

FARM NEWS

FORUMS PRAISE THREE LOCAL FAIRS QUESTION SOME MIDWAY TACTICS

(Intended for last week)

With the holiday season over, the Farm Forum groups met for their first 1955 meeting, January 10. Judging from reports received, the subject under discussion, Agricultural Fairs, was very interesting and worth-while conclusions reached.

There are three Agricultural fairs in Halton and the majority agreed these were quite satisfactory, especially the County Fair, where there is keen competition in all dairy breeds and other livestock. This is good advertising for the farmers.

As in everything else, there is always room for improvement. Some suggestions made by the forums were, more and better exhibitions; prohibit the showing of entries such as fancy work, sewing and seed grain, etc., more than one year.

All the groups approved the work of 4-H Club members and suggested more stress on this section in this way young people learn to take an interest in good livestock and better agricultural products and as a result better farming is encouraged.

The part the midway plays in local fairs was considered. All groups felt that the midway has its place as some entertainment is necessary, especially for the younger generation. However, the majority agreed there are too many questionable tactics used and felt gambling games should be eliminated. Some suggested local organizations might have some form of entertainment on the midway.



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Seed Fair and Bacon Show is Planned

Directorates of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, and the Halton Hog Producers' Association, meeting on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively, of last week, made plans to sponsor a County Seed Fair and Bacon Show. The event scheduled for the Milton Town Hall late in March.

This will be the 20th annual seed fair for Halton, and over the years has been one of the popular annual farm meetings, states E. Ross Segworth, president of the Hog Producers' Association. We learned that they hope in addition to the usual inter-township competitive bacon display, to arrange a cutting demonstration. This educational feature has much of interest, and in addition, prizes conclusively the increased value of an "A" hog over lower grades.

Junior Farmers Co-operate
This is a truly co-operative effort because we understand from Don Matthews, president of Halton Junior Farmers, that his organization too will have their usual interesting section. This will include, in addition to educational displays, special classes open to Junior Farmers and 4-H Club Members, plus a special Judging Competition in grain, seeds, etc.

As in former years, only those with seed for sale are eligible to make entry and furthermore exhibitors must be prepared to deliver the same quality of seed as they exhibit. In short, the Halton show is one of the very few seed fairs in Ontario which is operated on a purely commercial basis and not from a show window aspect.

Grass Silage Feed Is Reduced By Use of Concentrate

The address of Alfred Leatherbarrow, at the annual meeting of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, certainly created plenty of discussion among farm folk. Last Friday, at the annual meeting of the Milton District Horticultural Society, we overheard four or five questioning the idea of feeding grass silage to poultry.

"It can't help but hurt the quality of the eggs," stated one — the others seemed to be in general agreement. Those were my thoughts too, when we first heard Mr. Leatherbarrow speak on the matter, two years ago.

Brock Harris Reports
There was also some discussion on Alfred Leatherbarrow's address at the meeting of the Soil and Crop directorate a few days ago. We were therefore very much interested to hear Brock Harris, progressive young Lowville district farmer say, "Well his idea on grass silage to poultry pays off anyway." Further conversation revealed that immediately following the Soil and Crop annual on December 29, Brock started in to feed some grass silage to his poultry.

Mr. Harris has a laying flock of 502, and some 62 cockerels in addition. He reports feeding the flock of 560 or 570, two hampers of grass silage daily. Previously the flock was consuming between ten and eleven hundred pounds weekly of 18% breeder laying mash. Today he informed us that since starting the grass silage, the consumption of laying mash has dropped two bags weekly.

With breeder laying mash costing \$4.65 per bag, that means a saving of between \$9.00 and \$10.00 weekly in the poultry feed bill. In these days of the cost prize squeeze, that is a sizable item. Brock further reports no change in production, nor in so far as he can determine, in egg quality. "I'll know more about it when my grass silage runs out about the middle of February," said Brock, as we concluded the discussion.

In Farm Business Which Link is Weak

The above caption was the title of what we considered an excellent exhibit in the Farm Business Section of the recent Royal Winter Fair Exhibit, sponsored by the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

In the display were six large links, and the idea behind the pic-

From Halton's Farm Lands

First display was this, while each link is important it must be integrated correctly, with all the other links to balance the farm operation.

In these days of lower returns for most farm products and with considerable less possibility of reducing expenditures than was the case in the 1930's we believe, that farmers generally, in 1955, would do well to consider where their weakest link is. A searching and frank appraisal of (a) Size of Business; (b) Use of Investment; (c) Use of Labour; (d) Yield of Crops; (e) Production of Livestock; and (f) Combination of Enterprises, may assist the farm operator in pin-pointing the weakness, and strengths of his own business.

Size of Business
In an Ontario farm study of 1953, it was found that as tillable acres expanded the operators earnings substantially increased.

Tillable Acres per Farm	Operator's Earnings
85	\$804.
111	\$1104.
132	\$2073.

Use of Investment
Here is the approximate capital distribution of a group of mixed livestock farms in Ontario in 1953.

Land & Buildings	\$14,000, or 50%
Livestock	\$8,400, or 30%
Equipment (depreciated)	\$3,360, or 12%
Feed & Supplies	\$2,240, or 8%
	\$28,000, or 100%

Use of Labour
On mixed livestock farms where choring is important, and improvement expense saving of ten minutes per day, is worth up to \$45.00, if you hire labour at .75 cents per hour.

Yield of Crops
Compare your yields with County average (see Statistics of Ontario). If you are low, check crops for:

1. Crops suited to Soil.
2. Soil Fertility.
3. Weeds and Insects.
4. Moisture Control.

Production of Livestock
Your objective should be:

- 7 Cows producing at least 3 cans daily; a thousand pound steer in 18 months; an average of 10 pigs per litter.

Combination of Enterprises
Recommended—2 or 3 enterprises suited to soil—each more than 20% of income.

Favorable—a singled good enterprise.

We understand the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association is planning to sponsor some township meetings on this important and extremely interesting subject.

Outstanding Cow Produces Records

Just a few days ago we heard an interesting story from Frank

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 28th

2 p.m.

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Roy Currie, President Mrs. G. E. Readhead, Secretary

W. Chisholm, Dairy Herd Improvement Supervisor. Frank reports that in one of his herds, namely that of C.H. Wrigglesworth, of Hornby, there is a grade daughter of Loretta Texal Antony.

In her first three lactations on 305 day, two time milking, she has produced a total of 37,927 pounds of milk and 1,802 lbs. of butter fat. The records in question were as follows: 2 yr. old, 11,330 lbs. milk, 384 lbs. B.F.; 3 yr. old, 12,048 lbs. milk, 409 lbs. B.F.; 4 yr. old, 14,549 lbs. milk, 508 lbs. B.F.

She is now in as a five year old, and to date has given birth to seven calves—two bulls and five heifers. Frank further reports that this Antony daughter tapes slightly over 1,500 lbs.

YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING FARMING BIG PROBLEM TODAY, FORUMS AGREE

Bringing up the farm family, an other topic of interest and importance, was discussed in farm forum groups January 17. All Halton forums reported a good attendance and animated discussions.

The groups agreed that there is considerable difference in rural family life today and 25 years ago. Some differences mentioned were better facilities for travel; more freedom in recreation, better educational opportunities, more money to spend and lack of strict discipline as in former years. Some forums think there is not the same sociability among neighbors; all parties are now held in public places rather than in homes.

Important problems to be faced in bringing up farm families today were discussed. Many mentioned the task of keeping young people interested and contented. With farmers' incomes so low compared to those of many engaged in other industries, there is a tendency for young people to seek employment away from home. Educational facilities are a big problem with lack of capable teachers.

Co-operation in family living, sharing responsibility, discussing mutual problems together and most

important, attending church as a family group, would help solve some of the problems in family life today. The community may help by interesting the young people in local activities, 4-H clubs and church work.

The ptarmigan, a species of grouse, is the only game bird that remains in Canada's far north through the winter.

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