

Reports and articles from Halton's Farmlands and Farm Organizations

## Better Halton Farmlands Are Visited By County Soils and Land Use Group

Last week saw a group of some 30 young men on the fourth annual Junior Farmer Soils and Land Use Tour paying a visit to 12 farms in Halton, Peel and York counties. The group was made up of one delegate from each county, with Calvin Sprout of Acton as Halton's 1954 delegate.

T. R. Hilliard, associate director of extension for the Ontario Department of Agriculture, was in charge of the group and program. Other officials accompanying the group were Prof. M. W. Staples of the animal husbandry department at the Ontario Agricultural College; Dr. W. E. Tossell of the field husbandry department and Dr. Bert Matthews of the soils department.

**Halton Farms Impressed**

The first stop in Halton was the Lindale Farm of Maurice C. Beatty of Trafalgar township. This 200 acre, well kept farmstead with its 100 head of outstanding pure bred Jerseys, as always, had much of interest for a visiting group. All crops with the exception of the corn crop had been harvested, however, the well filled mows and granary testified to the productivity of the Lindale farm unit.

Out in the fields, Mr. Beatty was pelted with innumerable questions pertaining to his rotations, seed mixtures, fertility program, etc. Incidentally, the group also took advantage of the opportunity to see some of the animals in this internationally known herd which contains 10 "excellent" females.

It will also be of interest to our readers to learn that 10 animals have been selected from the Lindale string to compete at the National Dairy Show at Chicago in October.

By the way, a 14 acre field of Rodney oats, yielded between 80 and 90 bushels per acre. In contrast to 40 odd bushels to the acre from the Beaver variety.

**Proper Land Use**

The 155 acre Milden Farm of Dr. W. F. James, near Hornby, was the next point of call. Here the primary purpose of the visit was to see the job of reclaiming some 30 odd acres of flats, which has been done by the energetic and capable manager, Jim McKay. To see the 30 acre flats with its stream of spring water and lush pasture, is always an inspiration.

However, to really appreciate the transformation, one would have to have seen it as it was originally when Jim McKay came to the farm—thorn trees everywhere and a worn out blue grass pasture which wouldn't carry many cattle for more than a few weeks in May and June. An axe backed by a strong heart and arms, aided by brushkill over several winters elim-

inated the thorn trees. Then followed the use of a Kliffex Disc-fertilization and a good seed mixture.

Today it carries over 60 head of Aberdeen Angus throughout the season. And speaking of the livestock, the young men took time out to see some of the animals in this noted herd, including their champion herd sire.

**Farm Management Stressed**

One has only to visit the 150 acre 270, Fern Ramshaw and Margaret Nurse-Land Farm of Fred Nurse, near Ashgrove, to realize that here is another Halton farmer who is a top farm manager. The farm business comprises some 65 head of mass bred Jerseys, a laying flock of 1,400 hens, plus hogs.

As in the case of the visit to Lindale farm, Mr. Nurse was literally besieged with questions pertaining to his rotation, his seed mixtures, fertility program—not to mention his 200 ton pit silo, farm pond, farm work shop, Multiflora Rose hedges, etc. and etc. How Mr. Nurse proposes to adjust his farm business to meet the ultimatum of a bulk tank was also the source of further inquiries and discussion.

**Farm Woodlot Profitable**

The final call in Halton was a visit to the 25 acre farm eggplant on the farm of Duncan Moffat, Nassagaweya Township near Rockwood. The group learned that, over the past 20 years, this woodlot has produced an average of 150 gals. of maple syrup annually. On the advice of Zone Forester C. R. Groves, some 25,000 feet of mature maple was sold from this woodlot this past winter. Further thinning will be made this coming winter.

Officials of the Department of Lands and Forests took the young men on an enlightening "hike" throughout the woodlot, to show what proper woodlot management could do. Threshing was the order of the day on the occasion of this visit, however Mr. Moffat took time out to answer the innumerable questions of the group, relative to the income derived from the woodlot, etc. His parting comment to the group as he left for the threshing scene, was "I wouldn't be sorry if the whole farm was in trees."

Around 5:30 p.m. the group was off to Guelph, where they are making their headquarters for the three days. Frankly, we think the young men on their return to their homes are going to do a lot of talking about what they saw and learned on their visits to the four farms in Halton—yes, we would also anticipate that their visit will result in some adjustments in their own farm businesses in the years which lie ahead.

### CAMPBELLVILLE

#### Grace Mission Band Ladies' Aid Meet

The Grace Mission Band held their September meeting in the church, Janet Mitchell, the president, opened the meeting with the call to worship. After singing hymn 270, Fern Ramshaw and Margaret Black were in charge of the devotional. Mrs. Greenlees used the eight commandments for the Bible study. The minutes were read by Margaret McPhail and Mrs. Greenlees gave the financial report.

The birthday song was sung for Gwen Wallace, Fern Ramshaw and Janet Mitchell. Betty Lou Turner gave a reading, My Verse. The offering was received and was dedicated by all singing the first verse of the dedication hymn, We Give Thee but Thine Own. 24 answered the roll call by naming. The subject which I like best at school. The study for the primary children was given by Beverley Roberts and was taken from the study book, Singing Secrets. Mrs. Greenlees had charge of the study for the juniors, which was taken from the study book, Bright Pathways. During the music period, songs from other lands were sung. The meeting closed by singing the hymn, Jesus Loves Me, and the Lord's Prayer said in unison.

Mrs. W. Greenlees was hostess to the Ladies' Aid on Wednesday afternoon. The devotions were taken by Mrs. M. McPhail and Mrs. Crawford. Mrs. McPhail gave the report of the secretary and Mrs. Greenlees gave the financial report. Mrs. Menzies, cheer secretary, reported 11 cards and letters sent in two months, four of these to welcome new babies. During the business period, several items of business were discussed. Lockers for the choir gowns have been purchased. Arrangements were made for a quilting and some other things discussed to be taken care of later.

Mrs. Crawford gave a report of

### LIGNY-DUFFERIN

#### Corn, Wiener Roast Held on Hos's Lawn

(Intended for last week)

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Howden were host and hostess to the Ligny farm forum when they met last Wednesday evening to enjoy a corn and wiener roast on the lawn.

Miss Leola Davis returned to her home over the week-end after spending the summer at a summer resort.

Mrs. L. F. Clarke was guest of the Rockalong W.I. She spoke on her trip overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde and Mrs. van Tyl, Kerry and Susan, of Centreline, Michigan, spent the holiday week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Howden and family and attended the reunion at Brookville Hall on Labor Day.

Guests with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Davenport on Sunday were Mrs. R. Findlay and John, Mrs. E. Weir, and Mrs. Sewell of Guelph and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Zimmerman and family of Dundas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gill, Burhanthorpe, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Melmer were guests at the same home recently.

The Daily Vacation Bible School, where 125 children were enrolled with an average attendance of 103. From the report it was thought that much time and effort had been spent on a very worthwhile project.

Mrs. Crawford read a letter from Jane Gray in which many suggestions were given which would help each one to decide what they would like to do for the church. Many of these duties were simple but if each one decides what they can do best, there will be an active society and the work will be interesting. The birthday song was sung for five members. The meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer in unison. A social period followed, after which the ladies strolled out to the shady nook at the back of the house. This beautiful spot has lovely flowers, a small island, water flowing smoothly and even ducks sauntering around.

**Attention Farmers!**

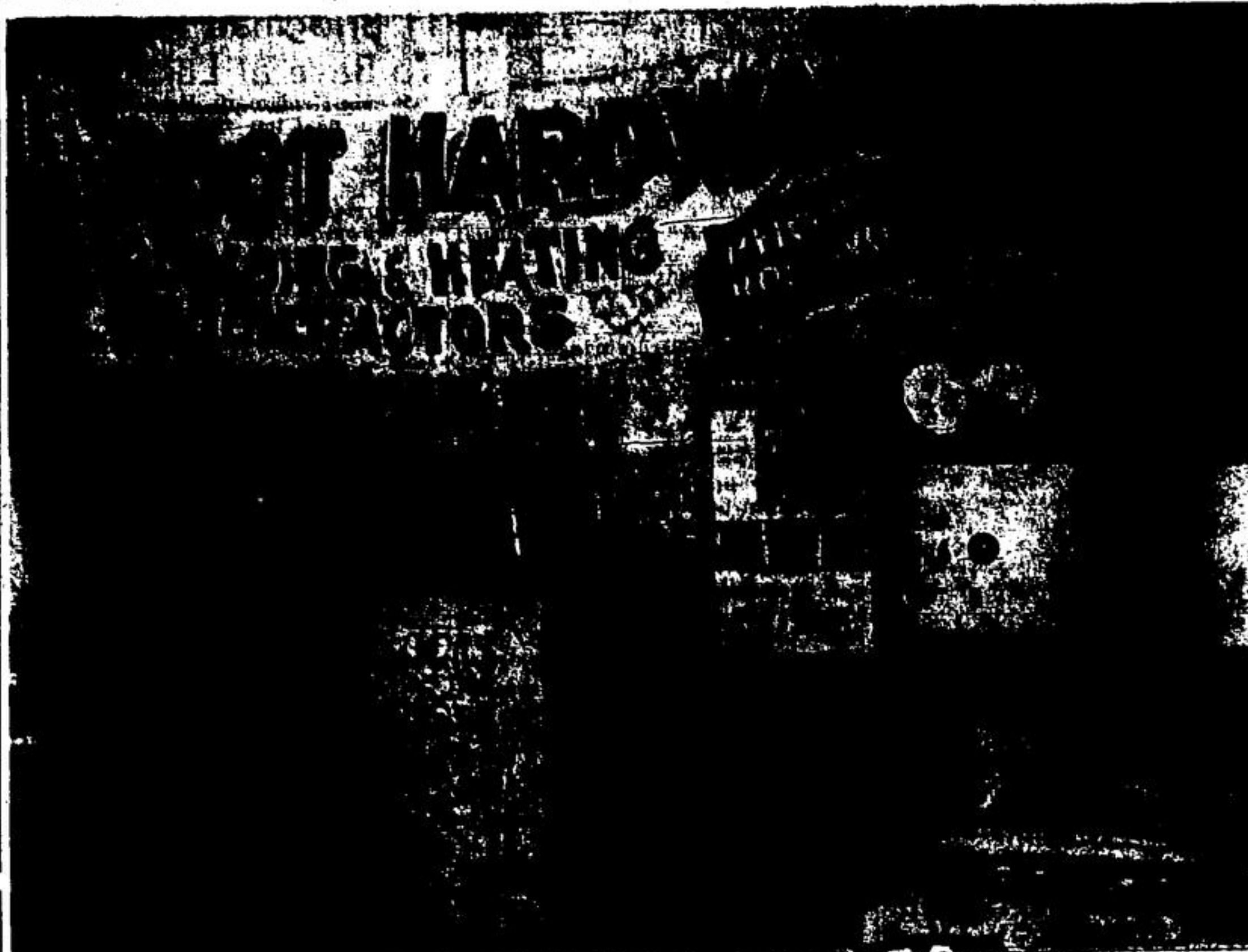
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Cub - Scout

## PAPER COLLECTION

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

PLEASE BUNDLE PAPER SECURELY OR PACK IT IN CARTONS AND PLACE AT EDGE OF SIDEWALK.

All Cubs and Scouts to meet at Scout Hall at 8.30 a.m.

## Halton Jrs. Hold Plowing Match Select Team to Represent County

Saturday, September 8 saw Halton Juniors stage their annual plowing match on the farm of C. Ricci, lot 4, 9th line of Esqueping township. Harvest conditions prevented many prospective plow boys and girls competing in this annual event. Fred Timbers, noted champion plowman, of Stouffville, York county, was the official judge and coach.

12 ridges in all were turned. These ridges were utilized the following Monday by the Ontario Plowmen's Association as the basis for a judging school, which was attended by some 45 official judges from all sections of Ontario.

**Halton Team Selected**

As in former years, the team to represent Halton in the inter-county class at the International was selected at this event. The successful plow boys were John Cunningham, of Hornby, and Tom Hunter of Georgetown, R.R. 2. In contrast to former years, the inter-county team members must each plow two ridges, one in the two-furrow utility class on Thursday, October 6, and the other in the regular inter-county class the following day.

The inter-county awards will be based on the combined score for the two days. However, to return to the match of the Halton Juniors, here are the awards:

Class 1 (contestants under 16 years)—Keith Leslie, Georgetown; Class 2 (mounted plow class), Mary Lou Taylor, Burlington and George Hume, Milton; Class 3 (juniors un-

der 21 years), John Cunningham, Hornby and Bill Speck, Hornby; Class 4 (inter-secondary school class), Tom Hunter, Georgetown.

Numbered among the interested spectators were J. D. Thomas, president of the World's Plowmen's Association and a Mr. Britton, champion plowman from New Zealand, who was on his way to compete at the World Match in Great Britain.

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