

FARM NEWS

Pasture Return High Cows Not Producing

During the past month, many Halton dairymen have told us that their cows are not producing the way they should. In line with this, the dairies in Toronto nearly all report a shortage of milk.

In short, while our Halton cows and granaries, in most cases, were well filled, the bulk of our feed this year certainly appears to lack milk producing ability. True, a lot of our oats, with the exception of the Garry and Rodney varieties, were badly rusted and light. That is one factor in the low milk production problem. The second and we think the more important factor, is the poor quality of our hay.

Again, the low quality of our hay is largely the result of weather conditions in late May and early June. Growing conditions were poor and our meadows were very short. In fact, it was mid June before our meadows actually started to make growth. Consequently, it was late June before a large percentage of our farm operators got having operations under way, and this, coupled with catchy weather, saw many folk still at the hay end of July—a month after the crop should have been in the barn—the result, a lot of badly weathered, poor quality hay.

And we know of no better way to determine quality in hay, than by the way the old dairy cow responds. When one has to feed a lot of molasses with the hay in order to get the beasts to clean it up, you can be assured the quality isn't there and when they do, it doesn't produce milk.

This all goes to remind us of the truth of that statement, "Our hay and pasture crops are our most valuable crops." That brings us to the "Pasture Story" of the year.

Halton Federation Names New Officers

J. H. Taylor of Appleby was elected president of the Halton Federation of Agriculture for 1957 at the Annual Meeting of the County Federation held in the Fairview school auditorium on Monday evening last week. Other officers elected were as follows: vice-presidents, R. J. Laking, Mac Sprowl, Ed Fish, Brock Harris, secretary-treasurer, A. R. Coulter, R. L. Davidson, the retiring president, presided over the very excellent program of the evening. The gathering was honored with an unexpected visit from Floyd Griesbach, the Secretary of the National Farm Forum Committee. Mr. Griesbach was accompanied by Wyatt Brice of the Agricultural Education and Information Bureau in Jamaica.

The interest of the audience in Credit Unions was certainly stimulated by the enlightening and humorous address of Bruce McCutcheon of Dundalk. Mr. McCutcheon is certainly an authority on the subject of Credit Unions, having served as a director of the Credit Union located in Dundalk since its inception, and in addition is a member of the Board of the Co-operative Union of Ontario.

It was indeed a gripping and amusing story which Mr. McCutcheon told, based on their experience at Dundalk. Frankly, we will be a little surprised if a Rural Credit Union does not materialize in Halton as a result of this address.

The group discussion on "The Role of the Delegate," ably led by National Farm Forum secretary Griesbach, was another feature of the outstanding evening's program, which marked the 1956 annual meeting of the Halton Federation.

GOOD OLD DAYS
—Wreckers have uncovered McVanderline posters on the walls of an historic building on Queen St.

Between 1951 and 1956 the amount of work time required by a Canadian industrial employee to pay for a man's wool suit has decreased from 53 hours and 43 minutes to 42 hours and 39 minutes.

Re-elect George Readhead Halton Plowmen Prexy

Halton Plowmen tried out a new idea for them at their Annual Meeting on December 15. The meeting was held at the Milton Inn and started off with dinner. It is perhaps fitting that this should be so because we note in an old minute book, back in 1895, that the Halton Mouldboard Association held a reorganization meeting in the Mitchell Hotel (same hotel) on November 2.

Mr. Stanley L. Hall, M.L.A., a director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, brought greetings and an encouraging message on December 15, before leaving for another engagement elsewhere in the county. The meeting recommended that the 1957 Match be held in Esquesing township.

The following officers and directors were appointed as delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Plowmen's Association: Geo. E. Readhead, Leonard Easter, Cleo Bert McDoyle, J. H. Taylor and Stanley May.

The secretary's report revealed that the Halton Match was one of the most largely contested matches held in the province in 1956. Tribute was also paid to Ernest Irvine and to many other individuals and organizations, whose generous cooperation enabled the Halton Association to offer a prize list in keeping with present day agriculture.

Grosses Over \$215 per Acre

On July 3 last, some of our farm operators will recall the twilight tour sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association. On that tour, we had a look at a five-acre long term pasture on the Kelt Ella farm at Horsey. Ken had the pasture down in 1955 on a five-acre field near the barn. It is a field which contains both high and low land, so Mr. Ella selected two different seed mixtures—one for the three acres of high land, and the second for the low end of the field, which normally floods in the spring.

With a spring creek running along the front of the field and close to the barn, and an electric fence, the soil of field one does not like to plow more frequently than is absolutely necessary. It makes an ideal field for a long term pasture. Ken seeded it down with a bushel of oats to the acre. The oats and the winter wheat mixture was broadcast at 22 lbs. to the acre, and finally the field was packed.

The oats were pastured off and despite the dry season of 1955, the Ella herd of 17 cows and calves pastured off the field the same fall. The wet spring of 1956 prevented the cattle being turned in until June 10. The pasture was so far ahead of the Ella herd of 17 Jersey cows that it was thought an Ella herd of 100 cows could be put on the field. This was cut for hay, and yielded 232 bales averaging 45 lbs. to the bale.

Valuing the hay at \$15 to the ton, and the Jersey milk at \$4.60 per cwt. which was the average price Mr. Ella received for his milk at the farm in 1956, the field grossed \$215 per acre, this past season. That Ken appreciates the value of good pasture is borne out by the fact that he topped dressed his pasture with barnyard manure in the fall of 1956 and in October last, the field received another 200 lbs. to the acre of 0-20-10.

This story should not be interpreted, however, as suggesting that everyone should lay down a long term pasture. There are farms which have fields which lend themselves to the idea—in other cases, the general farm layout may lend itself better to hay-pasture mixtures which can be included in the regular rotation.

Reeve Linham Host at Dinner

Reeve Walter Linham was host to members of Esquesing council and township officials at a noon dinner at the McGibbon House, Georgetown. The dinner, with the council meeting that took place in the morning, concluded the year's sessions.

Mr. Linham, who is stepping down from the reeve's chair to a council seat in 1957, was complimented on a successful year in office by a number of the guests who spoke briefly during the dinner hour.

Those present included deputy reeve George Currie, councillors Wilfrid Bird, Campbell Sinclair and Spencer Wilson, clerk-treasurer K. C. Lindsay, assessment commissioner Arthur Benton, road superintendent William Townsend and members of the township works staff, Sam Mileham, Bob Lindsay, Frank Wilson and William Corley. George C. Brown, who handles the township insurance, Jack Hart and Tom Van Sicker of Georgetown.

Clip Walkerton In Second Game

Acton Y.M.C.A. Midget basketball team took to the floor Friday afternoon in Acton to defeat the Walkerton High School midgets by a score of 61-15.

John Tripp led the scoring for the Acton five with 20 points and was supported by Peter Lawson and Don Price, each of whom scored 15 points.

Bill Churchill and Stewart Mac Donald with four points each, and Dave Fleming with three points completed the Acton scoring.

Acton led all the way and the game was much different from the 25-24 victory that Acton managed to take out in Walkerton last month. The Acton team consisted of John Tripp, Dave Fleming, Stewart Mac Donald, Peter Lawson, Brian McCrystal, Don Price, Doug Rudick and Bill Churchill.

The next game of this series will be played in Walkerton on January 19.

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The election of the directors resulted as follows: past president, J. Spencer Wilson, president, Geo. E. Readhead, vice-president, Leonard Easter and Cleo Bert McDoyle, secretary-treasurer, J. E. White-lock.

Directors: Esquesing, Roy Currie, J. Cunningham, Stanley May and Clifford Wigglesworth, associate, Lloyd Fisher, Tom Hunter, Elmer Bird, Traylor, J. C. Marshall, John W. Picket, Lloyd May and Thomas Howden, associate, Arnold Howden, Keith Merry, George Hall, Nelson J. H. Taylor, Roy Elliott, Glen Campbell and J. E. Ellenton, associate, Erwin Gunby, Hugh Warrington and Fred A. Newman, Niagara Falls, J. R. McPhail, Ross Gordon, Robert Hurren and George Swann, associate, J. L. Chisholm, Jack Turner and Sandy Buchanan.

Honorary directors: W. E. Breech, Stanley L. Hall, Victor Hall, Ross Seigworth, Claude F. Picket, Harold Picket, Allan Dixon, J. A. Elliott, W. H. Robinson, Vernon E. M. Arthur, Ernest Irvine, auditor, Frank McEwen.

It was of interest to our readers to learn the names of the winners at the Match held on the farm of Johnston Harrison on November 17, 1951.

First class: E. M. Smellie, Norval Hugh Gray, Brampton, James Jarvis, Boyne, David Featherstone, Drumquin.

Second class: John Jarvis, Boyne, John Adams, Milton, Franklin Featherstone, Drumquin.

Manufacturers' class: Hector Brown, Esquesing, Charles Smith, Boyne, Bert McMicking, Brampton.

Boys' Class: Rowland Jarvis, Boyne, Thomas Featherstone, Drumquin.

Double farrow class: Robert Bush, Milton, George Denon, Milton, John Wilson, Milton.

Milton Edges Acton 4 to 3 In Junior Tilt

Palermo skipped over Norval 4-2 and Milton edged Acton 3-2 in the two Junior Farmer hockey games at Milton arena last week. Referee Bill Boyd and Bruce Hood dished out 18 penalties, two of them majors, during the two games.

Norval marksmen Ken Richardson and B. Richardson were out-leagued by Palermo's B. Price, G. Richardson, Ken Vivian and D. Murray. Dave Leslie picked up two penalties for Norval, as did Ken Richardson and J. D. Cameron, netminder, managed one for leaving the goal crease. For Palermo, G. Richardson and B. Price received penalties.

Graham Gillies, John Willmott and H. Tasker scored for Milton in the second game. Murray Tasker picked up three stretches in the sin bin while C. McMann, John Willmott, Graham Gillies and Arnold Howden also received penalties.

Acton's marksmen were G. McArthur and John Cunningham. Ron Sinclair got three penalties for the North Halton team and Wilbert Peavy had one.

Rex Heslop Elected Builders' President

The North Halton Builders' Association held its organizational meeting Monday. The following officers were elected: president, Rex Heslop; vice president, Bill Hamilton; secretary, Harold Barratow; treasurer, Harold Fohert; directors, Mac Osber, Sam Silverstein and Joe Pacholik.

Builders from Acton, Milton and other centres in North Halton will be taking part.

AI Convention

Among the thousands of delegates and supporters from all parts of Canada attending the national convention of the Progressive Conservative party at Ottawa were Mac Sprowl of Acton and Sandy Best of Georgetown. Others there from this district were Hon. George A. and Mrs. Drew, Guelph and John Root, M.P.P. (Wellington-Dufferin), Orton.

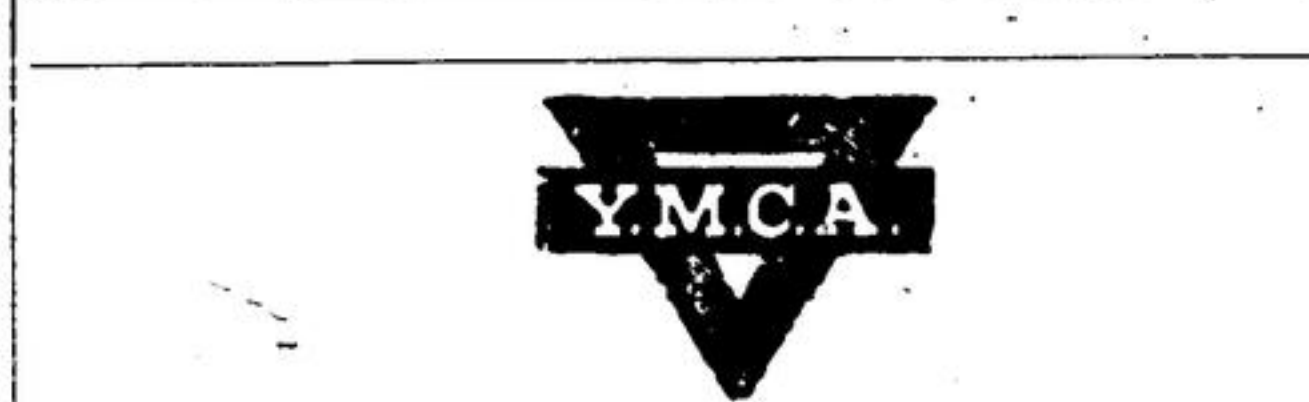
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	Basketball	8:30 p.m.	
TUESDAY	Chess Club	8:00 p.m.	
	Basketball	8:30 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY	Badminton	8:00 p.m.	
	Table Tennis	8:00 p.m.	
THURSDAY	Y's Men's Club	6:30 p.m.	2nd and 4th Thursdays
	Track Club	7:30 p.m.	
FRIDAY	Model Railway Club	7:30 p.m.	
SATURDAY	Badminton	7:30 p.m.	

Showers and Body Building Facilities are available all day to members Monday-Saturday

The Board of Directors meet the Third Thursday of the Month. You are invited to give time to children's work as a leader. Please contact the secretary for further information.

YOUTH DIVISION

MONDAY	Midget Basketball practice	7:00 p.m.
	Three Star Junior Hi-Y	7:00 p.m.
	Pipe Band, Pipe Section	7:15 p.m.
	Juvenile Basketball practice	8:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	Chess Club and instruction	6:30 p.m.
	Senior Boys' Gym class	7:00 p.m.
	Pipe Band, Drum Section	7:15 p.m.
	Dance instruction class	7:30 p.m.
	Juvenile Basketball practice	8:30 p.m.
THURSDAY	Track Club	7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	Leaders' Corps	4:30 p.m.
	Floor Hockey League	6:45 p.m.
	Model Railway Club	7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY	Badminton Club	10:00 a.m.
	Midget Basketball Practice	3:30 p.m.

Friday night dances are sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. Track Club. The first and third Fridays of each month 8:30-11:30 p.m.

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