

FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

F. E. Ellis Tour Continued
The 200 acre Lindale Farm of Maurice C. Bealy, Trafalgar Township, was the next point of call. Here too a custom outfit was assisting with the putting in of grass silage. Maurice was agreed that in order to produce the best quality feed, grasses and legumes should have been ensiled two weeks earlier. Custom outfits render a worth while service but the drawback is their inability to assist all their customers at the desired time. The horizontal silo utilized at the Lindale Farm had been lined this year with sheets of plywood, which under normal circumstances should improve the keeping qualities of the silage.

Attractive Farmstead
Like all visitors Frank Ellis was impressed by this attractive farmstead which carries between 85 and 90 of Halton's top Jerseys. Despite the busy season and the fact that we were unexpected, this farm too was neatness personified. The pastures had been clipped, the fence bottoms sprayed, the manure was all out, and lawns and borders were at their best. As we drove out the lane Frank commented, "This place gives me the impression of quiet efficiency".

Ashville Farms
On our way into Nelson Township, Frank expressed a desire to see the farm of the Pelletier's. Apparently everyone connected with agriculture knows that Dave, the youngest member of the Pelletier family, was the outstanding president of the Junior Farmers of Ontario in 1953. Frank was also aware that Ashville Farms won the premier exhibitor award in both 1952 and 1953 at Halton's outstanding Black and White Shows. This is a partnership affair, the members of the incorporated firm being George, first vice-president of the Halton Holstein Club; Joe, who is recognized as one of the best herdsmen in the county; Dave previously referred to, who has just completed his first year in the degree course at the Ontario Agricultural College; and their sister, Anne, the homemaker who also finds time to look after the pedigree and other farm records.

Top Herd Sire
No one being around the buildings we took a look through the stable and saw their junior herd sire, a grandson of Fond Hope. This two year old looks like a hot contender for the red ribbon if he shows this fall. Here again, Frank was impressed by the well kept buildings and the herd of cows, most of them daughters of their senior sire, M.G. Sovereign Ormsby, or their previous sire, a son of W.S. Hall's "Righto".

Clairdale Farm
The well kept farmstead of Gordon Sinek, president of the Halton Holstein Club, lends itself to a lovely picture and Frank wasn't to be denied. Here again the fence rows had been sprayed and the general tidiness was evident everywhere on the 150 acre farm.

Clairdale Farm is one of the few farms in Halton equipped with a mechanical stable cleaner. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why Gordon is able to keep things shipshape despite the lack of a hired man until about a week ago.

Outstanding Herd
The Holstein Herd at Clairdale is always worthy of a visit, and is in keeping with excellent crops. Gordon's daughter of Higheroft was right up to freshening and here again Frank's camera got into action.

Brock Harris Farm
On our way back to Milton, to keep a 6:00 p.m. appointment with Mrs. Ellis, we made a final and hurried call at still another of Halton's up and going concerns—

namely that of Brock Harris. Here a new 30X60 loafing shed and the recently filled pit silo came in for special attention. Brock not being home, we wandered up to the house and received a nice welcome from Mrs. Harris. The attractive lawn and home caught Frank's eye, and out came his camera for a final shot, and then on to Milton to arrive only five minutes late, after eight of Halton's good farmsteads.

4-H Calf Club Members Visit Craig Meadow and L. Coulton's
The members of Halton's three 4-H Calf Clubs held their June meetings the week of June 21st. Unfortunately our article was crowded out of last week's issue and we extend apologies. Despite the heavy thunderstorm of June 21st between 40 and 50 dairy calf club members were in attendance for the meeting at the Craig Meadow farm of Wm. G. Booth. The Craig Meadow herd is recognized as one of Halton's top Guernsey herds. A nice class of three year olds were brought out for inspection, but another shower above the group into the stable. Here Art Bennett, Associate Agricultural Representative was assisted by J. Lloyd Chisholm, who acted as official judge.

On Wednesday evening of the same week the members of Halton's 4-H Dual Purpose and Beef Clubs enjoyed the privilege of visiting perhaps Ontario's top herd of Red Polls, namely that of Leonard Coulton, Lowville. The fifteen members worked on two excellent classes made up of entries from the herds of Leonard Coulton and A. R. Coulter. T. C. Amos of Moffat, and Art Bennett were the official judges. An interesting feature at the conclusion of each Club meeting held this year, is the oral quiz on feeding, management, and kindred livestock topics, and the meetings on June 21st and 23rd were no exception. The co-operation and hospitality extended by Halton breeders and the assistance and support being extended by the Club Leaders, contributes much to the success of Halton's 4-H Club program.

Soil and Crop Leaders Plan Twilight Tour
The 1953 Twilight Tour of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association was such a success, that in response to the demand a similar type of program is being planned for July 15, states Fred Nurse, President of the Association. Many have expressed a desire to have a look at Jim McKay's renovated pasture on the flats at Malden Farm, near Hornby, which make a

nice setting for the top herd of Aberdeen Angus. The final point of call will be at the farmstead of J. H. Willmott and Son, famous for their outstanding flock of Hampshire sheep. On this occasion, however, the main point of interest will be the acre blocks of Genesee; Dawbul; Cornell; and Dawson's Golden Chaff winter wheat. Dr. Don Huntley, of the Department of Field Husbandry, is scheduled to be the special speaker.

Promotion Results At Greenock School

Promotion results at S.S. No. 8, Greenock school, have been announced by the teacher, R. Mitchell Neal.
Grade eight to grade nine—Lawrence Johnston.
Grade seven to grade eight—Donald Archibald, Kenneth Cripps, Earl Little, Fred Thompson, Brian Wardlaw.
Grade six to grade seven—Nancy Aitken, Joyce Johnston, Calvin Kay, Beverly Little.
Grade five to grade six—James Aitken, Marie Cripps, Danny Koculak, Jeannette Vos.
Grade four to grade five—Janette Kay, Thea Tryssenaar.
Grade three to grade four—Janet Aitken, Isabelle Cripps, Errol Hassall, Patsy Kay, James Little, Ronnie Little, Bill Scot.
Grades two to grade three—Gordon Alan, Sarah Cripps, Tommy Hassall, Jimmie Kay, Jon Kranendank, Murray Wallace.
Grade one to grade two—Wayne Aitken, Sandra Cripps, Cris Kranendank, Brenda Little, Glen Near, Nettie Tryssenaar, Tineke Vos.

100th BIRTHDAY OBSERVED JULY 1

Possibly the oldest living native of Esquimes is Mrs. J. S. Wilson who, on July 1st celebrated her 100th birthday in Toronto. She spent the day quietly at the home of her son-in-law and daughter Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Harrison, Islington, congratulated by her grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren and friends and neighbors. Mrs. Wilson is the former Mary McColl, youngest and last surviving member of the family of the late Hugh and Christine McColl of the 5th Line, Esquimes, early settlers in the Scotch Block. Her husband, the late J. S. Wilson of Burlington, was a county road superintendent.

BARN RAISING IN NASSAGAWEYA PROVIDES LINK WITH EARLIER EVENTS

(Intended for last week)

Canada, Ontario and rural Halton still display, on occasions, that spirit of banding together to accomplish good. From the records of early development of Halton the clearing of land, the building of barns and the threshing of crops were occasions of groups in an area working together for the common good.

In particular barn raisings were an event looked forward to and as in the case of threshings, hard work and good food were common. It doesn't seem there have been many barn raisings in this part of the country for some time and no doubt that has a tendency to leave a void in the framework of rural Halton.

Barn raisings being as seldom as they are, the raising of a barn on the farm of Walter Freeman just north of Brookville last week provided an interesting glimpse at this type of event.

Framed By Sundown
About 40 gathered for the raising and work began about 10 a.m. in the morning. By sundown the barn was framed and the timbers formed a substantial silhouette as the workers descended from the topmost beams to see the results of their combined volunteer efforts.

This barn raising was done by the block and tackle method, a relatively modern method. A high pole was erected with block and tackle attached and beams were raised to workers up above who swung the joists into place. M. J. Carton, a veteran of many barn raisings and one of the oldest present for the event last Wednesday recalled that barn raisings used to be one of the highlights in rural areas. He explained that before the barn raising the farmer and carpenters in charge of the operation attempted to have the floor ready before a date was set for the raising. As many as 120 from the district might be present for the raising and when the frame was ready, two teams would be chosen. At the word from the carpenter in charge, the race was on. Which team could raise their part the fastest?

Battle for Advantage
Stealing opposing teams' ropes starting before the word was given and harsh words were often the result as the two teams battled for the advantages and victory.

But with the barn up, preparations were made for a dance and many of them lasted until 4 a.m. the next morning. Raising a barn

was an event to be remembered. Gathering the timbers for a barn raising was always a preliminary task and in more distant years, pine was always sought. In more recent times various other types of timber have been used depending on what is available. The trees would be felled and hewing the trees into square timbers was a job that was done with great skill. Employing a broad axe and wedges, the job would often be as smooth as if it were planned.

Farm Women
No place is better known for its food than rural Halton. And barn raisings of the past provided, as did threshings, opportunities for the farm women to do their share toward the success of the event. Satisfying 40 or 120 hungry men is a task. But at raising of Freeman's barn none went hungry and the tradition of rural Halton is maintained.

As timbers and joists were lifted into place on Wednesday at the farm of Walter Freeman the swarm of men on the high framework and on the ground was a further testimony that rural Halton can still band together to accomplish good by propagating the spirit of neighborliness.

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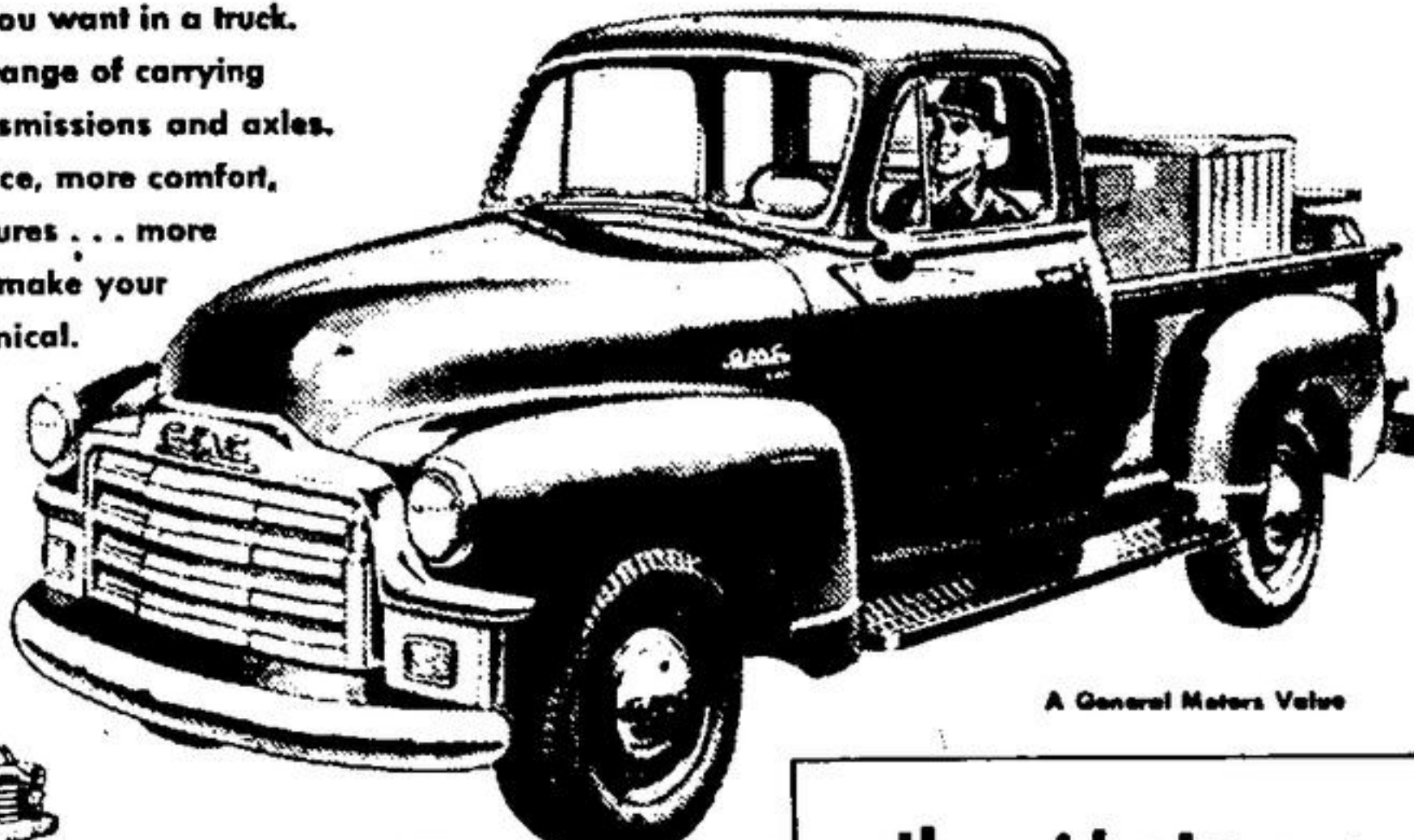
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Important New Legislation respecting ELEVATORS and LIFTS

I wish to bring to attention that The Elevators and Lifts Act, 1953, came into force on June 17, 1954. Under this legislation, in Ontario the owner of an elevator, dumb-waiter, escalator, manlift or incline lift must obtain an annual licence to operate the elevator or lift.

The legislation further provides that only a person who holds a certificate of competency issued under the Act may make inspections of these installations in Ontario. In addition, contractors who construct, install, repair, or maintain elevators or lifts, etc., may now only carry on business in Ontario if they are registered under the Act.

In order to comply with the legislation—
Any person employed by an insurer to make inspections must make application immediately for a certificate of competency.

OWNERS of elevators, dumb-waiters, escalators, manlifts or incline lifts must make application immediately for licence to operate their installations.
CONTRACTORS must make application immediately for annual registration.

Charles Daley
Minister

Licences and certificates of competency for the period ending December 31, 1954, are now available, and enquiries and requests for application forms should be directed to the Chief Inspector, Elevator Inspection Branch, Department of Labour, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ontario.

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