



FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Enrollment Increases At Night School

Tuesday evening of last week saw the enrollment at the Halton Night School go well past the 150 mark, states Mrs. Velma Norris, secretary of the Halton Planning Committee. Due to the number of requests received from those who would like to attend some of the sessions of the course in Farm Business and who are not in a position to attend regularly, chairman A. T. Woodley of the County Planning Committee has approved of the suggestion that such individuals may do so by paying a fee of 50¢ per night if they do not wish to enrol at the regular fee of three dollars for the duration of the Night School.

Needless to add such a concession does not apply to any other course at any of the three centres, namely Acton, Georgetown, and Milton.

Halton Farm Organizations Consider New Legislation

The Court House, Milton on the afternoon of Monday, December 14, will be the scene of a meeting to decide whether or not further action will be taken to take advantage of recent legislation of the Ontario government, which permits compulsory calfhood vaccination and treatment of cattle for control of warble flies.

It is expected that a representative of the Ontario Livestock Branch will be in attendance to explain the new legislation and necessary procedure should the meeting decide in favor of the compulsory feature. Further details concerning this meeting, which will be open to all Halton cattle owners, will appear in next week's column.

Halton Farm Organizations Hold Annual Meetings

This is the season of the year when farm organizations meet for their annual meetings. During the past week at least three such meetings were held.

Nelson Federation Elects Harry King

On Thursday evening of last week the annual meeting of the Nelson Federation of Agriculture was held in the Nelson Township Hall. This took the form of a banquet, and what a banquet the ladies of the Women's Auxiliary of the Nelson United Church supplied for the inner man.

Personally we were delighted to note such a splendid representation of the farm leaders of the township. Despite the controversial school question in Nelson township it was encouraging to note that such a goodly number of leaders on both sides of the school question, were able to forget their differences and to unite in support of their township Federation of Agriculture.

R. Gordon Bennett, Associate Director of Extension for the Ontario Department of Agriculture, was the guest speaker of the splendid program presided over by president M. A. Campbell. Mr. Bennett who was introduced by Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock, is a native of the Kilbride-Carlisle community, and he delighted his audience with his thought provoking address. It was quite like old times to have the Bennetts - Gordon, Jack, and their sister Rilla, in attendance. Needless to add brother Jack rounded out a most enjoyable program with the aid of the Low-

ville Quartet. The newly elected officers are as follows:
President - Harry King, Milton.
Vice-president - Jack H. Taylor, Burlington.
Sec. Treas. Mrs. Velma Norris, Milton.

Esquering Elect Spencer Wilson
Unfortunately, we couldn't be in two places at once, so we can't tell you very much about the Annual Meeting of the Esquering Township branch of the Federation of Agriculture, which was also held on Thursday evening of last week.

The newly elected officers are as follows:
President - J. Spencer Wilson, Norval.
Vice-President - Denny Charles, Georgetown.
Sec. Treas. Mrs. J. L. Ellerby, Acton.

Milk Producers Elect Walter Royle

The Stewartown Township Hall was the scene of the annual meeting of the Halton Milk Producers' Association on Friday afternoon of last week. It was an excellent meeting, and a real credit to those responsible for the planning. Nevertheless, we can't help but wonder why more milk producers weren't in attendance.

In our humble opinion, it was a real privilege to listen to the summary and outlook presented by President Wm. Hoyle; secretary William Willmott; and Fieldman Wm. McCorquadaie, of the Toronto Milk Producers' Association - also the excellent progress report by George Jackson Jr. on the proposed plant for secondary milk in the Toronto district.

Sure, we know farm people are always busy. Why is it many farm operators can always find time to attend farm sales and similar gatherings and yet they are too busy to get up to date information on their own business?

The newly elected officers resulted as follows:
President - Walter Royle, Oakville.
Vice-President, M. C. Beaty, Milton.
Sec. Treas. John M. Bird, Georgetown.

Federation Annual for Hornby

The annual meeting of the Halton Federation of Agriculture is scheduled for the Hornby Hall, in early December, states A. R. Service, president of the county association.

Plans for the program call for an address by C. A. Milliken, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. This will be followed by a panel discussion on some of the economic problems facing the agricultural industry. Judging by a similar panel held in connection with the recent Nassawaveya annual meeting, this should be a highlight.

The Hornby Hall should be packed for this program, which will be of interest and value to every farm operator - small and large.

Halton Junior Farmer Awarded Nuffield Scholarship

Halton farm folk were delighted to learn on Friday evening last, that Mac Sproul, past president of the Halton Junior Farmers, had been awarded one of the two Nuffield Foundation Scholarships for Canada. The announcement made by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture revealed that the two scholarships awarded to Canadian farmers for 1954 go to Kenneth Elison of British Columbia, and Mac Sproul, of Acton RR 4. These scholarships entitle the two young men to six months study and work in Great Britain with all expenses paid.

They are made possible through the Lord Nuffield Foundation. Each county and district in Ontario was given the privilege of nominating one candidate.

Candidates we understand were to be between 25 and 35 years of age, and engaged in practical agriculture. We further understand that in the selection, considerable importance was placed on candidates' participation in 4H Club and Junior Farmer work, and their contribution to agriculture through community, township, and county organizations.

Following graduation from the Acton High School, Mac has played an active part in the 4H Boys' and Girls' Clubs and Junior Farmer Program of Halton County. In 1951 he was president of the Acton Junior Farmers, where he rendered outstanding service. The following year he was president of the Halton Juniors, and under his leadership Halton Juniors maintained the high standard of former years. It is generally admitted that no previous president was more conscientious in the discharge of his duties than Mac. He has also been a director of the Esquering Township Federation of Agriculture - active in Young People's work in his home church; president of the Acton Agricultural Society; and also County director from the Halton Junior Farmers' Ass'n of Ontario.

He was also a member of the Halton team representing Halton which placed third in the inter-county livestock judging competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in 1951.

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URBAN, RURAL MISUNDERSTANDING TOPIC IN NELSON TOWNSHIP HALL

Halton county farm radio forums gathered at Nelson Township Hall Monday evening of last week to listen to the broadcast "Urban-Rural Tensions" and were then divided into discussion groups by the months of the year, six groups in all. S. Turner acted as discussion leader and gave the groups 20 minutes to report their findings.

(a) "Do you find that the people living in your nearby towns are unsympathetic to farmers and farm problems?"

(b) "What are the main complaints?"

(c) "Which of these complaints are fair?"

It is a fair complaint if quality is not up to par. But they complain of high prices without finding out the cause or reason for same. They place the blame for high prices on farmers when it rightly belongs to the middleman. As for farmers not paying income tax, the urban dweller has it taken off his pay check before it reaches him, hence he has no choice, while the farmer is left to his own honesty and conscience.

The high cost of living, the poor packaging of produce and the lack of quality. Also farmers do not pay income tax.

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"What are the best ways the

farmer can take to help reduce some of these misunderstandings?"

The best ways a farmer can help is by advertising the middleman's profits, writing editorials to newspapers in order to educate the urban population in short, better public relations are needed between urban and rural dwellers. We, as farmers, should take a deeper interest in urban people by combining meetings to discuss problems with them. We should insist on better marketing of our products after they leave the farm.

There are too many middlemen. We recommend Co-op marketing.

SILVER-WOOD

Mr., Mrs. Corbett Return From Coast

Friends and neighbors are glad to welcome home Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Corbett, who have made an extensive visit on the west coast. Mr. Corbett is much improved in health.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. Sandy McKay of Silverveek in the loss of his wife this week.

Mr. Ben Case was in Listowel attending the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. Merv. Hay.

Miss Betty Grove spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ern Batkin.

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St. John's Church Bazaar Held in Hall

From Lowville, Burlington, Palmerston, Appleton, Waterdown and Hamilton came those who attended the annual bazaar and tea sponsored by the Women's Association of St. John's Anglican church, Nelson, held last week in the township hall.

Mrs. Charles Rose, the president, opened the bazaar and welcomed all present. Guests were received

at the door by Mrs. Leslie Peer and Mrs. Charles Rose. The various tables were well patronized. Mrs. W. S. Noble and Mrs. F. Booth poured tea, assisted by the young women of the congregation.

An interesting feature was the raffle contest won by Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Robert Hunter. The judges were Mrs. Cameron Winn and Mrs. W. Brown. The lucky door prize was won by Mrs. Fred Bridgman of Appleton. The ticket being drawn by Master Larry Baker.

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