

FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Holstein and Jersey Clubs Enter Herds for C.N.E.

Halton will again be well represented in the Holstein and Jersey Breed Shows at the 1954 Canadian National Exhibition. In addition to the individual classes, Halton will have and entry in the Holstein County Herd Class and also in that of the Jersey County herd. In 1953 Halton placed second in both of these herd classes and Halton breeders are out to at least maintain their standing when the ribbons are being handed out at the Exhibition early in September. While we were penning this article there seemed to be some uncertainty as to whether or not the Halton and Peel Guernsey Club would make an entry this year.

Milton Prize Lists Available

Prize lists for the Halton Guernsey, Holstein and Jersey Shows at Milton in September are now available on request at the Milton Office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. The same is also true in the case of the Special Junior Farmer and 4-H Club Section, which this year is to be housed in the new building just completed on the Milton Fairgrounds.

Recommended Fertilizers for Fall Sown Wheat

The Seed Marketing and Publicity Committee of the Soil and Crop Improvement Association recently suggested the following minimum prices for the fall of 1954: Winter Wheat—No. 1 Seed, \$1.80 per bushel; Winter Wheat—Reg. 1 Seed, \$2.00 per bushel; Winter Wheat—Reg. 1 Genesee, \$2.15 per bushel; Rye—No. 1 Seed, \$1.40 per bushel.

These prices are recommended for retail sales f.o.b. farm or shipping point, bags included and treated.

This year, all wheat in order to be eligible for registration, must have a clean reading for Dwarf Bunt, both in field inspection and in a microscopic test of the sample. To date there is no known treatment for Dwarf Bunt—furthermore, once introduced into a field, the organism is carried over in the soil. As yet, we have not heard of any Dwarf Bunt being found in Halton.

In addition to Dwarf Bunt, there are the other two types of smut, namely, Loose Smut and Stinking Smut or Bunt. All farmers are, of course, familiar with the latter type, namely Stinking Smut or Bunt, which in the days of inside threshing, on occasions, made the job of threshing a real headache.

Fortunately the treatment with one of the mercuric dusts or liquids will control this and no one should sow seed without treatment. In the case of loose smut, there is a hot water treatment but this is not very practical and consequently the solution is to sow seed free of the disease.

Fortunately the newer varieties,

namely, Cornell, Dawbul and Genesee are all resistant to the disease.

All Good Varieties

Dr. Don Huntley, head of the Department of Field Husbandry, Ontario Agricultural College, when addressing the large group which took in the twilight tour held in mid July, to Dr. Wm. James and J. H. Willmott and Son farms, stated "There is not too much difference between Cornell 385, Dawbul and Genesee varieties and I have no hesitation in recommending all three."

Excellent Meeting at Malden Farm

Halton's 4-H Beef and Dual Purpose Calf Club members met on Thursday evening of last week at Malden Farm, where the popular manager, Jim McKay, brought out two excellent classes of Aberdeen Angus. Art Bennett, Associate Agricultural Representative, assisted by club leaders Sandy Buchanan and John Willmott, were in charge of the programme.

Interested visitors included Harold White, Secretary of the Canadian Shorthorn Breeders' Association, and Bob Kohler, well-known Angus breeder of Meadowvale. Lynne Coulter capably expressed the appreciation of his fellow club members to the McKays and through them to Dr. Wm. James, owner of Malden Farm.

Army Worm Damage Not Serious To Date in Halton

At the end of last week no very serious damage had been done by

the Army Worms in Halton. A few farmers found it advisable to use the poison bran bait.

Bruce Reid of Norval, one of those who had a badly infested field, reports plenty of dead worms the day following the broadcasting of the bait. When visited this past week the danger of further damage appeared to be past.

The majority of the fields of spring grain are now too mature to be very attractive to the Army Worm.

In our opinion corn fields should be watched carefully. In most cases the Army Worm hides in the day time and does most of his work and travelling after sun down. In the case of corn fields, which adjoin badly infested grain fields, it might be advisable to plow a furrow through the corn field and disperse the poison bait in the furrow. Incidentally, fresh bait should be put out every second day at least. Once Army Worms get into a corn field, poison bait is not very effective and it is a question of using a D.D.T. dust or spray and this is more costly and difficult to apply.

However, it is now at least two weeks since the Army Worm outbreak and if the critters behave in a normal fashion it is about time for them to go into the pupa stage.

Esqueusing Council Rents Three-Acre Public Dump Area

Rental of a public garbage dump from Joseph McDonald for a period of five years, at a rental of \$100 per year with allowance for right of way in the three-acre area, was approved by Esqueusing township council at a regular meeting last week in Stewartstown.

The treasurer was instructed to pay the following account and charge it to Esqueusing Fire Area No. 1: Arthur Scott Builders Ltd., gas etc., \$10.00. The following accounts were also ordered paid: Horace Bell, 1 sheep injured had to be destroyed, \$20.00; A. N. Stark, Valuator 1 trip, 4.00; fence viewers called by Mrs. Edna Cook June 21, R. W. Cunningham 4.00; Clarence Anderson, 4.00; Harry F. Bessey, 4.00; Bell Telephone Co. services TR7-2041 \$7.90, TR7-2919 \$4.00-11.90; A. W. Benton stamps \$5.00 Registry Office June, \$2.48; Georgetown Herald, Ad. re trailer By-Law, \$15.00. The treasurer was instructed to pay the following accounts and charge them to Acton Fire Area No. 2: Bickle Seagrave Ltd., Equipment, \$2,259.29; Town of Acton, Insurance on equipment, \$3.90; Town of Acton (chargeable to Georgetown area), Fire at S. G. Bennett's \$50.00.

Road accounts as presented by

the road superintendent of \$2,942.57 were ordered paid.

A by-law to borrow \$20,000 upon the security of the debentures to be issued under by-law No. 9-54 was read and passed. A by-law to empower the Clerk to issue hunting licenses and charge fees was also read and passed.

A by-law to borrow \$30,000 upon the credit of the corporation was read and passed.

At a special meeting previous to the August session, the tender of Percy M. Finnigan for constructing culverts in Esqueusing was accepted subject to the approval of the Department of Highways. The Clerk was instructed to return the cheques of the unsuccessful tenderers.

Style note: There are more wearers of tartan in British Columbia than in any other province, in fact more than in Scotland.

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