

HOLD BRIDAL SHOWER LONG BRANCH HOME

Monday night, April 27, a bridal shower was held at the home of Frances Jones of Long Branch for Ruth Smith of Acton. Thirty-five guests were in attendance and among them was Mrs. Ed. Smith and Mrs. Watkins both from Acton. Assisting the hostess was Betty Clements, Bonnie Jones, Marylyn Moore and Matthew Wilson. The bride-to-be opened many lovely gifts under a pink and white decorated umbrella and later dainty refreshments were served.

OLD SALT

Looking across the breakfast table at the slightly battered hired man who had been bawling in town the night before, the farmer said, "George, do you mind if I start calling you Rock Salt?" "Rock Salt?" mumbled the hand suspiciously "Why?" "Well," the farmer replied, "It's about the only thing I can think of that gets licked as often as you do."



SEEDING OPERATIONS AT STANDSTILL

Seeding operations were practically at a standstill in all sections of Halton the week of May 14. A goodly percentage of Halton farmers had completed the sowing of cereal grains before the wet weather set in. Many on the heavier, more level farms are wondering if their seed grain would be better still in the bays. Some of the earlier sown grain on the loamier more rolling fields is coming along nicely. However, as intimated above, some of the more poorly drained fields are still water-logged and the grain appears spotty.

Quite a percentage in the northern half of the County were still waiting on Friday evening last for soil conditions to improve so that they could make a start. From a County standpoint we would estimate that 65 to 70 per cent of the cereal crop has been sown. Judging by weather conditions on Saturday morning last, many Halton farmers would be out on the land, if not on Saturday, then certainly not later than Monday.

Winter wheat, meadows and pastures all appear to be in excellent condition. True the cool backward spring has retarded growth but the warmer weather of the past few days has really pepped up the meadows and pastures.

Last summer's drought conditions were hard on the new seeds in some sections. However, there was little or no winter killing and in general the over winter crops are looking well.

DAIRY INDUSTRY WITH BACK TO WALL

The effect of the U.S. embargo against Canadian cattle in 1932, and the lack of export markets for dairy products are making themselves seriously felt in recent months. Nearly every dairyman we meet

these days has had his quota cut back from a year ago and along with this is faced with the problem of what to do with his surplus milk. (U.S. buyers are not interested in our cattle in anything like the extent many of us were hoping or anticipating they would be, since the embargo was lifted.)

In brief, it would appear there are a lot of problems ahead before we get back to the condition which existed in 1931 when Canada's dairy industry was in a default position. Recently we noted in a report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, that we have some 33 million pounds of various types of milk powder in storage—that represents a lot of milk and it is piling rather disastrously on the price being paid for milk in the concentrated field.

Consequently every dairyman is watching his pastures and looking forward to the day when he can get his cattle out on pasture. When the cattle are finally turned out it will help to some extent from a labor standpoint and also reduce the feed bill.

Recently we read a thought provoking article in the Halton Journal by Professor George Rathby. Those who keep "Black and Whites" would do well to look this article up in the May issue of their "Journal." We were particularly interested in Professor Rathby's comments regarding whether or not hay should be fed to cows on pasture. We cannot do better than quote him, so here it is:

"Certainly if ever needed, it is when the cows are first turned out. The action of the hay, may be twofold, firstly, to act as a 'stop-block' to hold the immature grass in the digestive tract long enough for complete assimilation, and secondly to provide the dry roughage necessary for proper functioning of the bacteria in the paunch or rumen. If there is considerable old or bottom grass in the pasture, hay feeding will not be necessary. When the herbage is almost entirely new growth, while the hay may be fed in the barn pasture feeding in mounds is preferred, providing that can be done without too much increase in labor."

The article contains many other helpful suggestions on "Summer Feed Management" and we recommend it for your attention.

BEAVER KEEP HALTON COUNCILLORS GUESSING

Halton's famous beaver are again demonstrating to all and sundry how to conserve water. However, in so doing, they have the members of the respective Councils of Nassawaga and Esqueping Township, of the Halton Sportsmen's Association, and County Conservation Committee, all "scratching their heads." In recent weeks or months some of the famous beaver or their offspring have migrated from Lot 14 of the 6th Concession of Nassawaga, to Lot 17 of the 1st Concession of Esqueping. When we visited the area on Friday afternoon last we found some 600 ft. of the Town Line under water.

The beaver have had a lot of friends in Halton, but it would appear to be taking advantage of that friendship. When on our visit to the flooded area we encountered Henry Sayers who owns some of the property which has been flooded. He too, is a friend of the beaver and is hopeful that some solution can be found to keep the road free of water and yet retain the beaver to conserve water to feed the springs and streams so badly needed in South Halton.

HOG PRICES CONTINUE TO AMAZE

The trend of hog prices thus far in 1942 in both Canada and the United States has been nothing short of sensational. Late in April prices had reached levels which many experts thought might, at the most, represent the midsummer peak. One of the strange things is that April hog prices have run contrary to the normal seasonal trend.

For the first time in 11 years the April average of hogs at Chicago will be higher than March. The top of \$24.60 for live hogs at Chicago on April 23rd was a six-year high for April. The rise of hog markets per cwt. in the U.S. has been spectacular. Canadian markets are now more than \$6.00 per cwt. above the present support level, with a fairly brisk export movement reported.

The major factor in recent hog market strength appears to be the decreased supply, with slaughtering for the year to date down about 14 per cent, from a year ago in Canada, with a slightly larger decrease in the United States.

The extremely buoyant tone of hog markets, coming at a time when cattle slaughtering have been relatively heavy (up more than one-third in Canada and one-quarter in the United States over last year), has resulted in considerable readjustment in the beef-pork price ratio. In the past two or three years beef prices have been abnormally high relative to pork, but recently this situation has rapidly been correcting itself. But even with much cheaper beef available at retail counters, consumers have continued to buy considerable pork for variety. The two meats are not complete substitutes, the one for the other.

LUCKY HUNTER

Hunter: (to camp operator): "Is all our party back?"
Camp Operator: "Yep. You're the last."
Hunter: "Good. Then I've shot a deer."

\$700 Damage As Cars Sideswipe

Damage was estimated at \$700 after two cars sideswiped on No. 24 highway, two miles north of Milton, at 4 p.m. Saturday. A 1937 Oldsmobile, driven by Douglas Cook, which was travelling south, was damaged on the left side to the estimated extent of \$600.

A stake truck which was driven by Gerald Marchmont overturned in the west ditch. Damage totalled \$400.

CRATE CURS
First Private: "The sergeant just cured my lumbar."
Second Private: "How?"
First Private: "He said we don't have to move these crates after all."

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