

FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Soil and Crop Meeting Requests Enforcement of Weed Control Act

Dr. D. N. Huntley, head of the Field Husbandry Department at the Ontario Agricultural College, in Guelph, was the special speaker at the annual meeting of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, held in Milton town hall on Wednesday of last week. Dr. Huntley spoke on crop production, dealing specifically with choice of crops in relation to present day needs; new varieties and strains of cereals and legumes, etc. The auditorium was well filled for this thought provoking address, which will ensure the speaker of another invitation to Halton in the near future.

Perhaps the highlight of the outstanding day's program, which got underway at 10.30 a.m., was the short reports from some eight local co-operators. A brief summary of these will be of interest.

"Dates of Seeding"

In this test J. H. Willmott, Milton, R.R. 1, reported sowing his small seeds (red clover and alfalfa) on winter wheat at four different dates, namely January 2, February 5, March 31 and May 1. Owing to the excellent moisture conditions which prevailed in April, May and June of 1953 all dates of seeding gave excellent results. Mr. Willmott, however, is sold on the advisability of sowing small seeds on winter wheat in the early part of the winter.

"Erosion is Serious"

Erosion is serious, was the title of the report given by Art Bennett. This was based on results obtained from a one year's research project at the O.A.C. Hydrological Station, Guelph—a station which was established in 1952 on a co-operative basis between the Departments of Agricultural Engineering and Soils.

The projects under study include: (1) measurement of soil and water losses on a 7 per cent slope; (2) collection and analysis of weather data; (3) irrigation investigations.

Some startling results have been revealed: seven tons of soil eroded from one acre in May, 1953; nine tons of soil and 16 inches of water lost from the same plot in the period May to August. This plot was seeded with oats, up and down the slope. Mr. Bennett contrasted this to another plot on the same seven per cent slope where the upper half of the plot was seeded to oats, seeded across the slope and the lower half of the plot was in hay—here there was only a trace of "water run-off" and no soil "run-off" detected. "Why the difference?" asked Mr. Bennett.

It would seem from the 1953 results that strip cropping and across the slope cultivation will do much to control soil erosion and water losses. For further details of this amazing and most interesting project, we would suggest that you secure a copy of Circular 186 at the Milton office of the Department of Agriculture. This circular is put up in a very attractive form complete with charts and pictures.

Conservation and Land Use Tour

Don Matthews, vice-president of the Halton Junior Farmers, reported on a highlight of the special course on Conservation and the Land Use Tour, sponsored by the Ontario De-

partment of Agriculture, in which he participated this past summer. Mr. Matthews dealt with a visit made to the Alfred Leatherbarrow farm at Elora.

This particular operator, with limited capital, took over a badly rundown farm in 1946. This farm, stated Mr. Matthews, is rolling and the soil type, chiefly loam sand. As a result of grassland farming, etc., the operator has been able to increase the production capacity of the farm 500 per cent. "At the time we were there," reported Don, "the farm was carrying around 50 head of beef cattle, 100 hogs, a laying flock of 1200 and 1000 pullets. Grass silage is a specialty and is fed not only to the cattle but to the poultry and market hogs." Reference was also made by Don to the farm records kept at the Leatherbarrow farm, the conveyor belt which conveys grass silage from the trench silo to the feed rack or manger in the loading barn, etc.

Stacking Grass Silage

Fred Bell of Burlington R.R. 2, reported on their experience in stacking chopped grass silage. Utilizing snow fence, he reported that after filling their upright silo, they built a stack about 22 feet in diameter and 12 feet high. Paper was used on top and agricultural limestone on top. Mr. Bell reported little spoilage on top but stated that the air had got into it rather badly on the sides and resulted in a loss of nearly one-quarter of the silage. The stack, however, carried their 60 head of Holsteins until the latter part of December and under the conditions which existed in 1953 when due to weather conditions it had been expected to make hay, the experiment had been worthwhile.

Additional reports by four other co-operators will be dealt with in a future article.

Request Enforcement of Weed Control Act

Following a review of the weed situation by Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock, the meeting unanimously passed a resolution requesting the Committee on Agriculture and Reforestation of the Halton County Council enforce the Weed Control Act in Halton County in 1954.

Panel Discussion

Chaired by J. E. Whitelock, a panel composed of Dr. D. N. Huntley, Professor N. J. Thomas, Wilfred Schneller, New Hamburg, vice-president of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, George S. Atkins and W. E. Breckon, dealt with a multiplicity of soil and crop problems. This type of program adjustment was popular with the members of the large audience who took advantage of the opportunity to "fire" questions at the panel members.

Fred Nurse Re-Elected President

The newly elected directorate for the coming year is as follows:
Past President—C. F. Pickett.
President—Fred Nurse.
Vice-President—Ross Segsworth.
Secretary-Treasurer—J. E. White-lock.

Directors:—T. J. Brownridge, John M. Bird and Robert Miller.
Nassagaweya—J. H. McPhail, Robert Hurren and W. R. G. Johnson.
Nelson—Fred Bell and W. E. Breckon.
Trafalgar—George S. Atkins, M. C. Beaty, C. H. Lawrence and J. H. Willmott.
Acton district—Calvin Aitken.

Plan for Seed Fair

At a meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors, Saturday, March 13th was selected as the date for the annual County Seed Fair. Owing to the fact that the auditorium of the Milton town hall is being used as a classroom to accommodate the overflow from the Milton public school, present plans call for exhibits being received the previous evening.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Vets Appreciate Gift of Television

Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto 12 Ont., Dec. 17, 1953.
The Editor, Acton Free Press, Acton, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Yesterday afternoon December 16, a delegation of ladies from the Auxiliary of Zone 10 Canadian Legion, presented to the patients in Sunnybrook Hospital a 21" Motorola television set. I understand the money, which was subscribed to purchase this expensive gift, came from various branches of the Canadian Legion in the district, and I just want to say how much this gift is appreciated by our hospitalized veterans. It will provide splendid entertainment for them, especially during the long winter evenings and it really has a therapeutic value from a psychological standpoint, inasmuch as it will assist greatly in keeping up the morale and spirits of these men who are still in hospital as a result of their service with the Armed Forces.

My wife also mentions that a quantity of cigarettes and chocolate bars were handed to me from the Imperial section of the Legion.

To all those kind people who extend the thanks of our patients and best wishes for Christmas and the coming year.

Yours very sincerely,
Eric C. G. Robertson,
District Recreation Supervisor.

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NASSAGAWEYA S.S. No. 7

Many Visitors Over Christmas

(Intended for last week)

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Frank and family of Brampton visited on Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant McMillan and Donna attended the candlelight service on Sunday at Edenmore where Miss Donna was guest soloist. She was a treat to hear with her lovely clear soprano.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm Chamberlain were Mr. and Mrs. W. Cox of Toronto. Butch Chamberlain returned with them and is spending the holidays with his grandparents in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hetzel had Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hetzel and family of Toronto on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Stan Robinson had the Watkins family and Mr. and Mrs. Braeken at their home for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Jos Frank of Acton had their family home for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Frank are enjoying television as a Christmas gift.

Mr. Johann Hetzel visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hetzel and grandmother, Mrs. Waltz, for the holiday.

Sympathy of the community goes to the Kennedy's in the loss of Mr. Thomas Kennedy Sr. (father) whose funeral was held on Monday last.

Visitors in the home of O. Lockier on Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. George Lockier and Lorrie of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sutton, R.R. 3 Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. E. Boynton of Midway; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lambert of Drayton; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wright and Wynne of Guelph R.R. 6, Mr. and Mrs. George Redman and family; Mr. and Mrs. John L. Lockier and family, both of Orton; Mr. John Lockier and Olga of Acton; Mr. Robinson Lockier of Eldersley, Sask.

Your correspondent wishes the editor and staff a very happy New Year.

Over the past 50 years the Canadian railways have more than doubled their miles of track.

IMEHOUSE

Holiday Features Many Visitors

Visitors during the recent holiday:

Mr. and Mrs. Lobb of Rouge Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Rose and family of Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. M. Crook.

Miss Hazel Pehl of Toronto with the Gordons.
Mr. and Mrs. M. Laur, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hall and family of Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. Hall and sons; Mr. and Mrs. A. Ford and family of Glen Williams with Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Laur.

Mr. and Mrs. Findlay Sr. and Mr. John Findlay of Toronto with the Ed. Findlay's.

Mr. Isaac Askin of Hornby with the E. Askins.
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morrow and Elaine and Mr. R. Lane at the H. Norlons.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Greenlee and daughters of Campbellville and the Ken Haws with the A. W. Hentons.

The Ralph Turner's and James Kirkpatrick's with the S. Kirkpatrick's.

Mr. D. S. McDonald and family of Guelph; the Law's of Huttonville; the Angus McDonald's and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Norrie of Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. Les Ican of Terra Cotta with the Glsby's; Lieut. R. P. and Mrs. Bourne of London and Mr. A. C. Bourne of Toronto with Lt. Col. and Mrs. Bourne.

Mr. Wm. Karn, Mr. Carl Karn and sister, Mrs. Monroe of Inglewood and the Meredith's with the E. Karn's.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ervot of Georgetown and Mr. and Mrs. James Noble with the Jack Noble's; Miss Ethel Brownridge with the P. T. C. Brown's.

Those away for Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Glynn and Peter Woodbridge, Peter remaining for a week.

The Wm. Turner's to Toronto; The W. Shelbourne's with the Fred Cox's at Hillsburgh and on

Sunday with the Roy Powell's at Lowville.
Mr. S. Wright and Miss Shirley to Toronto with the L. Wright's.
Mr. S. Wright was well enough to leave Sunnybrook hospital for the day.

The A. C. Patterson's and the Gilbert Sinclair's to Weston.
Mrs. Robert Patterson to the Russell Patterson's, Rockwood.

The Wm. Duffy's and Mrs. Kalin and children to Toronto.
The Briggs' with her aunt in Toronto.

The Gisby's to Guelph for a day.
On December 20, the A. W. Norlons and the Lorne Norlons visited in Hamilton.

The Russell Thompson's to the E. Curry's and to his brother's in Orangeville.
Mrs. H. Norton entertained about 20 little girls when she held a party for her Sunday school class at her home one evening last week.

We regret to report the deaths of Toronto of two persons well known here: Mr. R. B. Storey passed away on Monday afternoon and Mr. Nelson Lane during the night.

Poet's Corner

A LITTLE WALK AROUND YOURSELF

When you're criticizing others
And are finding here and there
A fault or two to speak of,
Or a weakness you can tear;
When you're blaming someone's
Weakness,
Or accusing some of self—
It's time that you went out
To take a walk around yourself
There are lots of human failures
In the average of us all;
And lots of grave shortcomings
In the short ones and the tall.
But when we think of evils
Men should lay upon the shelves—
It's time we all went out
To take a walk around ourselves
We need so often in this life
This balancing of scales;
This seeing how much in us wins
And how much in us fails;
But before you judge another
Just to lay him on the shelf
It would be a splendid plan
To take a walk around yourself.

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