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Reports and articles from Halton's Farmlands and Farm Organizations

## Tremendous Crowd At Annual York Soil and Crop Assoc. Meet

For many years we have heard glowing reports of the York County Soil and Crop Improvement Association annual meeting. This year we received an invitation to participate in their program. It seemed like an excellent opportunity to go and see for ourselves, so on Wednesday last, accompanied by M. C. Besty, first Vice-President of the Halton Association, we headed the car for Newmarket.

As in Halton, the York County people commence their meeting sharp at 10.30 a.m. The main difference between the Halton and York meetings lay in the attendance. Some 400 farm operators packed the town hall in Newmarket, and the great majority were there at 10.30 when the meeting commenced.

The program, in our opinion, while good was not better than our own. At the morning session, instead of short reports by local farm operators, they had a panel discussion, in which we were privileged to participate. Personally we like to listen to the short, snappy reports from practical farmers—however, it is perhaps a matter of opinion.

**Barberry, Buckthorn Campaign**  
The highlight of the morning session in our opinion, was the brief illustrated report by the York County "Agric. Rep."—"Moff" Cockburn, on their barberry and buckthorn campaign. In York they have a few areas where oats are a failure due to rust—hence the reason for their campaign against barberry and buckthorn, the most pests for crown and stem rust of oats.

Bees were organized and crews with axes and sprayers went through woodlots and fence rows, stump spraying. Many fields of oats had been almost a complete loss. Certainly the York County farmers are enthusiastic about the new varieties, Garry and Rodney—these two varieties withstood the rust ravages while other varieties like Larain, Beaver, and Ajax were almost a total loss.

In those areas, several York County farmers stated, "It is either Garry or Rodney for me this year!" So if Halton County farmers want

and management should each be vitally interested in the welfare of one another. In practice, there does not appear to be very much evidence of concern for the "other fellow". The outcome of the bargaining between labour and management can affect farmers' incomes in two ways: 1. Changing the price which farmers pay for the things they have to buy. 2. Changing the price which farmers receive for the things they have to sell.

**Legume Varieties Recommended**  
At the afternoon session Prof. C. G. E. Downing, Head of the Dept. of Field Husbandry, were the chief speakers. Both were excellent—unfortunately we can not reproduce their addresses. Dr. Tossell recommended that in 1956, farm operators purchase LaSalle Red Clover, Vernal Alfalfa, and Climax Timothy. All three varieties are reported to be available.

While the price may be slightly higher for these new varieties than for the old standbys, Dr. Tossell is of the opinion that they will be worth the difference. LaSalle red clover was stated to be more persistent over the second year. Vernal alfalfa is more winter hardy than Ontario Variegated or Grimm. Climax Timothy is very much leafier, and a little later.

Dr. Tossell is also recommending seed mixture for early cut hay—general hay average, and finally for the field or fields which are to be cut late. For the field to be cut early, either for hay or grass silage, he suggests seven lbs. Vernal Alfalfa, three lbs. LaSalle red clover, five lbs. Climax Timothy, and three lbs. of Orchard Grass.

For the general hay crop, he suggests, seven lbs. Vernal alfalfa, three lbs. LaSalle red clover, five lbs. Climax timothy, and seven lbs. of Bromo. For the late crop (early June) there is nothing better than ten lbs. alfalfa and ten lbs. of bromo. Dr. Tossell also suggests different seed mixtures for pasture. A new pamphlet on the subject will be available shortly. Copies will be sent to all members of the Halton Soil Crop Improvement Association, as soon as they are available. Others may secure copies on request from the Agricultural Office, in Milton.

**Conflicts Within Agriculture**  
These may be classified as follows: 1. Regional Conflicts; 2. Conflicts between the desire for more security and the desire for more economic freedom; 3. Conflict between efficient, business-like farmers, and farmers who consider farming mainly as a way of life.

Regional conflict is a very common type of conflict in Canadian agriculture. There is the conflict between the apple producers of Nova Scotia, Ontario, and British Columbia—there is the conflict between Western and Eastern livestock producers—there is the conflict between the soybean producers and the dairy producers, and so we might go on to give other illustrations.

However, we have already far exceeded our limitations for space. Suffice to say it was in our opinion a most illuminating address and discussion—and one which we feel all Halton farmers would have found of interest.

Ottawa created the first governmental department to deal with social welfare and security in 1944, called the Department of National Health and Welfare.

**Agriculture and Labour**  
Theoretically, agriculture, labour



**WHEAT TROPHY GOES WEST**—Robert Cochrane, pioneer farmer at Grande Prairie, Alta., has been proclaimed the new world wheat king at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. In his absence, Hon. I. C. Halmrast, Alberta minister of agriculture, accepts the Canadian National Railways championship award on his behalf. He is seen, right, receiving a cheque for \$100 and an engraved silver tray from M. A. McNeill, of Montreal, C. N. R. traffic vice-president. Pretty Olga Petry, "Miss Super Continental" was on hand to dispatch the awards aboard the prack trans-continental train.

## Sugar Beet Farming Yields 420,000 Tons

**TABER, Alta. (CP)**—Raising sugar beets is a profitable business in southern Alberta but it takes a lot of hard work.

The annual harvest is under way on 37,900 acres and giant stockpiles are being built up around processing factories at Taber, Raymond and Picture Butte. Contracts to supply beets to Canadian Sugar Factories Ltd. were signed this year by 1,610 farmers. In 1952, beet raisers set a record when they produced 479,849 tons of beets from 36,741 acres and the crop yielded 142,174,200 pounds of sugar. This year's crop is estimated at 420,000 tons.

Sugar beets are one of the most efficient food-producing plants known. An acre can supply enough energy for 3,000 persons for at least one day.

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## Adventurous Printer

**PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP)**—John Warner, printer, gained prominence when his picture appeared in a magazine (Life) but could not resist making some corrections.

The picture showed the bearded young man, nudging up a barren mountain slope in the Kemano-Killdale Pass while doing weather duty for the Aluminum Company of Canada. Trailing was his pet cat.

An employee of the twice-weekly paper, The Citizen, Warner said his age is 19, not 23; his cat is called "Monty," not "Archibald"; he was in the mountain pass seven months, not 12, and he said his observer were never left alone for a month at a time, as the caption said. "Just the same, it's nice to be famous," he said.

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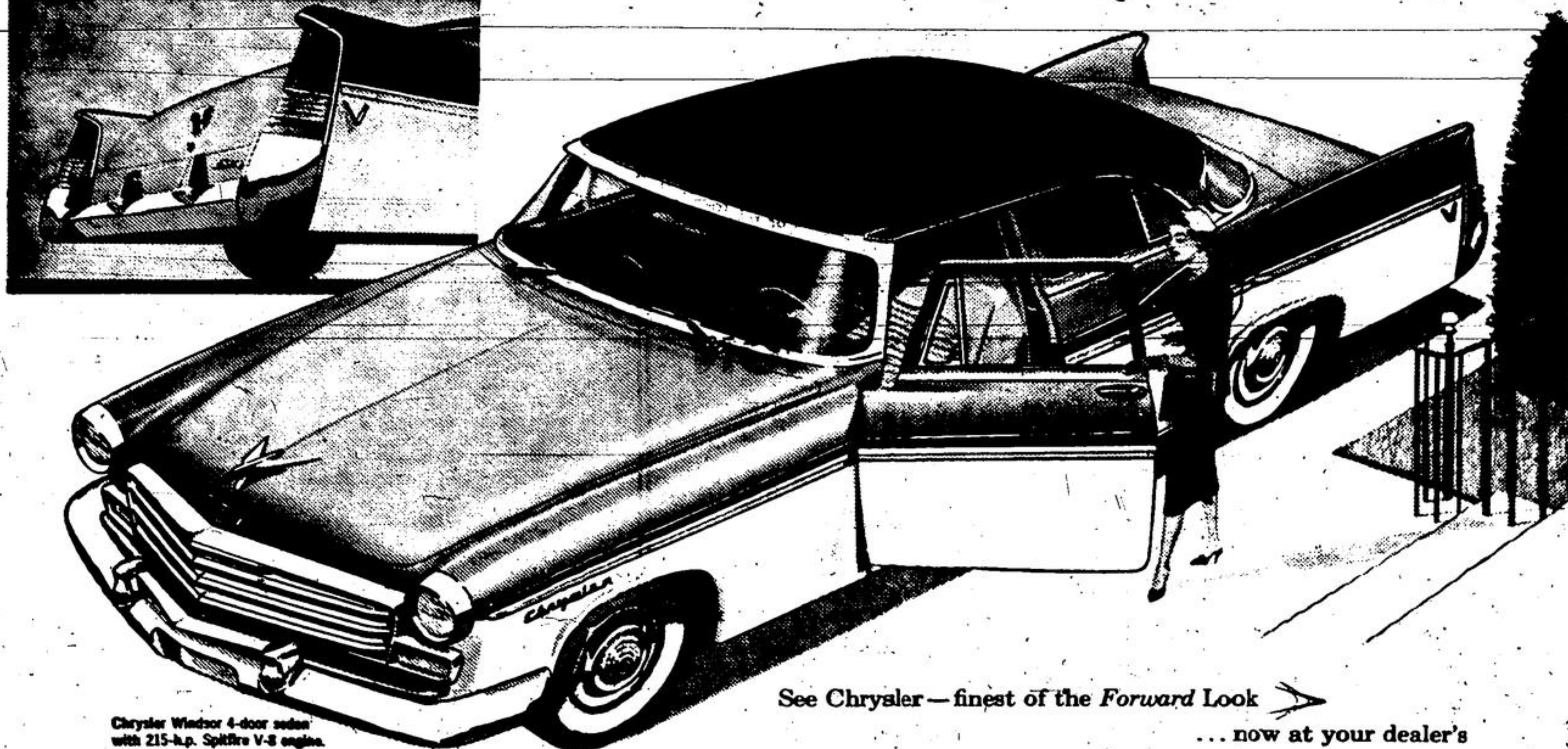
## 'Conflicts In Agriculture' Topic Of Panel Discussion at the O.A.C.

This was the title of an excellent address by S. H. Lane, of the Dept. of Agricultural Economics, at the short course in Marketing and Co-operating held at the Ontario Agricultural College last week. The panel discussion which followed on "Whom shall farm organizations serve?" hinged around the same subject.

As chairman of this panel, we found it a difficult one on which to draw definite conclusions. Conflicts in Agriculture fall into three main categories: 1. Conflicts between Agriculture and the national economy; 2. Conflicts between agriculture and other individual groups in our economy; 3. Conflicts between various groups within agriculture itself.

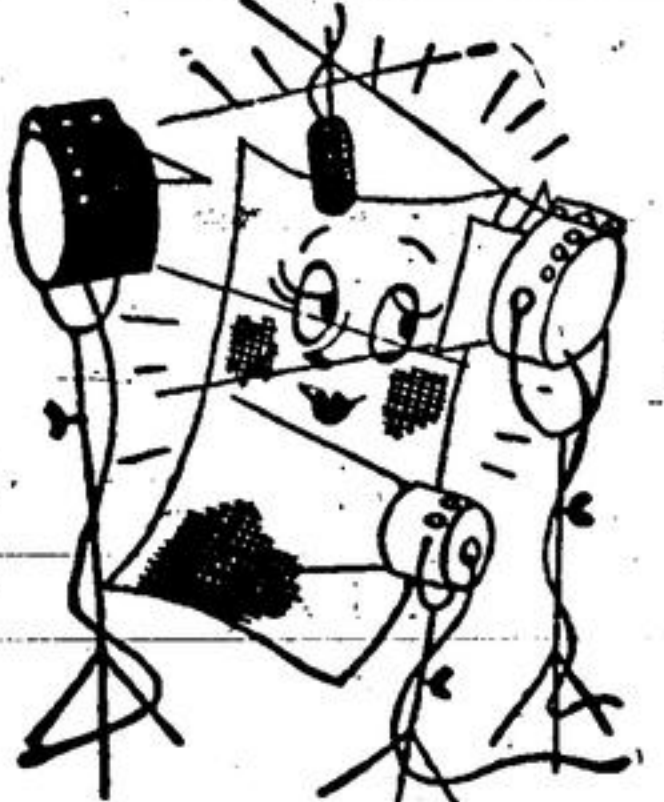
The statement is often made that what is good for the rest of the economy, or conversely, what is good for the nation as a whole, is bound to be good for farmers. While it cannot be denied that prosperity is mutually beneficial to agriculture and rest of the economy and conversely that depressions are mutually disastrous, it does not follow that the benefits of prosperity or the hardships of depression, will be shared equitably by all groups.

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