuck farm and now there are an even dozen.

One set of Holstein twins was born on Friday and the other on Saturday.

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