

FALL FAIR QUIZ

Congratulations to the Lucky Winners!
The correct answer was 517 traffic fatalities in Ontario Jan. 1-July 31, 1954

PRIZE WINNERS: 1st—517—Mrs. Elwood Johnston, R.R. 3, Acton; 2nd—516—Mrs. N. Kent, R.R. 3, Elora; 3rd—519—Mrs. Haines Root, R.R. 2, Orton.

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E. G. TYLER, Mayor

Halton's Pages of the Past

Five Agricultural Societies Organized in Halton In 1853; Now Fall Fairs in Only Three Towns

by GWEN CLARKE

Before this column gets into print Acton will have held its 42nd Annual Fair, Milton follows immediately after with Georgetown coming up the following week. Milton, Acton and Georgetown are now the only fall fairs held in the County of Halton and each draws a good crowd. Previously, by a system of rotation, township fairs were held in various locations — Brookville, Burlington, Oakville and so on.

Local fairs have always held a very definite place in the history of the county but, unfortunately, our findings are far from complete. Any additional information from readers would be greatly appreciated.

Start Societies Early
Upper Canada was but sparsely settled when the early immigrants first began organizing Agricultural Societies. However, very few societies were actually underway until after 1830 although one was formed in Niagara as early as 1783. The highlight of all agricultural societies was the fall fair and in the early days was often the settlers' only social contact with the outside world. In addition to fall fairs many of these societies held a horse show and a spring ploughing match. In this regard Halton was no exception.

Halton Agricultural Society was organized in 1853, as were the four township societies of Esquesing, Nassagaweya, Nelson and Trafalgar, five shows being held each year. The first minute book in connection with the Milton Fair has been lost; the present record goes back only to



FAIR ATTENDANCE VETERANS, T. J. Chisholm, Hornby, and David Featherston, Drumquin, are seen in the above picture wearing the membership jewels awarded to them for attendance at the Milton Fair for 50 consecutive years. Also in the group, reading from left to right, are the following: back row, Henry Wilson, George Wilson, John Blacklock, Dr. Carbert. Middle row, Tom Graham, Mr. McCann, George Gastle, Henry Peacock, William Scott, Henry Peacock, William Turner. Front row, Archibald McGibbon, Jim Wilson, J. J. Wilson, Mathew Dice and R. J. Campbell.

1871. However, from the Centennial Prize List we learn that Milton's first Show was held in "the Farmer's Market" just behind the present post office.

Exhibits shown were livestock, grain, poultry and merchandise from local stores and industries. In an old frame workshop on Martin Street the farm women proudly displayed their butter, homemade bread, preserves, eggs and dressed poultry. There were also numerous classes in handicraft which included entries from local tailors and shoemakers.

Officers of 1853 Society
Heavy horses were shown on Main Street; light horses and roadsters trotted up and down the First Line, Trafalgar, to Lot 15 and back. The officers of the 1853 Halton Agricultural Society were as follows: president, Thomas Douglas;

vice-presidents, Wm. Barker and D. R. Springer; secretary-treasurer, Samuel Black.

In 1864 the Milton Driving Park Association and the Racing Committee purchased eight acres of land, which is part of the present fair grounds. The Agricultural Society built a hall at a cost of \$2,300. Ten years later this was enlarged. In 1885 members of the society were so well satisfied with the work of the building committee that all were re-elected and the secretary, W. A. Bealy, was presented with a gold watch and chain. Some years later this first hall was burnt down. A second hall was built in the centre of the grounds.

Every spring there was a special show of stallions. There were many fine horses in the county in those days and the society was justly proud of its fine showing of stallions. There was also a spring ploughing match each year—a fact which has been more or less forgotten although Mr. John Coulson, 7th Line, Esquesing, tells us that he can well remember attending these ploughing matches as a young lad.

Ploughing Committee
In March, 1871, we find the following committee appointed to select ground for a ploughing match that same spring—J. Brownridge, J. C. McKindsey, C. P. Preston and the secretary. And it was moved by Joshua Norris and C. P. Preston that the Spring Show of horses and the Ploughing Match be held April 21. A committee to ensure that rules were carried out was H. Zimmer-

man, Dr. Buck and President J. Menzies. Rules were as follows—"that the first prize ploughman be not allowed to leave their plough to arrange the furrows after the ridge is set, nor to set up the furrows with his hands."

At a meeting of the Board in 1883 we find the following motion "Moved by A. Waidie, seconded by H. Aikens, that there be no ploughing match held this year." Apparently from that date the spring ploughing match was discontinued.

In 1912 the acreage of the Fair grounds was increased by seven acres and in 1951 six more acres added. Since that time two quonset halls have been erected and the track and parking space considerably improved.

In 1913 the Nassagaweya Society decided to disband and join the Halton Board on condition that the township have at least three members on the County Board each year. This was agreed to and carried out ever since.

Honor Two Members
In 1914 the Canadian Champion carried the following news item: "Two veteran members of the Halton Agricultural Society, Messrs. T. J. Chisholm of Hornby and David Featherston of Drumquin, were honored by the Society last Saturday. Both gentlemen have been members since the organization of the Society since 1853. When the first fair was held both attended. Mr. Featherston missed only once, shortly after he had been burnt out. "The only reason Mr. Featherston was unable to go was because his 'good' clothes were burnt in the fire, leaving him with only the clothes he stood up in."

"Messrs. Chisholm and Featherston not only have this remarkable attendance record but both have rendered it valuable service. In recognition of this both have been made honorary members and at the Court House on Saturday, in the presence of a number of directors, president J. J. Wilson presented each with a handsome life-membership jewel with a complimentary address, after which all sat for a group photograph and dined together at the McGibbon Hotel."

Driven in First Auto
It is also worthy of note that the two gentlemen honored that day were driven to and from the McGibbon Hotel in George Gastle's first automobile which he had acquired that week and which was naturally the talk of the town. Incidentally although it was not realized at the time, Mr. Gastle's father, George Gastle, Senior, had also attended Milton Fair since the first show in 1853. We have also been given the information that Mr. George Bell, formerly of Nelson Township, attended the first fair when he was 13 years old. Mr. Bell is now 94 and lives on the Guelph Road, and with the exception of one year, he has attended every Milton Fair since that date. Two years ago Mr. Bell had a bad cold and was persuaded, against his will, to stay at home. But last year he was back again and hopes to put in an appearance in 1954.

Milton's grand old man, Mr. George Hemmestree, now 101 years old also has a very fine record for faithful attendance at the Milton Fair.

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Earnest Search
Yonkers, N.Y. (AP)—Five Indian children, ranging from four to 12 years, walked about 10 miles in hopes of recovering a toy one of them thought she had left on a farm some years before. After they had been missing for a day a search party was organized and they were found.

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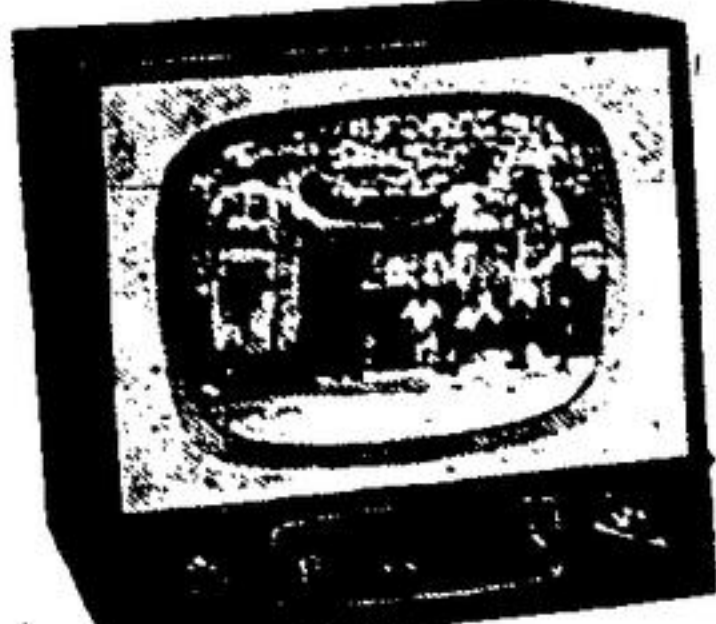
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