

FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Agricultural Committee Inspects Farm Woodlots In Nassagaweya

It was our privilege to accompany the agricultural committee and other members of county council on their annual tour of Halton woodlots on Tuesday afternoon of last week. The party under the joint leadership of C. R. Groves, Zone Forester, and Reeve A. R. Service, visited six of the 12 different tracts which go to make up a total acreage of 1282 acres in Halton County forests.

The first area visited was the 119 acre block known as the Guelph Junction Tract. Planting started here in 1946 and the earlier plantings of pine have made excellent growth. This is the tract where a fire broke out earlier in the year. Fortunately, the fire did not get into the older plantings. True, it means replanting quite an area and should be a warning to picknickers and berry pickers not to drop lit matches, cigars or cigarette butts in such areas. Areas which did not receive a recent shower are veritable tinder boxes at the moment.

Sell Christmas Trees
We also took a brief look at the Lakins tract where planting started four or five years ago. It takes about this length of time for the trees to get really established. From that time on, growth is rapid.

The next tract visited was the Elliott tract, which again is one of the more recent plantings. Perhaps the highlight of the various tracts visited is the Finney tract, on the Sixth line of Nassagaweya—a 50 acre block, planted around 10 years ago. According to Mr. Groves, approximately \$1000 worth of Christmas trees have already been sold from this forest—in short, the trees have grown to the point where thinning is necessary in order for the remaining trees to develop properly.

The final call was at the 400-acre Britton tract—we were there when the thunderstorm hit, and what a drenching some of us got. After the hot, dry spell no one regretted the soaking. In another 10 years Halton will be proud of their county forests—real credit to the foresight of those who have served on the committee on Agriculture and Reforestation for Halton County over the past 16 years.

Beaver Dam Dry
We were surprised to find, when visiting the various woodlots, that the large body of water created by the beaver is all gone. Unfortunately, the rain storm prevented a thorough investigation. It may be the result of the dry season, but we can't help but wonder if some misguided individual has destroyed some of the dams. True, they will be replaced but in the meantime the area looks rather desolate, to say the least—and perchance it may be why some of our Halton wells are getting low.

D.P. Shorthorn Breeders Hold Twilight Meeting

The Joe Bentley homestead near Trafalgar, proved an ideal site for the first twilight meeting staged by the newly organized Halton and Peel District Dual Purpose Shorthorn Breeder's Club. A group of some 40 were on hand for the excellent program staged under the direction of president Clarence Peacock.

Seldom has a club been more fortunate in its choice of program. Few breeders in Ontario have a better knowledge of Dual Purpose Shorthorn type and how to fit and show than T. C. Amos of Amoslea Farm at Moffat. Needless to add, the genial Tom was in usual good form and delighted his audience with his discussion type and hints on showing.

The speaker of the evening, Jim Gibson, of Hillside Farm, Caledonia, is of course the active member of the old established firm of D. Z. Gibson and Son, who have been breeding Dual Purpose Shorthorns for many many years. Jim gave a fund of worthwhile information pertaining to the production of high quality beef; the merits of the Dual Purpose Shorthorns as revealed by

the Advanced Registry Beef Testing Station at the O.A.C., etc. The hospitality extended by Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, rounded out an outstanding and enjoyable evening's program.

Since the Milton Fair moved into Class B circles some five or six years ago, the special Junior Farmer Section has been one of the outstanding features of the County Fair. When C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, visited the Milton Fair in 1954, after a lapse of several years, he expressed amazement at the many developments which have taken place.

"Your Junior Farmer Section including the 4-H Club displays, is just about the best I have seen in the province," stated Mr. Graham. In order, that the 1955 exhibit may be "bigger and better" than ever, an enthusiastic group of junior and senior leaders met in the Farmers' Building, Milton, on Thursday evening of last week. Finlay Stewart, of the Canada Department of Agriculture, whose department makes a substantial grant to the Junior Section, addressed the meeting briefly. The 1955 prize list was drafted, and other plans made. Those who will head up the Junior Farmer section this year are as follows:

Chairman: John W. Pickett; vice chairman: Miss Jean Peterson. Committee: Freda McFadden, Joan Wrigglesworth, Helen Vivian, Kathleen Stanley, Bruce Bawden, Herb Wilson, Robert Marshall, and Bill Somerville.

Ex-official members of Committee: W. S. McMullen, Canada Department of Agriculture; Mrs. Mabel Borgstrom, Home Economist; Mrs. Delbert Dower; A. T. Woodley; Art Bennett; J. E. Whitelock.

Get Trees Now At Department

Each year we have quite a number of folk contact us during the winter and early spring, with a view to ordering trees. Unfortunately, many of these folk were unable to secure their requirements this past spring.

If you want trees for planting in the spring of 1956, now is the time to get your applications in to the Department of Lands and Forests. The Agricultural Office in Milton has a supply of application forms on hand.

Fred Nurse Tops Wheat Growers

Word has just been received from Mrs. G. E. Readhead, secretary of the Halton Agricultural Society, of the awards made in the Field Crop Competition in Winter Wheat, which was sponsored by the Milton society. The fields were scored last week by E. H. Wood of Hamilton, and the awards were as follows:

First: Fred Nurse, Ashgrove; second: F. O. Hunter, Norval; third: Ross Segsworth, Burlington; fourth: M. C. Beatty, Milton; fifth: John M. Bird, Ashgrove; sixth: Ernest Pell, Omagh; seventh: Lorne Laing, Milton; eighth: Harvey Nurse, Ashgrove; ninth: Mac Alexander, Norval; tenth: M. T. McNabb and Sons, Georgetown.

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View Expansion For Municipal Building

Architect R. W. Hall, Brampton, presented initial suggestions for extension of the Georgetown municipal building to council recently.

The plan would call for reorganizing the present space to enlarge the clerk's office, provide an office for the engineer, a new council chamber and a new police office. There would be a 24 ft. addition at the rear of the building.

Burlington Host To U.S. Guides

A full program of activities was enjoyed by 13 Girl Scouts from the United States and their leaders, who were visitors in Burlington recently. Upon arriving with their three leaders, the girls enjoyed a swim in Lake Ontario, returning in Trefoil Lodge for supper. Burlington Guides accompanied them on a shopping tour before taps for the night.

The next day, Miss Nina Edwards conducted the visitors on a sight-seeing tour of historical sites. On their return to Burlington, the girls prepared their own supper at Trefoil Lodge and were joined by some of the Burlington girls for movies shown by their leader.

Reconsider Cemetery R. Cumberland Asks

R. C. A. Cumberland asked Trafalgar council to reconsider his earlier proposal for a privately owned, 68-acre cemetery on land belonging to Dan Wilson, Lakeshore Highway West.

"The Oakville cemeteries are filling up rapidly and Bronte has also need of more cemetery space," said Mr. Cumberland. "I believe it's an ideal spot with access to the Lakeshore Highway and the Radial Road. There is a definite need for a cemetery and I would ask council to consider rezoning the land."

"I suggest this matter go before the Trafalgar Planning Board for consideration and that the Board set up a committee to deal with the question," said deputy-reeve Donald Bath.

Township clerk Sheldon Featherstone said that the municipality had acquired no land for a cemetery and that Mr. Cumberland had just suggested a site, if it were obtainable.

Planning Board secretary Dan Ghishalm said recently that the committee set up by Oakville, Trafalgar and Bronte to consider joint ownership of a cemetery was "very inactive."

Streetsville To Make Application To Annex 1,500 Acres To Village

Application will be made to the Ontario Municipal Board for permission for Streetsville to annex a total of 1,500 acres of land at the north, south, east and west of the village, it was decided at a special meeting of council. The necessary by-law has been approved by council and would "square" off the village, according to Reeve William Arch.

It is proposed to take in almost to the Meadowdale side road on the

north, west to the fifth line and east to the third line, as well as a strip of land at the south from the fifth line to the third line, parallel with the southern limit of the village.

It is expected it will be some time before a hearing of the Municipal Board on the application can be arranged owing to the large amount of business before the board at the present time.

Scouts Get New Life Jackets Name Inspector Of Boat Skippers

A new water safety code to protect district Boy Scouts, calling for all life jackets to be government inspected and approved, and making a member of the Oakville Yacht Squadron inspector of boats and skippers was approved by the provincial headquarters of the Boy Scouts Association.

Already the new by-law, binding on all of the more than 400 Scouts and Cubs in Oakville, Trafalgar and Bronte, has been implemented, as members of the First Oakville Sea Scouts have been equipped with new government - approved life jackets and old ones have been discarded.

District Commissioner Jack

Guest, who received approval of the water safety by-law from provincial headquarters, said that no such regulations could prevent the unfortunate mishap of last July, when during a storm an assistant Scoutmaster and two Oakville Sea Scouts lost their lives. "But we hope that these new rules will minimize the risk," he said.

The new code calls for Bill MacRae of the Oakville Yacht Squadron to inspect, check and issue "in charge" certificates without which no Scoutleader can take out a boat manned by Scouts. MacRae's edicts also will be final on the crew, each craft can and may carry.

Moffat Man Joins Staff Of College

Garnet Norrish, B.S.A. of Moffat, has joined the staff of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph.

A first class graduate of CGVJ, Mr. Norrish was born in Moffat, where he spent his youth on the farm of his father. He entered OAC in 1952. At the college he was judged champion all-round showman of the 1952 College Royal.

In 1953 he toured the United States on a Canadian livestock judging team, visiting many states and the Chicago International Livestock Show. The same year he was Reserve champion livestock showman in the College Royal.

After graduating he joined the Dominion Livestock Branch in Toronto where he spent his time inspecting livestock. He also spent much time as judge at the larger provincial livestock shows, including the Shorthorn Region Show at Erin for the past two years.

Centennial Matrons Meet At Kilbride

The Centennial Matrons of District No. 6 O.E.S. and their husbands met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hollingsworth at Kilbride, Memphers were there from Hamilton, Caledonia and Grimsby.

After supper a business session was held after which cards were enjoyed. The prize winners were: first lady, Mrs. Inez Cloughley; second, Mrs. Lillian Chamberlain; first gentleman, Mr. J. Wells; second, J. Douglas. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the host and hostess by the president, Mrs. Victoria Reid.

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