

FARM NEWS

FITTING

A woman went to a dentist for the fifth time to ask him to grind down her false teeth because "they don't fit." "Well," said the dentist, "I'll do it again this time but no more. By every test, those should fit your mouth easily." "Who said anything about my mouth?" the woman replied testily, "they don't fit in the glass!"

MEOW!

Patricia—"I must tell you darling, I'm engaged to Frank."

Felicia—"I'm not surprised dear. When I turned him down last week he said he didn't care what became of him."

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FARM BUILDINGS PAINTED

As one motors through the county it would seem that more farm buildings have been painted in recent months than in any similar period in many years. And what an improvement one or two coats of paint make. While a paint job costs real money these days, nevertheless in our opinion, the value of the farm increases accordingly—and what a lot of satisfaction the farm owner and his family must get out of the "face lifting."

WHEAT HARVESTING UNDER WAY

During the week of July 13th, a good number of Halton farmers rolled up their binders. While combining will not likely get under way until the week of July 27th, the current week-end will see a fairly large percentage in stock.

In general, the crop is a heavy one—true, a few fields have been hit by root rot and many others to some extent by rust—nevertheless prospects point to a higher than normal yield. During the past week we were in some of the heaviest fall wheat crops in our experience. In general, the heads are a little shorter than normal, but the stands for the most part are thick. We anticipate that some of the fields entered in the "Fifty Bushel Wheat Competition" will exceed the fifty bushel objective.

HAYING STILL IN PROGRESS

Haymaking has extended over a longer period of time in 1968 than we have seen in many years. It has been a long season to make good quality hay—during the past ten days or so good progress has been made but last week-end there was still a tremendous quantity in the fields either in bales or still standing.

Certainly the "boys" who were in a position to make some grass silage away ahead at the game. While the great majority put their grass in upright silos, we note quite a number who are trying out the "Pit" silo.

At the Lindale farm of Maurice Beatty, in Trafalgar township, a "horizontal" silo on top of the ground, looks to have real possibilities. In any event those who are located on farms which are not conducive to "Pit" silos will be watching the "Beatty" experiment.

Mr. Beatty's horizontal silo which is built of some posts, a little lumber and snow fence, holds 20 acres of grass or in the neighborhood of 200 tons of silage. It is, as we recall, 80 or 90 ft. long—20 feet across, and six feet high. What impressed us was the fact that aside from their own labor, the construction cost was less than \$100. In these days of \$1,000 to \$12,000 for concrete upright

silos, this is quite a factor, providing there is not too much spoilage. At the moment, prospects are promising but next winter will tell the final story.

NEW CANADIAN REPORTS PROFITABLE LITTERS

A few days ago we had an interesting chat with Klaas Van Tol, who manages and operates the "Long-staff" farm near Campbellville. Mr. Van Tol reports that their two sows farrowed and raised 25 pigs last winter. With weaning pigs a drug on the market at that time, it was decided to buy the feed and finish the 25 pigs for market. The gross returns amounted to \$1375—the feed bill for the two sows and the 25 pigs amounted to \$735. Incidentally, the two sows have farrowed again and have 19 pigs eight weeks old—the cost of the feed for the sows and the young litters is included in the above figure.

4H BUS TRIP

Sixty Halton County 4H members accompanied by Club Leader Fred Nurse, and Assistant Agricultural Representative Art Bennett, joined a group of 75 Peel County 4H Club members, their leaders, and Agricultural Representative J. W. McCullough, for a one day Bus Tour on Thursday, July 18th.

Hot Weather

Temperatures which had thermometers hovering in the nineties all day dampened a good many brows, but failed to curtail the enthusiasm of the large group which required three buses and two cars for transportation.

MESSEY-HARRIS Farm, Milliken

Here the group was met by farm manager Bill Sutherland, who conducted them on a tour of the 700 acre farm.

After viewing some of the "very latest" in farm machinery, which included deep tillage equipment, disc harrows, tillers with seed box attachments, combines, forage wagons, etc. they passed through the dairy barn, which was being painted a pastel blue, to the mows where a hay drier was in operation. Good quality baled hay was in evidence in spite of all the previous adverse weather.

From the gang-way they saw huge fields of registered grain—mostly Ajax oats and Cornell 598 wheat.

Fences have been removed from this part of the farm and permanent gravel roads established, which are

easily reached from every field. Below the hay barn is a large area laid out in contour strips. While the slope of this field did not appear extreme compared to some of our hills in orth Halton and Peel, the group was told that the lower corner was 70 feet below the ground level at the barn. Special grass waterways were spaced at intervals along the slope.

Machinery Test Track

A course, consisting of smooth asphalt roads, especially designed rough roads, steep hills, sharp curves, etc. serves as a proving ground for every model of every machine produced. Only two machines, a pony tractor and a large combine, were on test but one would wonder how any machine could remain workable after a few trips through this course. However, the Pony Tractor had been pulling a large tractor continuously day and night since March 1962. A new set of tires is needed every three weeks.

Relaxation Tee

Arriving at Cedar Beach Park on Musselman's Lake for a two hour stop, the group enjoyed swimming, softball, and a picnic lunch. The management at this good summer resort generously granted free use of all facilities to the entire group. In a closely played ball game, Peel defeated Halton 8-5. Highlight of the game was the smashing of one bat by the only girl player.

Final Visit—Elmercort Farm, Oshawa

Elmercort, owned and operated by George McLaughlin, comprises 400 acres. A new barn, equipped with comfort stalls, five feet wide and seven feet long, a gutter cleaner, special calf pens, loose housing for young cattle, two hay drying units, special grain storage and feed mixing facilities has been completed recently. Emphasis has been placed on convenience and labor savers. Formerly, 12 to 14 full time men were hired, now five men do all the work in less time. One man cleans the barn in one-half hour, while it took two hours before. One man mixes enough feed for two weeks on one-half day, and before it took two men one day to mix enough for one week.

Cut costs, increase value, and make more money, is the slogan used at Elmercort.

Excellent Pasture

Forty-five acres pastures 35 to 50 mature milking Holsteins, from May until September. Less than one acre per cow, as some plots have yet to be used as pasture this year. The field is divided by electric fences, into ten 4-acre plots, with a five-acre lane across one side. Cows are rotated every few days. After each grazing, plots are harrowed and clipped. The stand, a thick, luxuriant mixture of Bromo-

Orchard, Ladino, and Alfalfa, is free of weeds and producing more per acre each year. Most of the field has been out of the regular rotation and in pasture for four years. Every September the entire 45 acres is manured and fertilized with 675 lbs. of fertilizer at a cost of three weeks' milk cheque.

Two Questions

1. What is your opinion on grass silage? "We use one to three silos of it each year. However, since installing a hay drier we find that the cows prefer hay. Consequently, we have cancelled an order for two new silos with unloading devices which we had intended to purchase."

2. What do you think about bringing the grass to the cows, instead of sending the cows to the grass? "We have too many other things to do this time of year to bother feeding cows."

Impressed with George's managerial ability, his straightforward, fluent commentary, and Elmercort farm, the group headed for home to rest up for the trip next year.

Minister, Family Honored at Picnic

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr loaned their farm and lawn on Saturday July 11 for the Churchill Sunday School picnic. The afternoon was spent in swimming, pony rides and a ball game.

Supper was served under the shade trees near the pond, where everyone was filled to capacity with sandwiches, salads, jellies, cakes, tarts, ice cream, tea, coffee and lemonade.

Arthur Swackhamer called the group to order and read a very fitting address to Rev. and Mrs. Gibb and children who are leaving for a new charge at Sudbury. Mr. Gibb was presented with a purse, Mrs. Gibb with jewellery and the children with a silver spoon each. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gibb spoke a word of thanks for their gifts, for the cooperation they received, for the friends they made and their regrets at leaving. The congregation sang, "Blest be the Tie that Binds", and Rev. Gibb closed with prayer.

Due to the heat, the races were held after supper, bringing to a close another happy picnic.

"What was all that racket down the street?"

"A guy tried to turn the corner in his new car."

"Well?"

"There wasn't any corner."

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