

Reports and articles from Halton's Farmlands and Farm Organizations

## Harvest Progress Good Despite Rain, Labor Lack

The 1956 harvest in Halton continues to make fair progress considering the handicaps of catchy weather and lack of labor. The bulk of the wheat crop has now been taken care of with the exception of fields still waiting for the combine. The crop varies all the way from 20 bus. to 50 bus. to the acre.

In our opinion, the average yield for Halton will be slightly below normal. The Hessian fly took its toll in a percentage of the fields and along with this, particularly on the heavier, more poorly drained soils, it was a question of too much moisture this past spring. The handling of the first crop of hay is pretty well completed although we note quite a number of cases where bales are still out in the fields. Some second crop hay has or is being taken off as weather permits. The spring grain crop is now the order of the day. The crop is literally amazing considering the date of seeding. A large percentage of the fields are lodged to some extent and some of them are badly twisted. All this, along with the catchy weather, adds to the difficulty of getting the crop cut.

However, all circumstances considered, progress may be considered good. In general, seed catches are excellent and the unusually heavy growth of new seedlings and weeds adds to the harvesting problems. We hope we aren't a pessimist, but unless weather conditions improve, we anticipate reports of grain heating in the bins will be common. Certainly this is a season of surprises — even the corn crop has come along rapidly of late and while it may not reach its usual stage of maturity, the majority of the silos will be filled.

All in all, while the quality may leave something to be desired, there should be ample forage for the coming winter.

Since writing the above, we have had rain and what a rain — one and one-third inches at Hornby.

## Wm. Goodfellow New Minister for Ont. Agriculture

Ontario has a new Minister of Agriculture. The continued illness of Hon. F. S. Thomas necessitated his retirement.

In our opinion, the agricultural portfolio is a tough assignment. However we are confident the Hon. Mr. Thomas would have made a real contribution to Ontario agriculture had his health permitted. His background and wide experience from both a practical and administrative standpoint would have proved invaluable. His wide circle of friends and agriculture generally will regret the circumstances which prevented him from putting into action some of his ideas in the interest of Ontario agriculture.

His successor, the Hon. Wm. Goodfellow, is also a practical farmer. A native of Northumberland county, he comes to the ministerial post in the field of agriculture, backed with a lifetime experience in practical agriculture and also with wide experience in municipal and provincial affairs. The Hon. Bill Goodfellow has served as Minister of Public Welfare and more recently in the Department of Municipal Affairs.

He comes to his new post with the reputation of being an excellent administrator. He can therefore be expected to give sound leadership at this time when the industry is faced with many problems.

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Applications to be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked Assistant Clerk Application and addressed to:

J. McGEACHIE,  
Clerk,  
Town of Acton.

## Tractor Club Displays Skill

Monday evening of last week saw West Halton's 4-H Tractor Club members stage their tractor driving test. The event was held at Lowville Park with Ross Milne, agricultural engineering fieldman in charge, assisted by club leader A. P. Galloway and associate agricultural representative Art Bennett. The tractor was hitched to a wagon equipped with a flat rack.

The test involved driving the outfit through a tricky course of stakes, and backing the outfit up to an unloading platform. At the conclusion of the event, agricultural engineering fieldman Ross Milne congratulated the members of the Halton 4-H Tractor club on their dexterity in handling a tractor. "You are the best group at backing a wagon up to an unloading platform I have ever encountered," he stated.

## New Fall Rye Yields Well

Reports have just been received from two Halton farmers on their experience with tetra pectus or tetra ploid fall rye. This is the new four raised variety which received much favorable publicity a year ago.

David Lawson of Milton sowed some 17 acres last fall. Despite the fact that a portion of the field received too much water, Mr. Lawson reports a yield of around 50 bushels to the acre.

Johnson Neelands of Hornby is another Halton farmer who tried out this variety. Mr. Neelands sowed 10 bushels on six acres and again, it was on land which received too much water this past spring. While Mr. Neelands' overall yield was not as high as that of Mr. Lawson, he does report that on one end which was sown at around two and a half bushels per acre, he had a yield of at least 45 bushels to the acre.

## I.C. Marritt Retires As District Forester

I. C. Marritt, District Forester, with headquarters at Hespeler, was tendered a banquet and presentation at a function held in the Walfer hotel, Kitchener, on Thursday of last week. Mr. Marritt, who has completed 36 years of service with the Department of Lands and Forests, recently retired from his post.

Over the years "Ike," as he is known to his many friends, has rendered valuable service to the county in central West Ontario in their respective programs on reforestation and conservation work generally.



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## Beats off Cougar By Throwing Hat

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP)—Norman Vernon of Penticton holds the distinction of being the man who beat off an aged, snarling cougar with his cap.

Vernon told police he was camping at nearby Conkle Lake with his family when, while walking alone with his small dog, he came face to face with the cougar.

In sheer frustration at not being able to find anything to fight the animal with, he threw his cap at the cougar and it moved off.

## Potatoes not Tomatoes Lilies not Unusual

Amateur gardeners, which we are, we've been learning this week that the tomatoes which were found growing on a potato vine are not tomatoes at all but are potatoes. We've learned that this year they are quite prolific and a gardener right adjoining the Acton office has quite a group. It seems this year these potato seeds growing on top of the ground are quite common. Perhaps it's too wet underground and the plants sought a little more sunlight and less mud.

Then, too, we've learned that it is not unusual for Easter lilies to bloom in mid-summer. Several gardeners have told us that plants removed from the pots and put in the gardens have produced bloom in midsummer. Matter of fact, we've gained some fine points about gardening from our errors which, of course, is also not unusual in an unfamiliar field. So just continue to bring in the growths that appear unusual and we'll rely on the experience of many experienced gardeners to put us right. That leaves last week's growths down to the big bean from local gardens which hasn't yet been challenged.

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### Home Helpers Talk Of Responsibilities

The Home Helpers meeting of the W.M.S. was held at the church on Thursday afternoon with Miss Simpson presiding and reading 1st John, fourth chapter, verses 7-16. These verses are the heart of the topic, which was given by Mrs. Goldstraw, with the subject, What is the Christian doing to fulfil his responsibilities to the world? The church is going through a revolutionary period. There are so many vital ways in which Christians can help, not only the Indians, but many in our own land. The missionaries are teaching the Indians agriculture and the result is successful, as they learn how to care better of themselves, and take a pride in doing so. They are taught the proper kinds of food to use, not mostly polished rice, but good wholesome rice as well as other foods. We must try to help the hungry wherever there is need. The central thought is love one another.

Mrs. R. Elliot gave the prayer.

### NEW JAIL

OSHAWA, Ont. (CP) — A new jail, designed to look "more like a hospital", is to be built for Ontario County. The \$400,000 building will have room for 71 prisoners. Landscaping and trees will hide bars and other features associated with prisons.

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from the Glad Tidings. Mrs. Elliot and Mrs. E. D. Mahon gave their respective reports. Several members gave a brief report of the different departments of the Presbyterian Society. The roll call was answered with the word, Faith. Mrs. Greenlee reported hearing from Rev. James Sutherland, who has moved to Lo Tung to a new home, where he expects to finish his study of the language in six months' time. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Members of the Home Helpers' group served refreshments and a pleasant half hour was enjoyed.

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