

FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Top Flight Speakers Scheduled For Series of 12 Farm Meetings

On Wednesday of last week, 45 farm operators had made application at the Milton office of the Department of Agriculture, for the series of 12 meetings being sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

These meetings are being held in the public school, Bruce St., Milton, on Tuesday evenings commencing November 1 at 8 p.m.

"Can I afford to Farm in Halton?" With farm land selling all the way from \$300 to \$1000 per acre, that is a question which many Halton farmers are asking themselves and others. This is the timely subject which opens the series on November 1 and N. J. Thomas, noted soils and farm management expert, will lead the discussion.

The following Tuesday night the topic is another timely subject which many farmers were asking themselves last mid-summer when their pastures were almost non-existent—"Would it pay to irrigate?" Here the discussion leader is to be Prof. Hugh Ayres, of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, at Guelph.

On November 15 Dr. W. E. Tussell of the Department of Field Husbandry, follows on "Drought Periods and Forage Crops."

Then comes "The Economics of Mechanization" with Dr. H. L. Patterson as the discussion leader.

The fifth topic in the series is entitled "The Place of Commercial Fertilizers and Lining in Halton's Mixed Farming," with Prof. N. R. Richards, head of the soils department at Guelph as the leader.

The sixth and final subject in the series before Christmas is another question which many Halton dairy men have been discussing, namely, "The Economics of Zero Pasturing and the Future of the Dairy Industry in Halton." Here Prof. Geo. E. Rathby, Head of the Animal Husbandry Department at Guelph, has agreed to tackle the broad and comprehensive topic.

The Dairy Show was also held on Saturday. Report has it that Gerald R. Graham, of Georgetown; Ken Ella and Sons, Hornby; and Geo. Hewer of Moffat, dominated the Jersey ring. In Holsteins, Halton was represented by T. J. Brownridge and Son; Wilfred Leslie and Son, both of Georgetown; and Doug Starret of Glen Williams. Again report has it that they got their share of the awards.

This brief article should not be interpreted by any means as a complete report of the Erin Show even from a Halton viewpoint. Nothing has been said about the championship Hereford and Yorkshire shows. In the former, we saw some fine entries from the herd of C. F. Paterson, of Norval; and in the latter, some nice individuals being exhibited by Jack Wilson, of Nassagaweya township.

However, in our brief stay at Erin we were impressed—the weather was ideal, the site picturesque, and what crowds and livestock!—and finally it sort of made a Haltonite feel good to see and hear of so many Halton exhibitors either at or around the top in so many different sections of that great show.



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WINNER OF CANADA'S top plowing trophy for the second time is Bob Timbers (center), 28, of Stouffville, Ont. Timbers, who was Canadian champion in 1953, won the Esso Silver Plow at the International Plowing Match near Leamington, Ont., again last week. Runner-up was Jerry Ferguson (left), 63, of Croton, Ont. Edwin "Mickey" Demman, 22, of Portage la Prairie, Man., came third and will travel to England with Timbers next year to compete for the world title. Demman, rather than Ferguson, qualified for the trip because no province is permitted more than one man on the two-man overseas team.

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Many Halton Entries At Great Livestock Show in Erin Fall Fair

Thanksgiving Day this year was one of those beautiful fall days, so in the afternoon we journeyed up to Erin Fall Fair. Apparently thousands of people had the same idea in any event the grounds reminded me of the days when I used to walk down the midway of the Canadian National Exhibition.

Incidentally, I am not referring to the topography of the two areas when I make that comparison. The Erin fair grounds is rolling and to say the least what a picturesque spot it is. Aside from the crowd I was impressed by the tremendous livestock show. It apparently is the culmination of all the fall fairs of the area.

I did learn they have at Erin the championship shows for Shorthorns, Angus, Herefords, Yorkshires (perhaps some others, too) but in any event they not only had numbers of livestock, but top quality too.

Halton Well Represented
In the brief time at our disposal we were unable to remain very long at one ring, but in the few minutes spent around the beef cattle rings it did seem to us that the Shorthorn people in particular had a show comparable with the C.N.E. at least.

When the herd class lined up in the Shorthorn ring, there must have been at least 10 different breeders with entries, and four of the top five were from Halton. Here is how they stood—first, Scotsdale (S. G. Bennett, Georgetown); second, Geo. Lasby, Guelph; third, T. C. Amos, Moffat; fourth, Reford Gardhouse, Milton; fifth, W. H. Merry, Milton.

We also saw the female championships being awarded and here Scotsdale had the senior and grand champion, with Reford Gardhouse having the reserve senior and reserve grand. Both the junior and reserve junior champions also came from the Scotsdale herd.

In the Angus ring, Jim McKay had Dr. W. F. James' string up around the top in all classes. The grand champion male was from this herd, and he also noted in passing they had the red ribbon on the Get of Sire group. John C. Willmott, of J. H. Willmott and Son, was also taking his share of seconds in the same ring.

Great Junior Show
The 4-H Club members were apparently there from a wide area—Grey, Waterloo, Wellington, Dufferin, South Simcoe, Peel and Halton. In the steer class, it almost seemed like a preview of the Queen's Guineas Class at the Royal. In any event, Bob Coxo of Milton who had the top steer at Milton and Georgetown, had to be content with fourth. And by the way, that's quite an achievement too, when you realize that 38 of the top 4-H steers of the area were in the ring.

Don Moffat of Campbellville also had his steer in the first prize group. Douglas Campbell of Moffat and Bob Merry of Milton were in the second prize group, and in the inter-club class for groups of three, the Halton group was second to the group entry from the Orangeville club. Incidentally, some 12 or 13 different 4-H clubs were represented in this class.

Unfortunately we did not see the 4-H Swine Club show on Saturday, but Halton's 4-H Swine Club was represented by Delmar Ford, Geo. Greenlees, and Mervyn Curtis. Delmar had the grand champion gilt of the show, and the Halton Club entry of three gilts also took the red ribbon.

Good Judges, Too
Halton was also well represented

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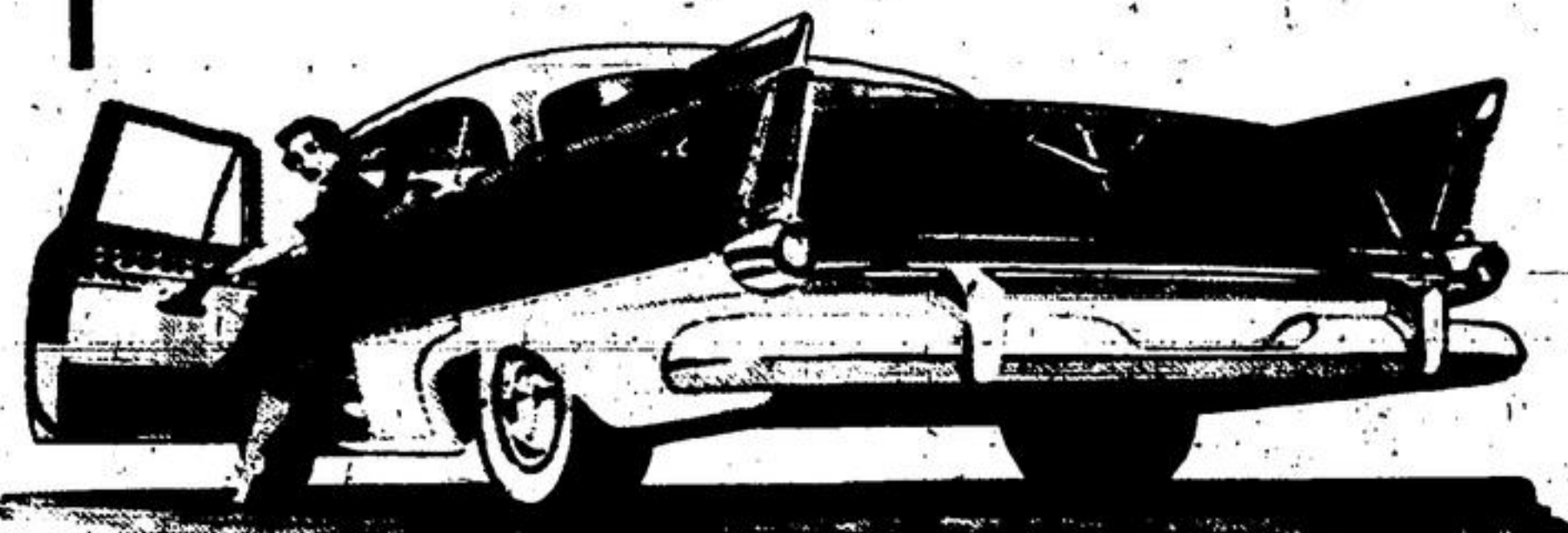
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