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Reports and articles from Halton's Farmlands and Farm Organizations

## Halton Entry is Top Drama Group In Five Counties Finals at O.A.C.

"Sugar and Spice", presented by Norval Junior Farmers, representing Halton County, took the top award in the Drama Festival at the Ontario Agricultural College last week. Jean Peterson, president of the Halton Juniors, was the able chairman of the festival in which five counties, Halton, Huron, Peel, Waterloo and Wellington, participated.

Not only did the Halton entry win the Ozburn Shield, but Mildred Johnson received the award for the best actress, and Ross Austin the award for the best actor.

The Etobicoke Junior Farmers, representing Wellington county, presented "The Monkey's Paw", a drama in three scenes. The second drama of the evening, "Moon Up", was the presentation of the Caledonia Junior Farmers of Peel County. Following this came the presentation of "Sugar and Spice" by the Norval Junior Farmers.

Members of the Cast  
This was a comedy directed by Howard R. Peterson, assisted by Mrs. Graydon Chester. The members of the cast were Thelma Brown, Fraser McNabb, Evelyn Bird, Ross Austin and Mildred Johnson. Elmer

## Yellow Rocket Is on Increase

Yellow rocket is fast becoming one of Halton's troublesome weeds. During the last year yellow rocket has been reclassified as a primary noxious weed. Therefore, those who buy No. 1 seed should have more protection against this weed than has been the case in former years.

It is an early bloomer and the appearance of its yellow mustard-like flowers are frequently the first indication that the farm operator has of its arrival on his farm. At that stage it is too late to think about spraying and the only alternative is either to cut and ensile, or pull or plow it down. Most infestations show up in meadows containing legumes and any spray program at that season would be injurious to the legumes such as alfalfa.

Research work in the U.S. indicates that legume plants should be completely dormant at time of spraying. Experiments in southern Michigan indicate that October and early November is the best time to spray with 2-4D or M.C.P. In Wisconsin, they have found that treatment in the early spring before the legumes break dormancy would avoid legume injury if control could be obtained at this time.

There is a strong likelihood that the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association may try some tests during the current week with the hope of getting more data on the subject. In the meantime, any farm operator who notices only a few plants on his farm would be well advised to pull them. Yellow rocket is a prolific seeder and a perennial—furthermore judging by specimens brought to the weed meeting in Milton last week by members of the association, it has a tremendous root system, so don't let it get ahead of you, if it can be avoided.

## Roadside Weed Control Goes on, Wild Carrot is Still Troublesome

Wild carrot control for many years has been the bug-bear of township road superintendents. This is practically the only weed which has proven resistant to 2-4D applications on roadsides. In the hope of giving some leadership to the problem, Halton's agricultural committee convened a meeting in the Farmers' Building in Milton last week.

Reeve A. R. Service chaired the informative program, which included contributions from County Engineer Roy Smith, whose county road system from the standpoint of weed control came in for several well deserved tributes; agricultural representatives; and township road superintendents Wm. Townends, Prof. F. H. Montgomery and Dr. C. M. Switzer of the Botany Dept. at the O.A.C.; A. H. Martin and Kenneth Falls of the Field Crops Branch; and Reeve Robert Marshall of Trafalgar and deputy-reeve George Currie of Esquew.

Dr. Switzer outlined a research program on wild carrot control which has been initiated at the College. While far from conclusive, it has already revealed information which points to several species of wild carrot, some of which are more resistant than others. This research program will be continued and in addition the botany department at the O.A.C. will be co-operating with any projects laid down by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association on wild carrot control in 1956.

## Halton Holstein Breeders Plan Twilight Meet

Halton Holstein breeders are to be honored by a visit from F. C. Eligh, president of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada and George M. Clemons, secretary-manager of the Association, on Friday, May 18. Mr. Clemons, president of the Halton association.

## Bronte \$10,000 Suit Dismissed

Mr. Justice E. G. Moorhouse last week dismissed a \$10,000 lawsuit against Reeve Thomas Millward of Bronte and assessed costs of the action against the complainant, ex-councillor John Davidson, in an Ontario Supreme Court hearing at Milton.

In assessing the costs, estimated in excess of \$600, against Mr. Davidson, Justice Moorhouse said, "Mr. Davidson's hesitancy and evasion and general attitude with regard to the facts was not favorable." He said that Reeve Millward gave his testimony in a business-like manner.

"In instances of conflicting evidence, I choose Reeve Millward's testimony," he continued. He said that by his interpretation of the procedural-by-law basis for the suit, "it was improper conduct by Davidson not to vacate his chair when told to." He said that Mr. Davidson should not have been allowed to take his seat on council again at any meeting after the breach, unless an apology was made and accepted.

The suit was instituted by Councillor Davidson after a council meeting August 15 last year. The councillor had been ordered from the meeting after he told the Reeve to "shut up" during the course of a debate. Mr. Davidson was refused his seat until after he apologized and the apology was accepted by the majority of council. He made one apology that was not accepted.

The suit against Reeve Millward was instituted on the grounds he had "wrongfully expelled and excluded Councillor Davidson from a council meeting."

## Scores Apathy Towards Prices Paid to Hog Market Managers

"Under our present and projected marketing programs in the province of Ontario, farmers are demonstrating that they no longer intend to 'randomly dump' their products without a set price at the doors of the processors, but instead they are 'collectively delivering' their products to the highest bidder," according to Charles McInnis, president of the Ontario Hog Producers' Association.

Mr. McInnis was addressing the Hog Producers' Association at Markdale.

"In order to carry out these programs effectively," Mr. McInnis said, "we have to select personnel for our marketing agencies who are well trained, and who have as thorough a knowledge of the product, market outlets and trade practices, as do the buyers."

The Hog Association president said that "the remuneration paid the general manager of the Hog Producers' Marketing Agency is far less than that paid to the officials of some packing firms with which he is dealing every day, and in some instances, it is a fact that his salary is less than half of their income. Our general manager receives about \$10,000 per year for the management of the business of 40,000 hog producers about one-half cent per hog. Some transporters receive \$1 per hog or more if they keep the hogs away from the open market and deliver them direct to the packers. These under-the-table payments might average about \$7,500 per market day for hogs produced in Ontario."

"On January 25, some large packers openly declared that 23 cents," Mr. McInnis continued, "was all they were willing to pay the producer for hogs. Nevertheless, we are getting one-half cent per pound above the 23 cent figure and in some instances even more. The half cent amounts to \$6,000 per market day earned for the farmer."

## 4-H's Brave Fog Elect 1956 Officers

An enthusiastic crowd of 4-H members, parents and leaders gathered at the County Court House in Milton on April 3 to hold their organizational meeting. There were 21 members of the Beef and Dual-Purpose Calf Club present despite the fog. Leader Sandy Buchanan and Assistant Leader Roy Coulter took over the election of officers, with the following results: president, Lynne Coulter; vice-president, Kay Merry; secretary, Evelyn McKay. The secretary also acts as press reporter.

Sandy Buchanan read the rules and regulations, then gave out record books to the members. The president suggested, "Let's all try to be present for every meeting and have 100 per cent. completion."

## MACKENZIE NEWS:

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I'm only 2 years old, but already I've made a lot of friends!

A young man at work in his father's business in his spare time. His father suggested he open a PSP account for \$1,000. Payments of \$20 monthly. When he reached \$500, he graduates his PSP savings will buy him a partnership in his father's business.

A homemaker who wants more income to retire plus funds to pay for a second house, took out a PSP account for \$1,000. He died after making a few payments. With the insurance on the PSP account his widow was able to pay the mortgage in full.

Two young service station operators with limited capital opened PSP accounts for \$1,000 each, naming each other as beneficiaries, to give themselves some protection, and also to save towards buying new stations. Already, there is \$480 in each account.

An eleven-year old schoolboy with a paper route is paying \$5 monthly into a \$250 PSP account. He figures on helping his widowed mother to put him through school. He has since opened another account of \$100, as a start towards funds for University.

A widow who once had to work was constantly worried by the apparent impossibility of providing sufficient funds to educate her 11-year old son. Friends told her about PSP. She is now its strong supporter. Her monthly savings by PSP instalments solves her problem.

An immigrant husband and wife, who arrived 2 years ago from Germany, decided that by systematic savings represented their only hope of financing a trip to see their parents. They chose a \$1,000 PSP account, paying \$20 monthly, and their objective is in sight.

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