

# FARM NEWS

## From Halton's Farm Lands

**ENTRIES MADE FOR BACON SHOW**

During the past week the Township directors of the Halton Hog Producers' Association selected the entries for the annual Halton Bacon Show to be held in Milton Town Hall. Earlier this week the hogs were marketed at the Canada Packers plant in Toronto, where they were slaughtered and put into cure.

One side of each carcass with various cuts from the corresponding side will be on display at Milton.

There is keen rivalry between the various townships for the inter-township award, which was won by Esqueping Township in 1952.

President Erwin Gunby of the Halton association intimated when interviewed, that in so far as his township is concerned, their choice was very limited owing to the very few hogs ready for market during the current week. Mr. Gunby also stated that in his opinion, Halton producers could increase their percentage of 'A' hogs materially by making greater use of the scales in determining when their hogs were at the proper weight. In short, too many potential 'A' hogs are being spoiled by over finishing.

In 1952 Halton producers marketed 23,457 hogs, of which number only 36.7% graded 'A' on the rail. This is in contrast to 20,235 hogs marketed in 1951, with 41% 'A's, and 19,037 hogs sold to the processors in 1950 and 42.3% 'A's.

It will perhaps be recalled that in the last two years of the Cost of Hog Production study, Cedric Harrop, Halton's representative in the investigation, marketed approx-

imately 150 hogs each year, of which number his percentage of 'A's was 80 and 82 respectively. Mr. Harrop, however, makes use of the scales weekly in order to determine when his hogs are up to weight.

Producers would do well to remember that despite the loss of the British export market, quality is equally important to-day as it was. In short, our domestic market, is our most important market, if not our only outlet. During the past year our domestic market absorbed some 94,000 hogs weekly. However, during 1952, pork products were considerably cheaper than beef. Now that beef and pork prices bear a closer relationship to one another, it is only by marketing quality hogs that producers can hope to retain their 1952 position in the domestic market.

The following is a list of those from whose swine herds, entries were selected for the Halton Bacon Show:

Trafalgar—V. B. Bradley, John Chapman, J. Allan Dixon, Clayton May, Percy W. Merry & Son, Howard Armstrong.

Esqueping—T. H. McGee, M. T. McNabb & Sons, C. E. Davenport, Douglas Robertson, Vernon Archer, Nelson Stark.

Nassagaweya—W. R. G. Johnson, J. S. Norwich, Ivan Richardson, Mrs. Hattie Price, Keith Moore.

Nelson—W. R. Hume, Mervyn Coulson, Howard Coulson, Burdge Gunby, W. L. Kerns.

**SEED GERMINATION POOR**

Recent reports from the Plant Products Division of the Canada Department of Agriculture would indicate an unusual number of musty and low germinating seed samples. One sample of oats, somewhat discolored but otherwise with good appearance tested only 37.1% germination. No doubt many similar stands can be avoided by a seed test, including germination, prior to seeding. Home grown grain for seeding should be tested at a seed laboratory or failing this, be at least subjected to a home germination test.

An extension circular entitled "Germination Seed at Home" is available at the Milton office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

It is our opinion that it would be good economics for a large percentage of growers to purchase their seed requirements. The margin between the cost of feed grain and good quality seed backed by government grade is very narrow. Needless to add there is no better place to purchase one's seed requirements than at the Halton Seed Fair scheduled for Milton. All exhibitors in the Open show to qualify must have seed for sale and all entries are backed by government grade as to purity and germination.

Our slogan for 1953 should be "KNOW WHAT YOU SOW."

for the re-organization of the Junior Farmer Club in the Milton High School; and for the Annual 'At Home' at Brant Inn.

In the election nominations were plentiful, balloting close, and the following executive elected:

Past President—Mac Sprowl, R. R. 4, Acton.

President—Harold Tyrrell, R.R. 2 Burlington.

1st Vice President—Don Matthews, R.R. 2, Acton.

2nd Vice President—Howson Ruddle, R.R. 2, Georgetown.

Secretary—Anne McLaughlin, R. R. 1, Limehouse.

Treasurer—Wilma Sinclair, Milton.

Press Reporter—Jean Peterson, R.R. 1, Hornby.

County Director—Mac Sprowl, R. R. 4, Acton.

The Presidents and Secretaries of the five local Clubs will also meet regularly with the above executive, to plan all Halton County Junior Farmer activities in 1953.

**HALTON AND PEEL GUERNSEY BREEDERS BUS TRIP**

On Wednesday, March 4th, 35 Halton and Peel Guernsey Breeders, piloted by President Bill Booth and Fieldman Bruce Hodgins, took a one day holiday. By making the Golden Guernsey's early in the morning and late at night, it was possible to make four interesting calls.

Arriving at H. H. Larkin Farms, Queenston, the group joined a delegation from the Niagara District Guernsey Club, to view the 5 Guernseys housed in a recently remodelled barn. Mr. Pirie, Farm Manager, told of the operation of this 350 acre farm which has had Guernseys since 1948 along with a large acreage of Peaches, Cherries and Grapes. Hot coffee and milk was provided at this point for the benefit of the entire group.

Following a view of Brock's monument, the whirlpool rapids, the rainbow bridge, and Niagara Falls, the American Cyanamid plant was the next stop. Here on tour with Mr. Houck and several guides the group witnessed the amazing process of extracting calcium carbide from limestone and coke and nitrogen from the air and the combining of these two to make calcium cyanamid, which is then used in the manufacture of fertilizer, synthetic rubber, and miracle drugs, etc.

After coffee and do-nuts and a discussion period the tour ended with a visit to Clovelly Farms, R. R. No. 1, St. Catharines. Here three Stewart brothers farm 1000 acres. With 75 acres of grapes; 55 head of Guernseys; 150 Holsteins; and a dairy to operate, these boys are busy, but judging from our hasty observations, good management is the key to their success.

## Competition Ends In Exhibit, Sale

Regulated seed grain growers who participated in the Wellington County 75 bus out club brought the competition to a conclusion when they exhibited their 10 bushel lots of regulated seed at the Seed Fair on March 3 and 4 in the City Market, Guelph. Each of these seed lots was sold by auction at the fair for an average of \$2.15 per bushel.

Nine farmers completed the project with the following total scores: John Hagarty and Son, Alma, 93; Marshall Day, Guelph, R. R. 4, 92.5; S. E. Griffin and Son, Acton, 90; Gordon A. Leslie, Acton, R. R. 3, 88; Geo. C. Burt and Son, Hillsburgh, 81.5; J. Perci Connell, Palmerton, 76.5; W. L. Elliott, Guelph, R. R. 4, 76; Ernest H. Benham, Rockwood, R. R. 3, 75; Roy B. Wingrove, Guelph, R. R. 3, 71.5.

Local exhibitors who placed high among the winners are as follows, omitting those from other localities: late usual, Gordon Leslie, Acton; S. E. Griffin and Son, Acton; Winter wheat, S. E. Griffin and Son; Gordon Leslie, Open 10 bushel lots, S. E. Griffin; Bruce Hindley, Rockwood; Gordon Leslie; Melvin McCutcheon, Rockwood.

Dent corn, W. J. Kerr, Acton; bushel of medium or late potatoes, S. E. Griffin and Son; early potatoes, S. E. Griffin and Son; baled mixed hay, first cut, Ernest Benham, Rockwood; bushel of chopped hay, Gordon Leslie, W. J. Kerr.

In 1939 the Canadian consumption of ingot steel was 380 pounds per capita; in 1951 steel use had more than doubled to 795 pounds per capita.

## MR., MRS. K. CLARKE HONORED AT SHOWER

There were 50 guests present at the shower for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clarke (formerly Kathleen Taylor) of Acton, given by friends and neighbors on Friday, February 27 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Evans.

Euchre and crokinole were enjoyed and Mrs. William McDonald gave a reading. Mrs. A. Brooks read the address to the couple, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarke received many useful gifts.

Lunch was served by the Banockburn Ladies' Institute and Churchill W. A.

Music was provided by Miss Marie Kerr and F. Freeman. Dancing ended the enjoyable evening.

**THE BEST YOU KNOW HOW**

A good deal of the driving one sees on our roads and highways today calls to mind the remarks of the sturdy farmer who was asked to attend a series of lectures intended to improve the standard of crops and general farming in his area.

He covered his position by remarking—"Heck, I don't need no schooling, I'm not farmin' as well as I know how now."

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**ROBERT KINGSBURY**

To sell by auction at the farm, lot 13, con. 5, Eramosa township, situated on No. 24 highway, 4 miles north of Rockwood, on

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1953**

Commencing at 11 o'clock a.m.

The following:

17 SHORTHORN COWS—Red cow, 5 years old, due about time of sale; Red cow, 5 years old, due before sale day; Red cow, 6 years old, fresh in Feb. with calf at foot; Red cow, 4 years old, fresh in Feb. with calf at foot; Red cow, 5 years old, fresh in Feb. with calf at foot; Red cow, 7 years old, with twin calves at side, bred Oct. 21; Roan heifer, 6 years old, with calf at foot; Red heifer, fresh in Nov. with calf at foot, bred Feb. 20; Roan heifer, fresh in Jan. with calf at foot; Roan heifer, milking well, bred Nov. 19; spotted heifer, milking well, bred Feb. 20; part Hereford, milking well, bred Feb. 1; Roan heifer, milking well, bred Nov. 13; Roan heifer, milking well, bred Feb. 8.

YOUNG CATTLE—4 heifers, about 100 lbs.; 3 steers, about 650 lbs.; 2 spring calves; 6 summer calves; 8 young calves; reg. Short-horn bull, born Jan. 27, 1949, bred by W. R. Jackson, Rockwood, Ont.

PIGS AND POULTRY—York sow, due about time of sale; York sow, due April 2; York sow, due April 25; York sow, with 12 young pigs, ready to wean; York sow, ready to breed; 15 fat pigs, about 175 lbs.; 9 thrifty chickens, about 125 lbs.; 17 week old pigs, 100 lbs.; bred Rock and Hamp hens, in full production.

HORSES AND HARNESS—Black horse, 12 years old, good in all harness; grey horse, good in all harness; dapple grey team, 8 and 9 years old, good in all harness; set of team harness; collars; horse blankets; robes.

DAIRY EQUIPMENT & HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS—Massey Harris Riteway milking machine with pumps, pipes, etc.; half hp electric motor; De Laval electric cream separator; milk pails; Rotary pump and motor; Quaker heater; dressers; wash stand; kitchen sink; kitchen cabinet; sideboard; water warmer; boy's bicycle; girl's bicycle; combination door.

SEED GRAIN—400 bus of Ajax oats, fit for seed; 10 bags of potatoes.

TRACTOR, THRESHER & FARM MACHINERY—Massey Harris 102 Junior, fully equipped; McCormick Deering grain separator; 28x46; Fleury 2-furrow tractor; plow; Fleury Bussel tractor disc; Buehler rubber tired tractor cultivator; M.H. 10" plate chopper; 100 ft endless drive belt; Frost and Wood binder; 7 cut; Massey Harris mower, 5 cut; John Deere 4-bay side delivery rake; Massey Harris hay loader; Fleury Bissell manure spreader; Cockshutt 11-disc fertilizer and grain drill; 3-section harrows, 13-tooth cultivator; 17-tooth cultivator; dump rake; Massey Harris rubber tired farm wagon; flat hay rack; wagon box; sloop sleighs; turnip sower; fanning mill; Renfrew scales; 2 wheel tractor with iron neck; electric fence; sap pails; 2 sap pans; 2 sugar kettles; brooder stove; pig feeders; hay fork; hay fork rope; slings; grain bags; 4 steel barrels; bag truck; logging chains; 2 rolls of snow fence; cattle chains; Swede saw; carpenter's tools; topping shears; pump jack; cutting box; stone boat; scuffler.

All small articles usually found on a well equipped farm.

Auctioneer—This is one of the best herds of Shorthorns that it has been my privilege to sell in recent years. The implements are all new or as good as new. Please come on time as this is a very large sale.

TERMS—Cash with clerk on day of sale.

All articles must be moved by March 31.

Refreshment booth on grounds.

WM. A. GIBSON, Auctioneer  
Phone Guelph 743e  
Albert Gray, Clerk

**SPECIAL — MONARCH MARGARINE 1-LB. PKG. 31c**

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**GREEN BEANS LYNN VALLEY 2 20-OZ. TINS 31c**

**SPECIAL — NIAGARA KIST STRAWBERRY WITH FRUIT JAM 24-OZ. JAR 33c**

**Fancy Apricots 15-OZ. TIN 26c**

**DESSERT PEARS GLOBE 20-OZ. TIN 17c**

**WESTON'S MIDGET MARSHMALLOW BISCUITS PKG. 25c**

**COCOANUT BAKER'S 3-OZ. PKG. 27c**

**CAKE MIX SWANSDOWN White — PKG. 31c**

**SPECIAL — CLOVER LEAF FANCY RED SMOKEYE SALMON 1/4-LB. TIN 37c**

**SUNKIST ORANGES - doz. 23c**

**CELLO TOMATOES - pkg. 23c**

**CELLO CARROTS - 2 for 27c**

**FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT - 5 for 29c**

**SPINACH - - - - - pkg. 17c**

**FIRM RIFE BANANAS - - - - - lb. 17c**

**While It Lasts!**

**7-ROOM INSUL BRICK HOME**

Owner has taken good care of this and has added many extras such as a good garage with overhead door and part cement floor, tool shed, two sun rooms, utility room with laundry tubs, automatic hot water, fruit cellar with shelves, potato bin, cement walks and lovely grounds — and many other little things that your wife gets you to do soon as you move into a home.

All this in addition to the four cheery bedrooms (three with closets) and modernized bathroom upstairs (sewer connected) and kitchen, pantry, dining room and living room down. Has new roof, is heavy wired and five tons heats it. See it soon! Taxes \$109.00. Price — only \$7,000.

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(Mr. and Mrs. Wright are still in England on a holiday so we solicit your continued patience if you don't happen to get an answer immediately. Thank you.)

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ACTON AND GUELPH

## Education Third Of Acton Tax Bill

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those released from provincial hospitals.

In comparison with other centres, it may be noted that garbage collection in Acton is being done very economically. At the last meeting of Georgetown council, they were asked to increase the rate of pay on that garbage contract by \$150 a month which would bring the total figure to \$6,000. The request was left over for a finance committee's report. In Acton the total estimate for 1953, increased over last year, is \$4,100.

**DEATH PENALTY**

"Hope you won't let me miss my train," the departing visitor fretted as his earnest host drove him to the station.

"Don't worry," said the earnest host. "My wife'd kill me if I did."

## Education Third Of Acton Tax Bill

Halton Junior Farmers held their annual meeting on Thursday evening, March 5th, in the Farmers' Building, Milton. The President's report by Mac Sprowl, the Secretary's report by Marjorie Segsworth, and the County Directors' report by David Pelletier, were well presented and judging from all three reports Halton Juniors have reason to be proud of their 1952 achievements.

In the absence of Inez Rae, the treasurer, Art Bennett presented the Treasurer's report, which showed that the Juniors operate on a very tight budget but did manage to close the books with a small balance on hand.

In the regular business meeting further plans were made for the Annual Banquet and Dance at Trafalgar Hall on Friday evening.



## Too long under a bushel

Here's a man who does a great deal to benefit his fellow-citizens. Yet for a long time he's been "hiding his light under a bushel!"

Anyone looking up Main Street, for instance, might never guess that he had a hand in establishing some of its fine new stores, hotels, office or apartment buildings. But he has.

Nor would many people realize that they may have him to thank in part for their homes. Or for the pure water that flows from the faucets. Or the electricity that serves them so many ways at the flick of a switch.

Every week workers take home pay from industries that this man helped to develop. But they're unaware of his connection with their jobs.

He even has an influence on his fellow citizens' health and the length of their lives!

Who is he?

He's the typical life insurance policyholder — a man who might be any one of millions of Canadians. And it is through investments of his premium money that he helps create public works, homes and industries in their communities. Life insurance money is also contributing to medical research projects seeking to banish deadly diseases.

So, if you own life insurance, get out from under that bushel — and take a bow!



**THOUSANDS OF SERVICE CLUB** members help the Ontario Society for Crippled Children in its work. Here Rotarian Robert W. Runge of Ottawa provides transportation for Gail Cleaver and Barbara Joubert. The O.S.C.C. Easter Seals campaign seeks \$475,000 for its work among handicapped kiddies. The local campaign is sponsored by the Rotary Club.

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