

Reports and articles from Halton's Farmlands and Farm Organizations

Halton Wins Hog Trophy For Marketing Increase

Halton County won the Charles Newton trophy, emblematic of the county in 1955, showing the greatest increase in percentage of Grade A hogs marketed, stated Clayton Frey, Zone Director of the Ontario Hog Producers' Co-operative, who addressed the annual meeting of the Halton Association last week.

This trophy, donated by Charles Newton of Barrie, also brings with it a cash prize of \$200, donated by the Ontario Hog Producers' Association. We understand, from Ed. Davenport, newly elected president of the Halton Hog Producers' Association, that there is a strong likelihood some worthwhile cash prizes will be offered to the Halton hog producers who market the highest percentage of Grade A hogs in 1956.

As announced a few weeks ago, Halton producers increased their percentage of A hogs by 5.2 per cent. In 1955. At the same time they increased their hog marketings by 17 per cent.

A fine review of the controversial hog marketing scheme. He frankly admitted there was a possibility that they might still have to make some adjustments in their program but were confident they were on the right track. Reference was also made by the speaker to the premium increase in Grade A hogs which increased the premium from 40c to \$1.00 per hog.

Others who spoke briefly were Charles Newton, Zone Director from Barrie and Ted Merritt, Secretary of the Ontario Association.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Ed. Davenport; vice-president, Howard Armstrong; sec.-treas., A. R. Service.

Directors: Esqueusing township, T. J. Brownridge, Mac Alexander and Robert Miller; Nassagaweya township, John Wilson, W. T. Kennedy and George Robertson; Nelson township, Mervyn Coulson, A. R. Coulter, F. O. Colling and Glen Campbell; Trafalgar township, Clayton May, Percy Merry and W. Rayner.

Beef Bulls Sale At RWF In March

The 1956 sale of beef bulls is scheduled for the Royal Winter Fair Buildings in Toronto on March 7 and 8. Among the 238 head entered, we note two bulls entered from the well-known Angus herd of W. F. James, Georgetown, four head from S. G. Bennett's Scotsdale Shorthorn herd at Georgetown, two from the herd of Grant Campbell at Moffat and four from the Aberfeldy herd of Gardhouse at Milton.

As in former years, every Ontario farmer who purchases a bull in the sale will be eligible for a grant equal to 25 per cent of the purchase price but not exceeding \$150. Furthermore, all bulls must pass a culling committee and with rigid health regulations governing the event, it should be an excellent spot for any Halton farmer requiring a beef bull to make his selection.

Incidentally Hereford and Angus sell on the first day and Shorthorns on the second day of this big event sponsored by the Ontario Beef Cattle Improvement Association.

Urge Watch For Rabies In Halton Describe Symptoms of Two Types

A few days ago we had a chat with Dr. Don Demude of the Halton Health Unit. We learned from the general Doc that up to the first of February, approximately 100 cases of rabies have been reported in wild life and domestic animals.

While no cases have been reported in Halton to date, cases have been reported in Wentworth, York, Durham, Bruce and in an area north of a line extending from Georgian Bay to the vicinity of Lindsay and Peterborough and thence north-easterly to the Ottawa River, near Pembroke.

With an outbreak in neighboring County of Wentworth and more outbreaks anticipated, Halton folk would be well advised to be on guard.

mals, including cats, horses, cattle, sheep and swine may also contract the disease as a result of bites from other rabid animals.

If a domestic animal shows "suspicious signs" it should be tethered or placed in a pen and the case should be reported to the County Health Unit in Milton. Vaccination will protect dogs and cats in infected areas. As a general precaution, it is suggested that gloves be worn when skinning wild animals or handling sick animals and finally, if bitten, wash the wound with soap and water and see a doctor at once.

Police Tag All Overnight Cars

A crackdown on Oakville overnight parking violators has been instituted by the Oakville police department, according to Police Chief Len Brown, and "several hundred cars have been tagged."

"There has been a gradual increase in overnight parking," the chief said. "Orders have been issued to members of the force that a campaign is underway to stop it." He said that by-law 1298, section 7, states, "No person shall park a vehicle on any street for a longer period than three hours between 12 midnight and 7 a.m."

Chief Brown said that cars parked overnight interfered with the removal of snow and would be in the way in the event of fire.

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"Officers of the force have been instructed to ticket all vehicles offending." He pointed out that offending vehicles can be towed away with the owners liable for the towing cost.

Also included in the crackdown will be a campaign against double parking. "The department is considering asking for an increase to the \$1 parking fine," he said. "It has become a serious problem in the town," he added.

Symptoms of Rabies

Foxes may appear quite tame or at other times they may be very bold. They have been known to attack dogs tied up in yards or kennels, domestic live stock in fields or even pens. Often infected foxes are lame and most of them bite themselves. Some drool saliva at the mouth.

There are two distinct types of rabies in dogs, furious and dumb.

In the furious type three stages mark the typical course.

Early Stage: In this stage dogs seem to change in their disposition. They are capricious and at other times irritable or depressed. They show symptoms of anger, are easily frightened at slightest cause or may become very affectionate. They soon show a tendency to gnaw or swallow indigestible substances. They refuse their usual food they may take such food, holding it in their mouth for a few moments and then let it drop out again. They will lick and gnaw in a giddy manner various objects such as wood, coal, furniture and eat straw, earth, stones, blankets, etc. Uncertainty in the gait, such as staggering or lameness and a weakness in the hind quarters is noticed. After a short time, generally one to three days, the second stage appears.

Stage of Excitement: This is characterized by a tendency to run away, irritation and an inclination to bite animals, objects or man, a strange alteration in the bark. The duration of this stage, which does not always present all of the characteristic symptoms, may last three or four days.

Paralytic Stage: As a rule, the first sign of this is a paralysis of the muscles that close or raise the lower jaw. This allows the saliva to run out of the corners of the mouth and form threads which hang down. Soon there is a paralysis of the hind quarters. This begins with a staggering, unsteady gait and finally total inability to use the rear half of the body. Death, as a rule, occurs in the fifth to the seventh day, in rare cases may last ten days, after the onset of the disease.

Dumb Type of Rabies

The dumb type of rabies is distinguished from furious rabies by the fact that the nervous symptoms appear early in this type. First there is paralysis of the muscles of the jaw. Death, as a rule, takes place in two or three days, never over five. With dumb rabies the owner often thinks that the dog has a bone in its throat. Other domestic ani-

Six Babies Arrive In Only Two Hours

The stork was so active at Peel Memorial hospital one recent morning that he really taxed the obstetrical facilities and staff to the limit and set up another remarkable record. In the one hour and forty-two minutes, between 1:35 a.m. and 3:17 a.m., six babies arrived—three boys and three girls. According to reports of doctors and nurses, it was the most active period ever experienced in the delivery room.

Before the day closed two more boys and another baby girl had arrived to bring the day's total births to nine in less than 24 hours.

Reeve Adkins "Sells" Nelson To Industry

For the second time within a year, Reeve Harold C. Adkins of Nelson township has gone to the United States to try to "sell" American industrialists the idea of establishing branch factories in Nelson.

He has already been in touch with firms manufacturing bearings, steel and paper and says an increasing number of American companies are interested in building plants in Nelson, close to the density of the Canadian market.

On this trip the reeve will visit New York, Philadelphia and Atlanta, Ga.

"We have very favorable facilities to offer," the reeve said on the eve of his departure.

Nelson, with 12,000 people and an area of some 90 square miles, already has seven industries established.

HOOKED SHARK ST FINTANS, Nfld. (CP)—

Fishing in a dory for cod, John Gillis hooked a shark by the tail. He cut the tail off the 200 pound fish, which sank to the depths.

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Forums View Marketing Boards Producer or Government Control?

Marketing Boards for handling farm products are important, but the 361 Forums discussing this topic on February 13 were pretty well divided as to whether they thought these Boards should be government or producer controlled.

For their first question, the forums considered whether it was necessary that the boards be government controlled to efficiently handle price supports and surplus disposal. A little over a third of the groups thought like Philipburg in Waterloo, that it was necessary to have government marketing boards for this job. Then quite a few agreed with Glen Rae forum in Lambton. They say that for products produced in all provinces, a government marketing board is needed.

However, for those produced on a limited acreage in one province, such as peaches, white beans and sugar beets, a marketing board controlled by producers seems adequate. In fact, about a third of the forums favored using the producer boards in addition 20 per cent of the forums agreed with Bloomfield in Prince Edward county that there should be a combination of the two to look after price supports and surplus disposal.

Esqueusing Native Is Buried At Erin

John F. McDowell, born in Esqueusing township in 1874, died at his home in Erin township, February 10, after a brief illness. He was buried in Erin cemetery following funeral services there February 13. He is survived by his wife, the former Letitia Elliott, whom the deceased married in 1902 at Acton. Also surviving are one son, Elliott at home, six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, three brothers, William of Georgetown, Harvey of Limehouse and James of Killarney, Man. One sister, Minnie Ross of Toronto, died February 14, a day after her brother was buried.

Other sisters surviving are Ella Lawson and Charlotte Osborne of Limehouse, Floss Choats of Brampton, Annie Marshall of Toronto and Jane Currie of Campbellville. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Rivers at Erin. Pallbearers were C. Gibson, R. Ferguson, A. Jackson, H. Kirkwood, Wm. Sinclair, J. P. Kirkwood. Flower bearers were Roy and Ted McDowell, L. Miller, W. Hayward, T. and V. Elliott.

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