

FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Halton's Plowing Increase Trends Meet in October In Hog Market

Halton's annual plowing match this year will be held on the farm of J. J. Thistlewaite, Esqueping Township, on Friday, October 22, states J. Spencer Wilson, President of the Halton Association.

According to President Wilson, an ideal site has been secured on the Thistlewaite farmstead, which is located at the base of the escarpment on the first line of Esqueping Township. During the past year, Mr. Thistlewaite has erected a pole barn on his farm, to replace the structure destroyed by fire a few years ago. Other improvements made by Mr. Thistlewaite add much to the natural beauty of this farmstead.

Hog marketings in Canada in July averaged 97,600 head weekly, which is an increase of 24.3 per cent over the average of the same month a year ago. In all provinces there were larger July runs than a year ago, with the greatest numerical and percentage increases on the Prairies (Alberta 33 per cent, Saskatchewan 62 per cent, Manitoba 43 per cent).

Ontario, the largest single producer, marketed an increase of nine per cent over the same month a year ago. It is anticipated that August hog marketings may be almost as large as those of July.

What's Free At The C.N.E.?

When a family is going to the Exhibition, a question in the mind of the one who has to pay the bills is "What's free at the C.N.E.?" It costs 50 cents for each adult to get into the grounds, and a dime for each child, but once in Exhibition Park, the best owner wants to know what he can show the family without spending too much in the process. Here is a guide for him.

There is the new Avenue of the Provinces, the main boulevard of Exhibition Park on which tower the symbolic arches. The theme of this year's Ex is "Canada's Parade of Progress." Each province will be represented in the Grandstand show and each day the C.N.E. salutes a province.

From the newest to the oldest, is a visit to Toronto's oldest house, the Scadding Cabin furnished as it was 161 years ago. Not far from the Scadding Cabin, each night visitors will be able to view the nearer galaxies through a telescope and hear a lecture on the heavenly bodies.

In the Ontario Government Building is the kindergarten zoo of the Lands and Forests Department. At night from this building there is an excellent view of the \$50,000 worth of fireworks which the Exhibition sets off to end each day.

Each afternoon and evening from the Bandshell the great United States Navy Band will play. Or each evening the Star Free Concert will provide the Leslie Bell singers and many featured performers.

If the visitor feels ambitious, he can barn dance in the big tent. Or if he wants to hear soloists and duets, each evening the Royal Conservatory sponsors appearances of leading Canadian musicians in the Music Building or he can sit in on the competitions by musicians of various classes competing for C.N.E. scholarships and prizes.

The sports minded have a field day for free. There is the new Canadian Sports Hall of Fame which will be officially opened just before the C.N.E. and will provide a place in which Canada can honor the sports greats of the past. The waterfront events alone require several pages to list. There is the \$25,000 Across Lake Ontario swim, amateur swims, speed boat races, sailing races and a host of other aquatic events including the world's finest water skiers and diving champions.

For women there are two fashion shows a day and a building devoted to the Women's World. In the new \$1,500,000 Food Products Building on Food Products Day, one or more than \$8,000 worth of prizes including a new two-tone sedan may be won without spending a cent.

And on the subject of cars, there is the Automotive Building where manufacturers display latest models and some futuristic types that may be the cars of tomorrow.

In the largest show building in the world the city lad can get a picture of Canadian agriculture. Millions of dollars worth of prize livestock, poultry and all forms of produce will be shown. In another building devoted entirely to horticulture, the amateur can see formal and informal gardening displays and get ideas that can be applied in his own backyard.

On Warriors' Day and Labor Day, the two biggest annual parades in Canada take place. But every day there are thousands of other features that can be seen — and all for nothing.

Cash Income for Farmers Is Down

Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that cash income received by Canadian farmers from the sales of farm products, in the first quarter of this year amounted to an estimated \$472,000,000, down nearly seven per cent from the corresponding period of 1954 and 15 per cent below the all-time high first quarter estimate in 1952.

The decrease, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, is attributable in large part to much smaller wheat participation payments and substantially lower returns from the sale of oats and hogs. Cash income from the sale of live stock during the first quarter this year amounted to 7.5 per cent below that reported a year earlier.

Slight Loss of Canadian Meats

During the first half of 1955, the domestic disappearance of the four "red meats" rose from 738,000,000 pounds a year ago to 784,000,000 pounds, an increase of seven per cent. Pork was largely responsible for the enlarged supply, with a gain of 60,000,000 pounds—up 22 per cent. Lamb consumption increased by 10 per cent. Beef disappearance, although continuing high and stable, was some 10,000,000 pounds less than last year. Veal dropped by seven per cent.

Exports show an even more marked trend. Total pork exports increased 31 per cent, or in terms of a weekly average equivalent in live hogs, from 9,000 to 11,800 head. Total beef exports in the first half are 75 per cent below last year's comparable figure.

Tail of Hurricane Connie Leaves Varied Effect on Halton Farms

Since we wrote our column a week ago, "Connie" paid us a visit and concern relative to "Diane" coming this way has petered out. In so far as "Connie" is concerned, she brought with her the much needed moisture. Pastures, the new seeds and corn are all showing material improvement. True, some of the better corn fields took a bit of a beating and will present more of a problem silo-filling time.

Unfortunately, 40 to 50 per cent of the grain crop was still in the fields and in so far as Halton's general agriculture is concerned, "Connie's" visit was an unqualified blessing. Reports would indicate that considerable of the stocked grain is sprouted and some of the straw not only tough but in some cases very close to being rotten. With the threshing machines in action, we can anticipate reports of "Our grain is heating", in the near future.

The grain fields waiting for the custom combine are a mess. However, perhaps the situation here is not as bad as appears on the surface. From a farmer operator in the Hornby district, we learned that he got a self-propelled custom combine, equipped with lifters, in on Wednesday last and to our amazement and his own too, he reports they got 60 bushels to the acre in the granary. True, he further reports they lost considerable in the field.

We examined his grain in the granary and again to our amazement, while weathered, it appeared to be in good shape. Certainly, due to the soft condition of the fields, it is taking more gasoline to operate the combines. One report states 50 per cent more gas—to say nothing about the cutting up of the fields.

Down in the fruit belt, particularly the Burlington area, some of the growers suffered quite a loss. It is estimated by Stewart Carpenter, Fruit and Vegetable Fieldman at Oakville, that in the Burlington area, particularly along the Guelph line and east of Burlington along the shores, two to five per cent of the McIntosh, Greenings and Melbas are on the ground.

Pears were hit even harder and here at least 10 per cent, are under the trees. In some of the older orchards, there is considerable tree damage, trees with bad crochets were badly riddled. In so far as we can learn, the vegetable growers suffered little loss and benefited much from the rainfall.

From the Queen Elizabeth north, the plows are running freely for the first time since early June and there should be ample moisture when wheat seeding time rolls around next month.

Of each tax dollar collected by the Federal Government of Canada, nearly 45 cents is collected within Ontario.

Special Phone Exchange to Serve Scouts' Eighth World Jamboree

A Bell Telephone exchange has been established near Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., to serve the mile-square tent camp which will house the eighth World Scout Jamboree this month.

Appropriately named "Jamboree, Ontario," the exchange, which has required weeks of planning, engineering and construction, will exist only for 10 days—August 18 to 28—that the Scouts will be in camp. It will then be dismantled.

About 10,000 Boy Scouts and their leaders from about 50 countries including Scouts from towns are expected for the Jamboree. To accommodate them, a temporary town has been set up on the camp site, an army training centre along the Niagara River.

The temporary Bell exchange will be listed at every long distance centre on the continent. To reach the camp by telephone, a caller need only call long distance and ask for "Jamboree, Ontario."

The call will be received at the telephone exchange, located in the Niagara-on-the-Lake Recreational Centre building, and the individual Scout will be notified through one of the 10 sub-camps and informed there is a call at the exchange for him.

A microwave radio relay circuit will also be set up to enable television broadcasters to transmit television programs from the camp. These facilities will consist of a temporary tower from which the broadcasts will be beamed to the Company's microwave radio relay tower at Fonthill from where the broadcasts will be carried on the regular Buffalo-Toronto circuit.

Telephone equipment will include a three-position switchboard equipped to handle up to 200 individual telephones and 39 trunk lines. There will be 20 public telephones and individual telephones at Scout headquarters, sub-camp headquarters and the various service offices such as those for the hospitals, canteen, chaplains, police, transport and travel agencies. Operators at the long distance switchboard in St. Catharines will handle out-of-town calls.

The Company is also providing radio circuits for broadcasts from the camp, teletype facilities and mobile telephone units to be stationed on the beach on nearby Lake Ontario while Scouts are swimming.

The Bell Telephone Company's representative at the Jamboree will be J. C. Cruden, of Toronto, a Bell employee with a long association with Scouting.

Although Scouts will come from about 50 countries and will speak about a score of languages, half will be residents of North America and most will be English-speaking. There will be 3,500 Canadians, 1,500 from the United States and 1,000 from the United Kingdom. Official languages will be English and French.

Active At 74, Does Her Best

Toronto (CP)—Almost any sunny afternoon, you might see a little old lady trundling along in downtown Toronto. She might have a doll's bed under her arm, or a scrap book, a bundle of freshly-knit wash cloths or a jar full of pennies.

She is 74 year-old Victoria Herring, who receives \$52 a month from pension and investment, but who spends her waking hours doing what she can for others.

"Better to go around with a face like a teapot than a coffee pot," is the motto she'll give you.

Victoria Herring might be going to the Home for Incurable Children to take the "wee dears" a doll. Or she might be on her way to the St. Christopher's house where she acts as hostess for an old people's club. She might be taking the auxiliary there the pot-full of pennies.

"Once they're in the pot I feel I have no right to them," she says. "But you don't miss a few pennies."

Victoria Herring pays \$7 a week for her room, a tiny one on the third floor of an old rooming house. She has filled it up with china and wool knick-knacks, which she fears she will have to leave behind when she "grows old" and goes to an old lady's home.

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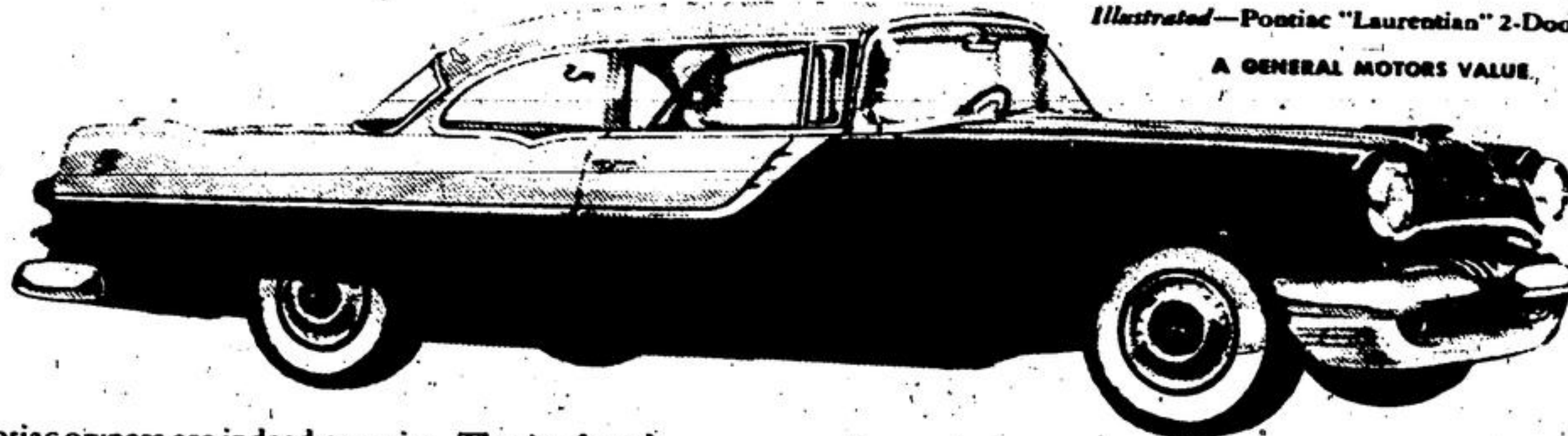
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