

# FARM NEWS

## From Halton's Farm Lands

### Conservation Committee Recommends Purchase of Tree Planting Machine

In order to encourage tree planting on privately owned lands within the county, the Halton Conservation committee at a well attended meeting on Wednesday evening of last week, recommended to the committee on Agriculture and Re-forestation of the Halton County Council that they purchase a tree planting machine.

While the county has acquired 1208 acres for reforestation purposes it was the general feeling of the Conservation committee members that on a nearby every farm in the county there is an acre or more land not suitable for tillage purposes which should go back into trees. In these days of labor shortage on practically all farms, the hard pressed farm operators hesitate to take on an extra job of hand planting even 1200 trees which is the number required for one acre.

The machine recommended for purchase is one equipped with road bearings which permit its transportation behind a car, truck or tractor. Such a machine with a three man crew can readily plant from six to 10 acres per day.

It was the further recommendation of the committee that the county would furnish one man to go with the machine and be responsible for its operation, and that the charge for its use be a very nominal one. Similar action has already been taken in the counties of Wellington, Waterloo, Dufferin, Huron, Brant, and Westmorland county has approved of such a purchase.

### Farm Ponds

Secretary J. E. Whitlock reported the construction of 24 or 25 ponds under the Halton policy during the current year. It was the opinion of the committee that in future years, in order to facilitate the inspection service from the Agricultural Engineering Department at Guelph, all applications for the current year should be made to the Agricultural Office in Milton by July 1st.

### Zone Forester Reports

C. R. Graves, District Zone Forester for the Department of Lands and Forests, reported that in 1953 an answer to requests he had made 20 calls in Halton. On these visits advice was given as to tree species, the number required and arrangement. On woodlot calls, the land owner is advised as to proper care and management of the woodlot and a demonstration of woodlot improvement is given. Our readers who are interested in this service should make their requests either to the Zone Forester at Hespeler, R.R. No. 1, or to the local office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

### 24,000 Trees Planted

It was further reported that on the 1208 acres of County Forest in Halton, 24,000 trees had been planted in 1953. During the summer and fall, work was done on road fireguards and an inventory of the tree cover on the Britton Tract was taken.

### Forestry Education

In the field of forestry education, eight rural schools entered and completed the work of the 1952-53 Halton County School Forestry competition. Schools entered in this competition were required to plant at least three hundred trees, make a collection of leaves from Ontario forest trees, and have an elementary knowledge of the reforestation work. The Zone Forester visited

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each school in the competition, giving instruction on reforestation and care of the woodlot. Nine school woodlot meetings were held in the county this past fall. About 450 pupils and 30 teachers attended this series of meetings.

A similar competition has been organized again this year, in which 20 Halton schools have entered.

### Provincial Veterinarian To Address Halton Live Stock Meeting

Dr. Wharton, Provincial Veterinarian, and R. H. Graham, Associate Director of the Ontario Livestock Board, are to be the special speakers at an open livestock meeting in the Court House, Milton, on Monday, December 14th, at 2:00 p.m. This meeting sponsored by the Halton Livestock Improvement Association we understand from Edwin Harrop, president of the association, is being held to consider whether or not any further action should be taken towards taking advantage of recent legislation which permits townships passing by-laws making calthold vaccination, and treatment of cattle for control of warbles, a compulsory feature.

This should be an excellent opportunity to hear the two subjects discussed. As intimated above the Halton Livestock Improvement Association will govern further action on these two matters by the recommendation of this meeting on December 14th. All cattle owners irrespective of whether they keep grades or pure breeds are extended a cordial invitation.

### Halton Juniors Prepare For Toronto Conference

The annual conference of the Junior Farmers of Ontario is scheduled for the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, on Tuesday, January 5th. In conjunction with the Conference there will be the usual public speaking competition. Here Mary Pope of Palermo, will be the Halton representative. This year the program will include such musical competitions as "Ladies' Trio", Mixed Quartettes and Male Quartettes. Under the leadership of Thos. Allen of Dundas, Halton Juniors recently held a few try-outs or practices.

Those selected are as follows: Ladies' Trio - Faye Clements, Milton; Anne McLaughlin, Acton; and Marjorie Segsworth, Palermo. Mixed quartette - Faye Clements and Marjorie Segsworth, Ralph Cunningham, Norval, and Stuart McFadden, Milton. Male quartette - Garfield Coling and Merle Gumby, Milton; Clare Richardson, Palermo, and Howson Ruddell, Norval.

Unfortunately for those attending Halton Night School classes, this interesting program clashes with the opening night for the Night School classes in Acton, Georgetown, and Milton.

### Junior Awards Night Outstanding Success

Padre W. A. Young, of the Ontario Agricultural College, delighted the large audience in the Milton high school on Friday evening last. It was the occasion of the first annual Awards Night for Halton's 4H

Club members. The club members, parents, club leaders, and other key folk from all parts of the county, crowded the auditorium to capacity. In brief, it was a delightful occasion and everyone was very pleased with the program which was ably presided over by Art Bennett, associate agricultural representative, who was assisted by A. T. Woodley, Geo. Pelletier, Fred Bell, Ken Ella, T. C. Amos, and other local club leaders.

Padre Young, who was introduced by J. E. Whitlock, based his inspiring address on the 4H Club emblem. "While we are in a recession, in my opinion," stated Padre Young, "the future is bright for Agriculture. One thing you are going to need is faith - do not be afraid of life. Be prepared to take a chance - what we need in these days of social security is a little more of the spirit which our pioneer ancestors had - refuse to admit anything is impossible. Don't forget there is no substitute for hard work."

The able manner in which the speaker built his address around the 4H emblem - first, H, for Head; 2nd, H, for Heart; 3rd, H, for Hand; and 4th, H, for Health, made it an address which will long be remembered by club members and parents alike. Barry Archer capably extended to Padre Young the appreciation of the gathering.

The program opened with a sing song led as only Halton's own Dave Pelletier can lead it, assisted by Mrs. V. E. McArthur as accompanist.

A few of the highlights of the long list of presentation of awards included the following:

- (a) Inter-club Showmanship Awards by Roy Currie, president of the Halton Agricultural Society.
- (b) 4H Pins and Crests - by Geo. Pelletier, vice chairman of Halton's club leaders' council.
- (c) Chestnut Jersey Farm Trophy - presented on behalf of Harry McKendrick, by Ken Ella, president of the Halton Jersey Club, to Mary Lou Alexander.
- (d) Walter Duffray Trophy - Awarded to the club member in the Guernsey section with the high ag-

gregate score won by George Greenleaf, and presented by the donor, Walter Duffray.

(e) Ontario Jersey Club Specials - by Herb Armstrong, secretary of the Ontario Jersey club.

(f) Walter Duffray Trophy for Holsteins won by Gordon Braun with the high aggregate score in the Holstein club and presented by Walter Duffray.

(g) W. W. Thompson Special of a True Type Model Holstein Cow presented by president W. W. Thompson of the Halton Holstein club, to Gordon Braun.

(h) Loss Storer Special won by George Greenleaf.

Other awards including the Ontario Shorthorn Specials; Ontario Guernsey Specials; Ontario Hereford Specials, and Ontario Aberdeen Angus Specials, were included with the regular awards.

Another pleasing feature of the presentation was the introduction of five members of Halton's 4H Beef and Dual Purpose Clubs who exhibited their animals at the Royal Winter Fair and brought back the following awards: 1. Katherine Merry, Reserve Champion Shorthorn Steer in the Queen's Guineas; 2. John C. Willmott, reserve champion Angus steer in the Queen's Guineas; 3. Evelyn McKay, 1st prize Angus senior steer calf in the Open class; 4. Lynne Coulter, reserve Junior (female) champion, Red Bull Show; 5. Clifford Norrish, 1st prize group of Shorthorn steers in the Queen's Guineas.

Still another highlight of the evening's program was the contribution by Kilbride's versatile artist, the one and only Jack Bennett, who is always a crowd pleaser wherever he appears. The evening's program concluded with appetizing refreshments served by the wives, sisters and friends of the club leaders.

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## Milton, Acton Lose In Farmer Hockey

Palermo defeated Acton 6-1 and Norval 4-1 Monday evening, November 30, in Milton during the regular season of junior farmer hockey. Don Vivian was top scorer of the evening with three goals for Palermo. Bob Marshall, John Jarvis and G. Pelletier were also credited with pointers for the Palermo entry.

Don Currie held up Acton's end of the scoring to prevent a shut-out. Penalties scored the game, with a 10 minute misconduct penalty meted out to R. Orr and a five minute rap by J. Prag. Others sent to the penalty box were C. Richardson and P. Fitzgibbon for Palermo, and B. Somerville, F. Currie and L. Thompson for Acton.

Graham Gillies scored Milton's goal, unbalanced by Norval goals shot home by J. Cunningham, E. Wilson, B. Archer and R. Cunningham, with assists credited to J. Cunningham and J. Currie.

Only penalty of the game was to McDonald.

## Left Injured Man Fined \$100, Costs

Joseph Fraser Hespeler was fined \$100 and costs, or the alternative of three months in county jail, after pleading guilty in court in Guelph to a charge of failing to remain at the scene of an accident. Fraser was the driver of an automobile which struck Lorenzo Vella, Guelph, an employee of Beardmore and Co. in Acton who bicycled here from Guelph each day.

Mr. Vella received serious head injuries and was unconscious for three days in Guelph General Hospital. The accident occurred on the Hamilton highway about one mile south of Aberfoyle. At last report he is making good progress toward health.

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