



FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Elect H. Armstrong Halton Agricultural Society President

The 10th Annual Meeting of the Halton Agricultural Society was held in the Court House, Milton, on Friday afternoon of last week. It seemed to be the general consensus at this well attended meeting that the 1954 Fair was the best all round fair ever held by the Halton Agricultural Society.

President Roy Currie, secretary Mrs. Geo. Rakhod, the Ladies' Committee headed by Mrs. F. W. Chisholm, and general manager J. Allan Dixon, and Hall Superintendent Tom Rousfield, all came in for special mention. Notwithstanding the fact that recent years have seen a tremendous number of improvements made at the county show grounds, plans are under way to make 1955 a "paint-up" year and also provide still better accommodation for spectators and exhibitors.

As in former years the Milton Fair will be held on the last Friday and Saturday in September. The newly elected officers and directors are as follows: President, Howard Armstrong, 1st vice president, Tom Rousfield, 2nd vice president, Frank W. Chisholm, secretary, Mrs. Geo. Rakhod, General Manager, J. Allan Dixon, Treasurer, Tratalgar, E. J. Douglas, W. N. Scott, Executive, Roy Currie, Edwin Harrop, N. S. Sawyers, J. J. Chisholm, Harvey Blaklock, and E. McLean, Nelson, A. R. Coulter, A. C. Hadfield, Arthur McKinnon, and W. K. Shields, Milton, W. G. Cooney, J. E. Brownridge, and Dr. C. H. Redden. Ladies' Society president Mrs. F. W. Chisholm, secretary Mrs. A. E. Ford, Committee Chairman, Domestic, Mrs. Roy Currie, Ladies' Work, Mrs. T. Bousfield, Women's Institute, Mrs. E. E. Yates, Flowers, Mrs. Wm. G. Smith, Arts and Crafts, Miss Vera May, Children's Work, Mrs. J. E. Brownridge.

Soil, Crop Annual Is Largely Attended

Perhaps the most popular farm convention held in Toronto at this season of the year is by the Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association, held in conjunction with the "Ontario" Show in the Coliseum, Toronto, from Tuesday to Friday inclusive, of last week.

It would be impossible to reproduce or even touch on the highlights of this outstanding program. We were particularly impressed with the practical address of Dr. W. E. Russell, of Guelph, on "Grass & Legume Combinations To Meet The Needs of the Ontario Farmer". Priced to 1935 most farmers depended almost entirely on a mixture of Red Clover and Timothy, or Alfalfa, Red Clover, and Timothy. However, in recent years the trend has been to the inclusion of more grasses. This procedure has resulted in increased yields of hay and pasture per acre.

Alfalfa Pays Off Now that we have had more ex-

perience with these mixtures, and in particular with the various grasses and legumes, and their combinations, the tendency is to simplify the various seed mixtures. While the additional acres do improve the mixtures from a pasture standpoint, on the other hand they do not always pay off in the percentage of legumes in the hay. Personally, we feel that we would be wise to step-up a bit the amount of Alfalfa seed we have been sowing in our mixtures. It was evident last summer in the drought period that Alfalfa really pays off in so far as we could depend on the only farmer who has been sowing a fair percentage of Alfalfa. We were therefore glad to note that Dr. Russell and other speakers, crop workers, have stepped up the amount of Alfalfa in their hay and pasture mixtures.

Alfalfa, Red Clover Scarce and Costly

Perhaps this is a bad year to talk about increasing the amount of Alfalfa seed in your seed mixtures next spring. Certainly with money in shorter supply and with Alfalfa and Red Clover selling at greatly increased prices, a lot of farmers will be doing a bit of thinking. This may be a good time to remember that old proverb "A penny wise and a pound foolish". We should not forget that hay and pasture are our most valuable crops in this area. The quality and quantity of our hay and pasture crops

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Marketing Program For Farmers' Good

An actively marketing program for livestock under producer controlled marketing boards would benefit farmers, as more stable prices would be maintained if farmers gave it whole hearted support and regulations were strictly enforced. This was the opinion expressed by the majority of Halton county farm forums which reported on the topic, Producer Market.

4,000 Pound Cow Given Certificate

Bred and owned by Maurice C. Hoyle of Milton, the Jersey cow, T. D. Dracoina Countess has just been awarded a 4,000 lb. certificate. In 8 lactations she has produced 40,205 lbs. of milk, and 4,167 lbs. of fat. "Countess" is a daughter of the superior sire Brampton Dracoina Royal.

Holsteins to Spain Not Toreador-Feed

A shipment of eight bulls left Canada for Spain on January 18th. These were not fighting bulls for the ring, but sturdy hard Holstein bulls designed to improve the quality of Spanish dairy cows. It was the first shipment of Holsteins from Canada to Spain. The bulls were purchased by the Ministry of Agriculture of Madrid for use in the official breeding units of that country. Analysis of these bulls are among the top ones in the Canadian artificial breeding units.

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Accompanying the cattle on the boatman to the ocean flight was Michael Motion of Oakville, Ont. Though his father was a former Inspector of the R.C.M.P., this was Mike's first flight. The round trip would cover some 25,000 miles as the plane would go on from Spain and Italy to India to pick up a load of monkeys to be brought back to the U.S.A.

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