

Dr. D.N. Huntley Addresses Group Haltom Farmers View Grain Tests

One hundred Haltomites from all sections of the County attended the annual wheat meeting sponsored by the Haltom Soil and Crop Improvement Association on Wednesday evening of last week.

The event was held on the farm of John Muth near Ash, where the group inspected the replicated variety tests which contained some 30 different varieties of oats and barley being tested under the regional variety test plan of the Department of Field Husbandry, O.A.C. in co-operation with the Haltom Association.

The discussion was ably led by Dr. D. N. Huntley, head of the Yield Husbandry Department, who later addressed the group on the

spacious laws of the Myth farmstead. His practical, down to earth address was keenly appreciated by the group, despite the chill evening air.

Wheat Yields Disappoint

Considerable discussion took place re the somewhat disappointing yields which many farmers have secured this year from their winter wheat. In short, there is a heavy crop of straw but the yields on the average would appear to be between 50 and 33 bushels per acre. With wheat at present prices, that is not an encouraging picture in view of the cost involved in producing the crop.

In any event, the discussion brings to mind a survey conducted

in 1948 and 1949 by the Haltom Association, in co-operation with the Haltom Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. The object was to determine, if possible, why some operators consistently get 40 bushels per acre or better and their neighbors average only 30 bushels.

In the study made during the two-year period, considerable data was secured from 41 Haltom farms. An analysis of the data was made by Dr. H. L. Patterson of the Farm Economics Branch, Toronto.

At that time, the differences in yield seemed to tie in with five different factors, namely: (1) variety, (2) fertilizer and manure applied, (3) time between plowing and seeding, (4) date of seeding and (5) the time over before seeding. The question of time between plowing and seeding was responsible for considerable discussion.

"Ag. Rep." Reviews Trip to West Details Birth of a New City

If you read our column of last week, you will recall we presented a few of the highlights of the tour sponsored by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, with particular reference to agriculture in the Okanagan and Fraser Valleys.

One could literally write reams about highlights observed in the bus tour of the Richmond Delta and Survey, where we saw something of the intensive cultivation of cash crops, such as potatoes and canning peas—the dairy farms and the peat moss industry.

We would be justified in writing of such highlights as Stanley Park and the British Properties development in Vancouver—of the beautiful Bulchard Gardens outside of Victoria, to mention but three of the many highlights to be seen in and around those two cities.

Kitimat and Kemano

However, for our limited space available this week, we shall confine ourselves to a bit about Kitimat, one of Canada's newest cities. Kitimat is a town built in its initial stages at least, by the Aluminum Company of Canada (Alcan).

Here Alcan has started what will ultimately be the largest aluminum smelter in the world. Eventually its capacity will be 350,000 tons using alumina from Jamaica and other distant sources.

If you have had the privilege of seeing that beautiful film, "A Man with a Thousand Hands", in which Raymond Massey is the

commentator, you will be aware that high up in the Coast Range, close to the Pacific Ocean Waterway but separated from it by the Coast Range of mountains, lie the headwaters of the Nechako River and its tributaries—a basin of some 50 snow-fed lakes, whose water and vast potential hydro electric power was, before the advent of Alcan, pouring out into the Pacific Ocean via the Fraser River.

So the Aluminum Company of Canada undertook the daring scheme of damming the roaring Nechako River with the great Kenney Dam (third largest rock-filled dam in the world), to the east, drilling a ten-mile tunnel through the mile-high western mountains then letting the water of the great new storage basin drop 16 times the height of Niagara Falls to a powerhouse near sea level inside a mountain at Kemano. From this point the power is carried over mountains and glaciers 50 miles to Kitimat to operate the huge smelter.

Incorporated in 1953

Kitimat was incorporated as a District Municipality in early 1953. Kitimat with Terrace, located on the highway connecting Fraser River and Prince George, one-third of the party took a trip to Alaska and on to Carcross in the Yukon in short, they travelled over the Trail of '96. We, who took in the Kitimat tour, had a five and a half day cruise, following a scenic vagabond route, where we had the opportunity to go through a cannery, see Indian settlements, etc.

All in all, it was a glorious trip and again may we say one has to see this western province of ours on the Pacific to appreciate its magnificent scenery and its potential contribution to this Canada of ours.

McEnery Reunion At Stanley Park, Erin

The McEnery family held a reunion at Stanley Park on Sunday. The one coming the farthest was Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nelson from Amersdale and the youngest was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Van F.

Miss Madeline spent last week with her cousin, Mrs. Cunningham, in Windsor.

Miss Muriel Hills and Miss Beth Ritchie of Acton spent the week-end at Orillia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEnery visited with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson at their cottage at Allanwood Bay on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jamieson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold McEnery spent a day at Wasaga Beach last week.

The sympathy of the community went out to Mr. Tom Mack in the sudden passing of his brother, Mr. William Mack, Hillburg.

EDEN MILLS Community Buzzing With Many Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clark visited with Mr. and Mrs. Corman in Burlington on Sunday.

Mrs. E. Rennie is spending two weeks with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Robertson in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ramsey and family spent several days with Mrs. Ramsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Brodie at Markdale. Terry Hamilton has returned home after spending ten days at camp.

Misses Isabel Lowrie and Mildred Knight left on Tuesday for a 15 day tour of Florida and the U.S.A.

There was no service in the Presbyterian church last Sunday. Next Sunday Rev. Patterson of Dunmore will be the speaker.

Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Kuppen of Carleton Place are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lowrie.

OSPRINGE

Russell Smith Gored by Cow Injuries Require 20 Stitches

Russell Smith gored by cow injuries. Mr. Russell Smith received nasty gashes which required 20 stitches and treatment at Guelph hospital on Friday evening. He was trying to bring a new calf into the barn when his mother charged him and gored him with her horn.

Friends of Mrs. K. Klosser will be pleased to learn she is now convalescing following surgery last week at the Guelph hospital.

Mrs. John De Vries has been a patient at Guelph hospital undergoing treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Fines and Doris, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. McArthur of Erin left Monday morning on a motor trip to the west. They expect to go as far as Banff, Alta., visiting with relatives enroute.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Atkin, John, She-lock and Rev. Foreman are vacationing at Papeau Lake, Hamilton.

Mrs. S. Gimsey and sons Bruce and Robert left Milton Airport on Tuesday morning for an extended visit with relatives in England.

Mrs. J. D. Robertson, of Preston called on her nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Robertson, on Friday.

Miss Nancy Bolloch spent a few days with Joan Craig at the home of the latter's grandfather, Mr. R. Hunter, Erin.

Miss Hazel Wells of Sault Ste. Marie is visiting with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Winter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz de Haan and children of Burlington visited during the week-end with the latter's mother, Mrs. Mary De Vries.

Miss Madeline Griffin spent last week with relatives in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKenzie-Landa and Billy spent Sunday at Wasaga Beach.

Building activity in the community is quite brisk at the present. Mr. Fuller (Sr.) is building a new home on the corner of the third line and the highway.

Two summer cottages are being built on the third line near the river, by Toronto folks who purchased two lots from George Grundy.

Excavation for a house has been made on the lot next to Rev. Hayward's home on the highway by Brampton residents on land purchased from Mr. L. Bork.

Week-end Visitors

Visitors during the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stewart and family included Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hawkes and two daughters, Mrs. Carl Barnes and daughter, Toronto, Andy Johnston of the Royal Canadian Army stationed at Picton.

Miss Edith Parent of Toronto spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Parent.

Mr. and Mrs. William Klosser returned home Saturday evening following a week's motor trip through the north.

Mr. George Grundy has the cement footings poured for his new barn.

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CAPTIONED MISS ACTION 1950 was the old Studebaker fire-truck, still in use by the Acton Fire Department. Gaily decorated and with accompanying firemen decked out in comic costume the float added spice to the Centennial Parade last Monday, to say nothing of the exhaust fumes.