FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Halton Meeting Favors Compulsory Calfhood Vaccination

The control of Brucelloses or Bang's Disease by calfhood vaccination was the subject of Dr H. Wroton's address at a meeting sponsored by the Halton Livestock Improvement Association held in the Court House, Milton, on Monday afternoon of last week.

Dr Worton who is provincial veterinarian under the Ontario Livestock Branch, briefly reviewed the early history of the disease which was first identified in North America in 1910 and its relationship to undulant fever in humans. Since the inauguration of vaccination of calves between the ages of six and nine months, bang's disease is no longer the number one scourge of the cattle industry.

According to Dr Worton 177,000 heifer calves were vaccinated in Ontario in 1952. However according to statistics 500,000 heifer calves were born in 1952 which would [illegible] 35 per cent were vaccinated. It was felt to be [illegible] at this time. Representative [illegible] F. Whitelock that according to the [illegible] Veterinary College [illegible] 18,000.

According to enabling legislation recently passed by the Ontario government a township council must on petition of at least two-thirds of the cattle owners of any township pass a by-law making it compulsory. The regulations also provide for the appointment of inspectors who will be paid by the Ontario Government. Such inspectors must contact the cattle owners in their respective territories every three months or four times a year. This information will then be passed [illegible] which will eliminate the tendency which some cattle owners now have to forget to advise their veterinarian until their calves are in some cases over 12 months of age. This, according to Dr C. H. Heslop is one of the problems under the voluntary plan now in operation.

The meeting on December 11th unanimously went on record as being in favor of compulsory calfhood vaccination and to this end recommended that one or more meetings be held in each township of the county early in 1954, when the project would be explained.

We would like to make it clear that neither the officers of the Halton Live Stock Improvement Association nor of the local branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture are attempting to force the acceptance of a compulsory calfhood vaccination. Halton Meetings will however be held in each township and the cattle owners in each township will then decide whether or not they want to proceed further, and if [illegible] a petition circulated. To this end the following township committees were appointed.

Esquesing: Edwin Harrop, F. O. Harris, Stan Matthews and H. C. Reed.

Nassagaweya: J. L. Chisholm, Robert Laking, Duncan Moffat, and Frank Rinehart.

Nelson: Brock Harris, Frank Greenlees, Gordon Sinclair, Ross Sogsworth and M. T. Watson.

Trafalgar: W. G. Booth, C. H. Lawrence, W. H. Merry, Walter Royle and W. W. Thompson.

R. H. Graham Also Addresses Meeting

R. H. Graham, Associate Live Stock Commissioner for Ontario, who was introduced by Edwin Harrop president of the Halton Live Stock Improvement Association, also addressed the meeting. The Warble Fly Control program was the subject of Mr Graham's address. In 1952, stated Mr. Graham, 163 townships carried on the warble fly control prpogram at a cost of some $46,000 to the province. While sympathetic to the warble fly program, those in attendance were of the opinion that it would be wise to proceed with only one project at a time and for 1954 to concentrate on Calfhood Vaccination.

Livestock, Soils and Crop Leaders, Make Plans for Annual Meetings

As intimated in last week's column Halton Soil and Crop annual is scheduled for the Milton Town Hall, on Wednesday, December 30th. Since that time we have learned from president Fred Nurse of the Halton association that the guest speaker is to be Dr Don Huntley, new head of the Department of Field Husbandry at the Ontario Agricultural College. The program will also include short reports by a number of local co-operators and farm leaders, also a panel discussion on various soil and crop problems.

Guernsey Club Annual January 6th

Under the leadership of president Wm G. Booth the Halton and Peel Guernsey Club will hold their annual meeting at the Trafalgar township hall on Wednesday January 6. As in former years, the business session will be held in the morning followed by a turkey dinner at noon with Padre W. A. Young of the Ontario Agricultural College as guest speaker. This energetic club is also arranging other programs for the afternoon session.

Jersey Enthusiasts Also To Meet at Trafalgar

Prof. Ralph Campbell of the Department of Economics, O.A.C., who made such a hit at both the Nassagaweya Township branch Annual, and the Annual Meeting of the Halton Federation of Agriculture at Hornby, is to be the guest speaker at Trafalgar on Tuesday, January 12th, for the Annual Meeting of the Halton Jersey Club, states Ken Ella, president of the Halton Club. They too, like their friendly rivals of Golden Guernsey fame will hold their business session in the morning, with the ladies of Munns catering for the noonday meal.

Black and Whites Interested In Animal Breeding

Dr J. C. Rennie specialist in Animal Breeding at the Animal Husbandry Department at the O.A.C., is to be guest speaker at the Holstein Annual at Trafalgar, on Wednesday, January 13th. With the aid of I.B.M. machines, Dr Rennie has compiled some interesting data pertaining to the ability of a large number of bord sires to transmit type, also to the transmission of the "red factor" in the breed, etc etc. All in all it too should be a most interesting meeting not forgetting the fact that the program will include one of those dinners for which Halton Holstein Club annuals are famous. We also understand the Holstein Club is making plans for their annual "Ladies Night" on February 17th.

Canadian Farm Building Plan Service Inaugurated

The Canadian Farm Building Plan Service recently announced, should help to fill a long felt need. There is some thought that there will be a nominal charge for these sets of plans. For the time being however, these plans will be distributed free, upon special request. Catalogues outlining the plans available can be obtained at the Agricultural Office in Milton.

This Farm Building plan service is sponsored and co-ordinated by the National Committee on Agricultural Engineering. The main purpose of the Plan Service is to develop an effective and workable system of Farm Building Plans and labor saving equipment, that will be applicable and useful in all parts of Canada. We understand these are broken down into eight divisions:

(1) Beef Cattle Housing
(2) Dairy Cattle Housing
(3) Hog Housing
(4) Sheep Housing
(5) Poultry Housing
(6) Fruit and Vegetable Storage
(7) Grain Storage
(8) Special Buildings

At the moment, however, we are under the impression that the only set of plans available pertain to Beef Cattle Housing.

Acton Scout News

By Wayne Currie

The Scouts celebrated the Christmas season by holding their annual party. We engaged in games for most of the evening.

The "jumping contest" was won by Don Emerson. Next was "O'Grady Sez". The top boys were led by George Oakes and Roger Lambert. "Matthew Mark Luke and John" was won by Don Emerson, Bob Mitchell.

The end of the evening and the food and [illegible] of All [illegible] this [illegible] pop. The extra pop was raffled off to [illegible] the [illegible].

At the end of the party the prizes were given out and a gift for pop and cuff links were presented to Scoutmaster Dave Dills to show our appreciation for the work he has put into the Scouts.

After wishing Merry Christmas we ended the meeting.

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