

J. E. Whitelock and A. T. Woodley Assist in Organizing 4-H Clubs

It takes more than fog and treacherous roads to dampen the enthusiasm of Halton's 4-H Club members. Friday evening, April 8, saw them congregating at the Court House, Milton. It was organization night and they filled the county building to overflowing. Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock, assisted by A. T. Woodley, chairman of Halton's 4-H Club Leaders' Council and a battery of leaders took on the job of organizing seven clubs on the one night. Indications point to 1957 being an even greater year in 4-H club work in Halton than 1956 and that is saying a good deal.

The following is a list of the clubs organized with their respective officers:

Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club (41 members) — President, Don Taylor; vice-president, Bill Marshall; secretary-treasurer, Mary Lou Taylor.

Halton 4-H Beef and Dual Purpose Calf Club (37 members) —

President, Lynne Coulter; vice-president, Tom Hunter; secretary-treasurer, Bill Robinson.

Halton 4-H Jersey - Guernsey Calf Club (14 members) — President, Nora Best; secretary-treasurer, Lewis Bull.

Halton 4-H Swine Club (12 members) — President, George Greenless; secretary - treasurer, Lynne Coulter.

Halton 4-H Potato Club (16 members) — President, Philip Sheppard; vice - president, George Greenless; secretary - treasurer, Lorna Woodley.

Halton 4-H Second Year Grain Club (12 members) — President, W. C. Robinson; vice-president, Tom Hunter; secretary-treasurer, Don Taylor.

Halton 4 - H First Year Grain Club (10 members) — President, Ron Lee; vice-president, Ralph Cunningham; secretary - treasurer, Ron Cowdell.

Final Club to be Organized

The final club to be organized will be the Acton 4-H Tractor Maintenance Club, which is under the sponsorship of the Acton Junior Farmers. This club will hold its initial meeting during the current week with Agricultural Engineering Fieldman Ross Milne, and Club Leader Mac Sproul, in charge.

The seven clubs organized at Milton are being sponsored by the Equipping and Halton Agricultural Societies in co-operation with the Halton Jersey and Guernsey Breeders' clubs, the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association and the Halton Hog Producers Association.

We understand from A. T. Woodley, chairman of the Club Leaders' Council, that applications for enrollment are still rolling in. Other Halton young people who were unable to attend the initial meetings, should contact the Agricultural Office in Milton at once. May 1 has been set as the final date for acceptance of further applications.

School and Industry Support TB Survey

Acton Industry is joining in to make the X-ray examinations in the Acton area as complete as possible," it was announced by Chairman A. E. Padbury of the Acton Committee of the Halton County Tuberculosis Association. "We hope this co-operation will help to get the tuberculosis problem under control in this area, if any exists here," Mr. Padbury stated.

Industries in which TB clinics were conducted were: Baxter Laboratories, Mason Knitting Company, Force Electric, Beardmore and Co., Micro Plastics and Wool Cumbering Corporation.

Acton High School also participated in the TB survey and children of 12 years of age and over were examined at the high school from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on April 18.

The above surveys were in addition to the regular clinic sessions which were held for all other residents of this area in the Masonic Hall in Campbellville on April 15; in the town hall in Brookville on April 16, and in the town hall in Acton on April 17 and 18. Clinic hours were from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 10 p.m. X-ray examinations are free.

Farm Outlook Release

The Spring and summer issue of the Ontario Farm Business is just off the press and copies may be secured at the Agricultural Office in Milton. Aside from the outlook for beef cattle, hogs, cream, cheese, dairy cows, wheat and small seeds, the issue contains some interesting articles on such topics as (1) The U.S. Soil Bank Program; (2) Parity—Some Basic Concepts, etc.

Bannockburn School Setting for Euchre

A very successful euchre was held in Bannockburn school on Saturday, March 30. 16 tables were playing.

Ladies' first prize went to Mrs. C. Meredith, second to Mrs. O. Lorke and consolation to Mrs. Edna Robinson. Men's first went to Clifford McDonald, second to J. McLaren and consolation to O. Lorke.

Lunch was served, bringing another enjoyable evening to a close.

Lakeside Chapter Hold April Meeting

The April meeting of Lakeside chapter I.O.O.F. was held in the Legion Hall on Tuesday, April 10, 1957. The report, Miss Jessie Cole, opened the meeting with the prayer of the Order and salute of the flag.

The executive presented several fund raising suggestions. It was decided for the year's activities to hold a rummage sale early in May. A booth at the fall fair has been spoken for where the Chapter will sell aprons, knitted articles, etc. and in October, a euchre and penny sale will be held.

After the business meeting was closed, Miss Jean Rowe, Public Health Nurse, gave a very interesting talk on the work and benefits of a Health Unit in the community.

Mrs. J. H. Creighton thanked Miss Rowe on behalf of the Chapter and presented her with a small gift.

The committee in charge served a delightful lunch.

Minister Announces Latest Appointment

A recent release by the Honourable W. A. Gosford, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, announced the appointment of J. A. Francis as the Associate Agricultural Representative for Halton and Peel counties to take effect on May 1. Mr. Francis, a native of Huron County, is a graduate of 1948 of the Ontario Agricultural College. He served as Assistant Agricultural Representative in South Simcoe and for the past five years as Associate Agricultural Representative in Hastings County, with headquarters at Stirling. While he will commence his new duties on May 1, we understand that Mr. and Mrs. Francis and family will be moving to Milton on or about June 1.

Hog Numbers Higher Output on Same Level

Recent estimates by the U.S. Foreign Agricultural Service indicate that world hog numbers in 1956 reached a new record high of 365 million, nearly a third higher than per war World pork output in 1957 is expected to remain at about the same level as in 1956, with food supplies favorable to increased output in Eastern Europe, the USSR and South America.

Compare Hog Runs For March Marketing

Hog runs during March averaged 10,000 per week, which is 12 per cent or 16,000 head a week less than March of last year. For the first quarter of this year, hog marketings in the West were down 12.3 per cent and in the east, 10.5 per cent compared to the same period last year.

While March marketings were considerably smaller than a year ago, they were still some 12,000 hogs per week above the apparent rate of domestic appearance in February and some 5,000 hogs weekly over the combined domestic and export absorption in February. This storage stocks showed a further build-up last month.

Three Pound Increase In Meat Consumption

An overall gain of nearly three pounds in Canadian per capita meat consumption was recorded in 1956, as compared to 1955, according to D.B.S. figures recently released. The major gain was in beef, which disappeared last year at a rate of 73.6 lbs. per capita compared to 71.9 lbs. in 1955 and only 54.7 lbs. in the period 1955 to 1959.

The per capita veal consumption last year of 8.9 lbs. is practically unchanged from 1955, as is also the 2.7 lbs. consumption rate per capita for lamb. Pork consumption last year, which was relatively high during the first half of the year, ended up at 58.3 lbs. per capita compared to 57.9 in 1955. This would indicate that consumption of pork tapered off toward the end of last year, when supplies fell and prices rose rather sharply.

Acton Residents Win \$13 at Draw

A large crowd at the weekly merchants' draw on Saturday saw Mrs. Gordon Calquhoun receive \$8 with a five per cent coupon and George Simpson awarded the \$5. Next week, the jackpot will hold \$130 for some lucky winner to draw from.

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More Praises Given To Milton President

David Wilson, president of Milton Junior Farmers, won the 'Best Actor' award at the fourth annual inter-county Drama Festival held in the War Memorial Hall, Ontario Agricultural College, on Tuesday of last week. An interested audience of 800 was in attendance for the event, which attracted entries from the counties of Huron, Peel, Waterloo, Wellington and Halton.

Adjudicator Mrs. Marianne Johnston of Stratford selected as her winning play, the one-act comedy entitled "The First Dress Suit", presented by the Clinton Junior Farmers of Huron county. For the 'Best Actress' award, Shirley Dyer of the Eramosa Junior Farmers in Wellington County was the selection.

Halton County was represented by the Milton Junior Farmers, in their presentation of "The Monkey's Paw", a drama in three scenes. Members of the Milton cast, in addition to Dave Wilson, were Jean Peterson, George Greenless, Jack O'Connor, Gordon Harris — with Stuart McFadden as director. While they did not receive the top awards, they nevertheless gave a fine performance and in our opinion, gave the winning group a tight run for their money.

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