

FARM NEWS

1953 ROYAL OPENING A COLORFUL EVENT

Friday evening last saw the opening of the 1953 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. If possible, it was an even more colorful event than in former years. The official opening was made by Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Nye, High Commissioner for the United Kingdom at Ottawa with the 48th Highlanders providing the guard of honor.

Another highlight of the evening was the welcome to the International Teams from France, the Republic of Ireland, Mexico, United States and Canada.

As usual, when one enters the huge Coliseum, it is almost with awe that one views the flower show. Words fail to convey an idea or the perfection of the blooms, the beautiful exhibits, and the fragrance of the flowers and fruit in our opinion this section of the Royal alone is worth a visit to the big show.

Aside from that, every department of the 1953 Royal seems to be filled to capacity with near perfection exhibits. The cattle barn is bursting at the seams and in addition some cattle are housed in the Sheep and Swine barns.

In our brief visit we noted Halton was well and worthily represented in the jerseys by entries from the herds of M. C. Beatty, Ken Ella, Featherstone Bros., and Gerald R. Graham; in Guernseys by Wm. G. Booth, J. L. Chisholm, Joyce Bros., Lazy Pat Farms, and M. T. McNabb & Sons; while in Holsteins, F. Pelletier & Sons, and A. G. Hunter were upholding the honors.

In the beef section we noted some outstanding entries from the Shorthorn herds of T. C. Amos, S. G. Bennett, Grant Campbell, Harland Merry, and Stanley and Arthur Morrish. Others represented were Cecil McCann, with Herford; J. H. Willmott, with Hampshires; T. J. Brownridge with Tamworth; Valley Crest with their Clydesdales.

We know there must have been many others, whom we did not see in our brief tour. When judg-

ing gets under way during the current week, we can rest assured that Halton exhibitors will bring back at least their quota of the red ribbons.

HALTON JUDGING TEAM PLACES FIFTH

The Inter-County Live Stock Judging Competition held last Thursday, prior to the opening of the Royal, brought together thirty-two teams of three young men each from as many different counties. They came from Carleton in the east; Lambton and Kent in the west; and Sudbury in the north. Before the day was over the 96 young men knew they had been through a competition.

Their task consisted of judging ten different rings of as many different breeds of livestock, and giving oral reasons for their respective placings on each of the ten classes. The Jeffrey Bull Memorial Trophy, emblematic of the championship went to the Durham County team, coached by the veteran Agricultural Representative Ed. Summers. It was rather significant that all three Durham members took a gold medal—Earle Brown in Dairy Cattle; Bruce Tay-

lor in Sheep; and Wm. Ferguson in Swine.

The Halton team composed of Alex. Buchanan of Moffat; John W. Pickett of Hornby; and Earl Wilson, of Norval; placed fifth as a team. That they had been well and ably coached by Art Bennett, Assistant Agricultural Representative for Halton is well borne out by their excellent standing. The top ten awards were as follows: Durham; Middlesex; Wellington; North Simcoe; Halton; Perth; York; Kent; Lambton; Huron.

HALTON COUNTY SEED DRILL SURVEY

The results of Halton County Seed Drill Survey are based on a total of 31 samples (28 cereals and 3 small seeds). 56% of all samples graded No. 1, 10% No. 2, 10% No. 3, and 25% were classified as rejects.

68% of samples were cleaned by farm fanning mills and 22% by seed-cleaning plants with the remainder being uncleaned. 52% of the farm cleaned samples graded No. 1, 10% No. 2, 14% No. 3 and 24% were rejected.

In comparison 71% of samples cleaned in seed cleaning plants graded No. 1, none were classified as No. 2 or No. 3; 29% were rejected. Seed disinfectants were applied to 68% of all cereal samples. These results compare reasonably well with the group averages.

Only two cereal samples were completely free of weed seeds and 14 contained no noxious weeds.

The main primary noxious weed seeds which were found were Perennial Sow Thistle, Dock, Couch, Bladder Campion, and Mustard. Some secondary noxious weed seeds found were Wild Carrot, Wild Oats, Ragweed and Night-flowering Catchfly.

In small seeds the sample grading No. 1 contained 1 Bladder Campion, 5 Ribgrass and 2 Daisy, however, this is not a good example of No. 1 seed. The other two samples contained a comparatively larger quantity of weed seeds with the rejected sample containing 140 weed seeds per ounce. This is not as bad as some other samples which were taken in other areas but does show that far too many weed seeds are getting into the seed being used in the County.

While we still have a long way to go in improving the quality of our seed grain, it is at least encouraging to note a considerable improvement over the Survey made a year ago, when as we recall only 32% graded No. 1.

In Indian Costume Speaks at Fireside

The Thank Offering meeting of the Senior Women's Auxiliary was held at the evening service in Knox Presbyterian Church on November 9.

Miss Bessie McMurchy, R.N., who is home on furlough from India was guest speaker. She showed colored pictures of her work which were very interesting.

Following the address, all adjourned to the Sunday School room for a fireside hour. Miss McMurchy wearing an Indian costume, displayed articles of Indian work and told of the customs in India. A brief social time was enjoyed by all.

QUIET SPOT TO REST

When a respected citizen passed away recently, his friends followed him out to the cemetery, a mile outside the town. Among the mourners was a palled patriarch, tittering on a cane. A neighbor inquired, "How old are you, Gramp?" "Eighty-seven," the old man croaked.

The neighbor shook his head thoughtfully. "Don't hardly pay you to go back to town." — The Reader's Digest.



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DISCOVERED IN THE EARLY STAGES WITH PROPER TREATMENT BEGUN AT ONCE IS ONE OF THE MOST CURABLE OF ALL SERIOUS DISEASES

Tuberculosis is as yet far from controlled.

Halton County Tuberculosis and Health Association is this year launching a county-wide free chest x-ray program in co-operation with the Ont. T. B. Association and the Ont. Dept. of Health. Volunteers will call on every home in the county to explain the importance of the x-ray.

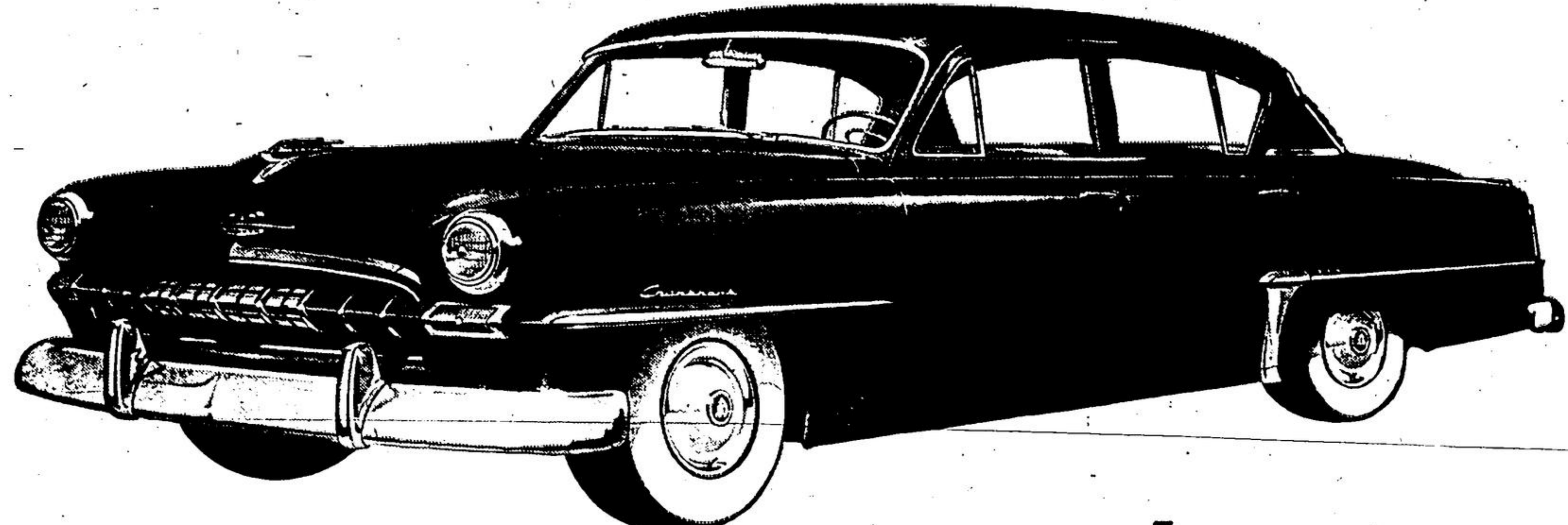
Clinics will be held in Campbellville Dec. 12 and in Acton Dec. 18 and 19. These clinics are made possible through the annual sale of Christmas seals.

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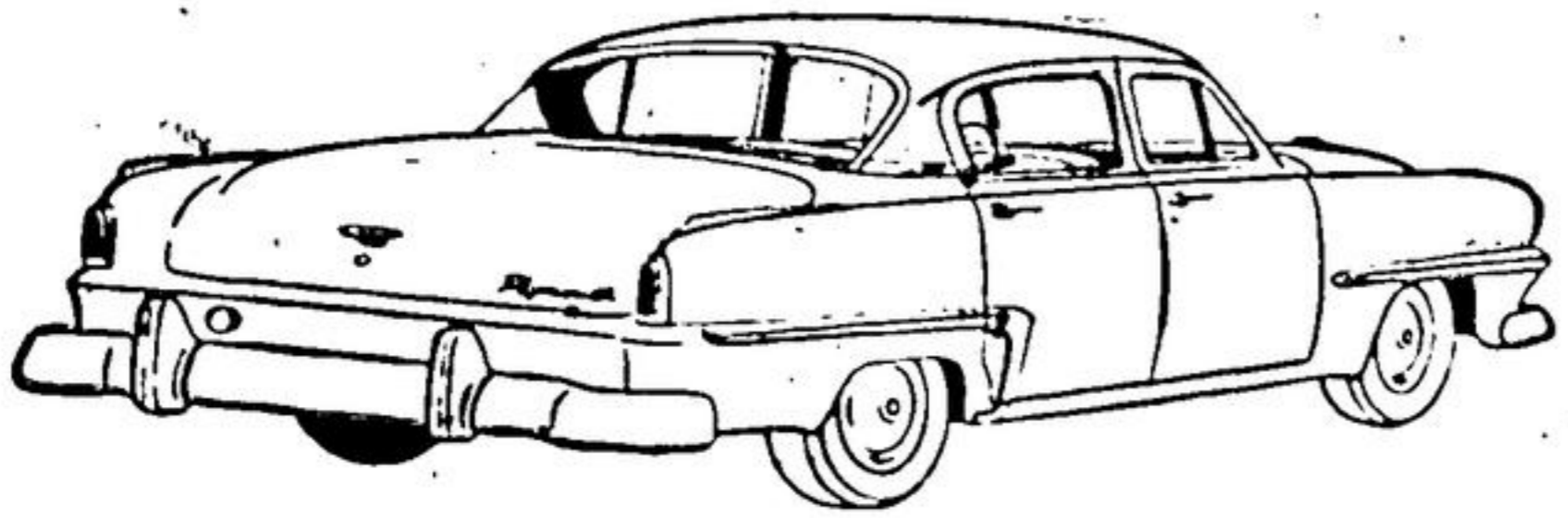
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