

Reports and articles from Halton's, Farmlands and Farm Organizations

## Junior Plowing Match Plans Set; Seniors Have New Utility Class

The farm of C. Ricci, lot 4 on the 9th line of Esqueving, will be the site of the annual Halton Junior Plowing Match on Saturday, September 8. The prize list which has just been issued, provides for four classes, all with tractor plows.

The first class is for contestants 16 years and under. Class two is tractor mounted plows for contestants under 21 years. Class three is for contestants under 21 years and from this class it is expected the team to represent Halton in the inter-county event will be selected. The fourth class is known as the inter-secondary school class and it is expected each of Halton's High School areas will be represented in this class.

The International Plowing Match is scheduled for the Brooklin area in Ontario County October 9 to 12 inclusive.

### Senior County Match

During the past week, president George E. Readhead and some of his fellow officers and directors of the Halton Plowmen's Association selected a site for their annual county match on October 26. This is located on the farm of A. Morley Sherwood on the Walker Line in Nelson township.

A feature of the big county match this year will be the Ernest Irvine utility class, for which the donor is providing \$150 in cash prizes. This special class will be open to either two or three furrow plows. Contestants in this class are not allowed to handle their furrows and it is anticipated it will attract the largest entry of any class ever staged by the Halton Association.

Tentative plans for this big county event calls for a banquet being held in the Fairview school near Lowville.

## Writer Says the Present Economy A Handicap to the Small Farmer

Another article which we found thought provoking appeared in the August issue of Maclean's Magazine. The article in question was written by W. B. Baker, who was the chairman of the Saskatchewan six-member commission on agriculture and rural life. Here are a few pertinent statements we found of interest.

"Already many small Saskatchewan farms have vanished. Between 1939 and 1951, 40,000 quarter and half section farms were absorbed into 6,500 farms of a section or more. There are just over 100,000 Saskatchewan farms, but this number will decrease because half of those farms are still too small to farm economically under present conditions.

"The trend away from the farm is not only inevitable, but although this may sound callous, it's healthy. Eventually, we'll see fewer farms and will provide a better living for those who farm them. More people will be released for industrial jobs to produce more goods. There is nothing wrong with the trend, but our cities can produce jobs for our ex-farmers.

"With mechanization, the average operation and overhead costs per Saskatchewan farm, have increased from \$1,000 a year in 1941 to \$3,000 a year today. That's the average, probably half the farmers have costs higher than \$3,000. It's cash and scientific know how that run the prairie farm, not muscle. Most scientific advances, chemical weed control, fertilizer, improved livestock feeding—cost money. Many small farmers want to use farm science but simply can't afford to."

While Saskatchewan and Ontario farming vary materially one from the other, the principle still applies. The unfortunate point in Halton and the surrounding area is that at the present time if one wished to increase the size of one's unit, land values or prices being asked are entirely too high to be purchased for farming purposes. One should also bear in mind that the size of the farm business is not necessarily tied up with the acreage in land.

Furthermore, while volume of business is very important, there are four or five other factors equally important in determining whether or not a farm operator is successful financially. We have in mind: returns per crop acre; returns per animal unit; efficiency in the use of labor; efficiency in the use of capital; combinations of enterprises.

Much more might be written on this important topic but perhaps this is sufficient for the moment. In this area where the purchase of additional land does not seem practical, perhaps more thought might be given by those with limited acreages to the co-operative use of farm machinery in some form.

## Times Change In 100 Years

We were interested recently in an old letter we came across which was written by Thomas Hunt who, with his two brothers, settled in Nelson township in 1850. They purchased a 200 acre farm at 12¢ 6d. per acre on the installment plan. Incidentally, on the basis of the present rate of exchange of \$2.80 for the pound sterling, this would mean \$175 per acre.

Here are a few extracts from his letter: "We are in a good country for poor folks—we have plenty of good fire and grog. We make our own sugar, our own soap and bake good light bread. We shall never want for water and timber. We can raise a good house in a little while, at little expense. It is called the healthiest spot in Upper Canada."

He also goes on to give some of the current prices: wheat, 56¢ per bus.; corn, 36¢; potatoes, 18¢; oats, 22¢; rum, 12¢ qt.; good whisky, 9¢ qt.; brandy, 11¢; tea, 49¢ lb.; beef and mutton, 24¢ lb.; fat geese, 21¢ each; good apples, 14¢ bus.

## Award Top Prize To M. Alexander

A field of Rodney oats on the farm of Mac Alexander at Norval won the field crop competition sponsored by the Halton Agricultural Society. The 13 fields were scored by E. H. Woods of Hamilton, who commented favorably on the general excellence of the entries in the Halton competition.

The awards, just released by Mrs. Geo. E. Readhead, secretary of the Halton Society, are as follows: Mac Alexander, Norval, Rodney; Dr. W. F. James, Georgetown, Rodney; David Lawson, Milton, Rodney; Brock Harris, Lowville, Beaver; Fred Nurse, Georgetown, Rodney; Ken Marshall, Milton, Rodney; R. A. Hurren and Son, Campbellville, Rodney; Clarence Smokey, Nelson, Beaver; Roy Ellenton, Lowville, Beaver; M. T. McNabb and Son, Georgetown, Beaver.

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## Limehouse Institute Entertains Children

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After a bounteous meal and a rest, the children were lined up for races and games before going in the water where the rest of the afternoon was spent. Children were treated to sandwiches and cool

drinks before leaving for home about five o'clock.

Winners of races were: boys one to six year; Bobby Roughley and Teddy Clarke; girls seven and eight; Jean Fin; boys seven and eight; John Clarke; girls nine to 11; Heather Clarke; boys nine to eleven; Alex Eccles; boys 11 to 15, Alex Eccles; wheelbarrow race, Jack Scholtz and Peter Marks.

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Thursday, August 30th—WOMEN'S, FLORAL, MUSIC & ARTS DAY  
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Saturday, September 1st—INTERNATIONAL & ATHLETIC DAY  
Sunday, September 3rd—LABOUR DAY  
Monday, September 4th—MANUFACTURERS' AND NATIONAL HEALTH DAY  
Tuesday, September 5th—FARMERS' AND LIVESTOCK  
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