

NEWS

Debaters Move Into Second Round

Halton Junior Farmer debating quartette is scheduled to meet the Wellington County Junior Farmer debaters on Friday evening, December 21, at the Four Halton, President of the Halton Juniors.

More Farmers Needed-Forums

Is there need for increased efficiency in Canadian agriculture and are there too many farmers? These were the questions discussed by Ontario farm forums on December 3.

Killarney Bay forum in Victoria said: "To reach an adequate income, greater efficiency is needed to produce more at a lower cost with less help and less expenditure of labor."

When asked if there were "too many farmers", the forums said there were not, but they did say there were too many "part-time farmers."

Springville forum in Peterborough supported that idea and stated: "Some farmers are only part-time farmers giving most of their time to city work. This situation would not arise if farmers received a return for their work which is on a par with that of the city worker."

In final summation, the forums said because of the increase in the Canadian population, there was need to farm more efficiently and that Canada has room for more, not less, farmers.

St. Alban's Guild '57 Officers Named

The December meeting of St. Alban's Guild was held in the Parish Hall with 20 members present. The meeting opened with a hymn, following by a scripture reading by Irene Healey. The treasurer and secretary's reports were read.

It was decided to give the wardens \$250 to buy pull cords for the new drapes. Aileen Currie, as retiring president, was presented with a cup and saucer.

Rev. E. Jones took over the meeting for the election of officers for 1957. The following officers were elected: honorary president, Mrs. Jones; president, Irene Healey; first vice-president, Thelma Barbeau; second vice-president, Penny Bristow; recording secretary, Eileen Taylor; treasurer, Mary Townsend; assistant treasurer, Pat Boothe; corresponding secretary, Jean Lasby; flower convener, Louise Lindsay; lunch convener, Mae Fountain; entertainment, Mrs. Ganley; press reporter, B. Anderson; assistant reporter, Doris Morton; kitchen committee, B. Dolphin and M. Rowles; bazaar committee, Alice Newton, Peg Coon, D. Van Wyck; welfare committee, Grace Nelles and Bette Footitt.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction after which the members sat down to a potluck supper including roast turkey and all the trimmings.

Garry and Rodney Oats Yield Higher in all Recent Surveys

At a recent meeting of the directorate of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, who then were making plans for their annual meeting, which incidentally is scheduled for the Milton Fair building on December 27, we were interested to hear from W. E. Breckon that two-thirds of the oats eligible for registration in Canada are either of the Garry or Rodney varieties.

Certainly these two varieties gave an outstanding account of themselves in Halton in 1956—and this despite the very late date of seeding.

Some 42 4-H Halton club members had the Garry variety in 1956 and the average yield was slightly over 60 bushels to the acre. In variety tests conducted by the County Soil and Crop Improvement Association in 1956, yields of Garry and Rodney were 73 and 71.7 bushels per acre for the Rodney and Garry varieties respectively. In contrast with this, in the same test, Beaver yielded 51.6 bus. and Simcoe 48.6 bus.

In another test with W. H. Biggar and Sons, Garry and Rodney both outyielded Simcoe and Beaver by approximately 50 per cent. We were also interested to note in a report just released by the Field Husbandry Department at the Ontario Agricultural College, that here again Garry and Rodney were at the top. In the regional variety tests conducted on some 15 farms across Ontario, Garry is given an average yield of 75.7 bus. per acre and Rodney in second place with 64.2 bus. per acre.

In the same report, we note in a three year summary for the years 1954, 1955 and 1956 that Garry is given an average yield of 71 bus. Rodney 69.9 bus. and Beaver 61.4 bus. Certainly in Halton this year Garry and Rodney excelled Beaver by a much wider margin but we must remember that the season of 1956 was a most unusual one.

Decoration Contest For Homes Launched

BURLINGTON In the next few weeks, homes in Burlington and Nelson will take on a decidedly seasonal air, as the annual Chamber of Commerce home decoration contest gets under way.

The home in Burlington or Nelson township deemed the most attractive so far as outside decorations are concerned, will receive a \$25 prize from the Chamber.

The contest winds up December 20-It has run three or four years now. A formal presentation will be made to the winner at a time to be announced later.

To determine the winning home, a team of 10 Chamber members will tour the area in four cars.

OBITUARY

Life Long Resident Of Esqueping Dies

A life-long resident of Esqueping township, Jane Elizabeth Reddy, 83, beloved wife of Gilbert Sinclair, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Patterson, Limehouse, on Tuesday, December 4. Mrs. Sinclair was born in 1873 on lot 26, eighth line, daughter of Jane McKinley and John Reddy, pioneer residents of the district.

In 1901 she was married to Gilbert Sinclair, when she moved to their home on 22 sideroad and the eighth line. The couple observed their golden wedding anniversary in September, 1951.

Besides her husband, she is survived by five children, Lawrence of Geraldton; Irene (Mrs. Stuart Smith) of Weston; Charles of Welland; Eva (Mrs. A. C. Patterson) of Limehouse; Herbert of Hamilton, name grandchildren, one great grandchild; also one sister, Mrs. Ellen Wiley.

Mrs. Sinclair attended school at S.S. 16, was a member of Limehouse Presbyterian church and belonged to the Stone school farm forum and Silverwood Women's Institute. Her main interests were her family and her home. During the past year she was confined to bed.

The funeral service was held on Thursday, December 6, at Limehouse Presbyterian church at two o'clock, conducted by her minister, the Rev. Alex J. Calder. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery, Georgetown.

Palbearers were Fred Sinclair, Earl McKay, Harding Price, Richard Appleyard, Harold Campbell and Ben Case.

Feel Soil Bank Plan Would Apply to West

The Soil Bank Idea was the topic discussed by the Ontario Farm Forums on November 26. The Forums agreed that a soil bank plan similar to the American scheme would benefit Canadian farmers in reducing surpluses but would apply for the most part to the western provinces.

Greenwood Forum in Ontario County said: "A soil bank plan might reduce surpluses in Western Canada, but we don't think it would be effective in Ontario with our mixed farming."

The groups thought the soil bank plan would benefit all Canadian farmers in promoting soil conservation. Speaking for the groups, Millinery Forum in Middlesex stated: "Soil conservation should be promoted to conserve national soil, water, forest and wild life resources."

As spokesmen for the forums who did not favor a soil bank plan, Foster Farm Forum in Ontario said: "We in Canada haven't too much surplus. Canadians believe in carrying certain surpluses to take care of a failure of farm products."

About 50 per cent of the forums said there were farm lands in their area which should be taken out of production. This could be accomplished by reforestation, the planting of trees on slopes and hills and permanent pastures. Some thought the government should buy up the poor lands and reforest.

Hampton Forum of Durham county summed up these opinions saying: "Each individual owner should take some of the responsibility for doing this. The government might also aid in doing this by offering cash for so many acres taken off production. Perhaps through government trained men, better use of this land might be promoted by reforestation, etc."

Partnership Dissolved

VANCOUVER (CP)—The partnership of L. C. Way and Associates, publishers, rural newspaper representatives and public relations counsellors, has been dissolved. It was announced here by Mr. Way. He founded it in 1947 with Dean Miller and J. R. (Tim) Armstrong as associates.

Mr. Way will continue the firm name of L. C. Way and Associates as sole proprietor of "The Canadian Weekly Editor" and as national advertising representative of the B. C. Weekly Newspapers Advertising Bureau. R. C. (Bob) Turner will be associated with him.

Mr. Miller will assume operation on his own of the firm's public relations division, and Mr. Armstrong continues as editor and publisher of the farm paper, "Country Life." In addition, he will be B.C. representative of "Farm and Ranch Review," Calgary, and "Country Guide," Winnipeg.

We were also interested to note Rockalda Volunteer Vivian, formerly owned by Arthur Padbury of Campbellville and now in the herd of Don Head Farms of Richmond Hill, Vivian, as a 15 year old, produced 5338 lbs. of fat.

As we recall, some ten or 12 years ago, Vivian and her full sister used to be the winning progeny of Dan for Art Padbury at the Milton Fair.

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Schedule 100 New Boxes In Post Office Changes

Over 100 new post office private boxes will be added shortly after Christmas to fill all the current demand. The new boxes will be installed when front wickets and counters are completely rebuilt. Several changes are entailed in the remodelling.

The front wall inside the post office, with its one bank of boxes, two wickets, slots for dropping mail and the jog around a corner to the money order wicket, will be replaced. The new wall will have more boxes, new letter and parcel slots and wickets, and will run straight across the building, eliminating the jog.

Polish Canadians From Toronto Vote, Shame Trafalgarites

TRAFALGAR — Three Polish-Canadian residents to shame at the recent elections by travelling more than 100 miles just to exercise their voting franchise.

Julian Kulezycki, John Flisk and John Kucyk, who live in Toronto and own township property, drove to their polling subdivision in Trafalgar to vote. They were told they couldn't vote and so went to the township offices. They were told they were aliens and would have to have citizenship papers before they could vote.

The three men drove back to Toronto, picked up their citizenship papers and drove back to the township offices. They were given an okay by Clerk Sheldon Feathstone and just beat the 6 p.m. deadline to cast their ballots. They then drove back to Toronto, happy that they'd been given an opportunity to vote.

Only 28 per cent of some 2,000 of the 8,000 eligible voters in the township took time to vote.

Saskatchewan has a total area of 251,700 square miles.

At present there are 532 private boxes at the post office—and a long waiting list. After the change, there will be 683 boxes. Most of these have already been assigned by the postmaster, Frank Terry, but there are several still vacant. Anyone requiring a box may make out an application form.

The new plan makes several changes in the present boxes, too. Several families and businesses have had boxes the wrong size—much too large, for instance—simply because there was no other box available. Now these discrepancies also will be corrected.

Since facilities are becoming more and more cramped all the time, arrangements have been made to enlarge the present working space inside the office. One section of the customs office board room will be given over to the rural mailmen for sorting their mail.

New linoleum flooring will also be laid.

To keep inconvenience to the public down to a minimum, it is expected most of the work will be done on two week-ends.

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