

J. B. Nelson, W. P. Watson Address Halton Soil and Crop Association

Seldom have Halton farmers had the opportunity of hearing two more thought provoking and practical addresses than those delivered by J. B. Nelson, associate director of the Farm Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto, and that of W. P. Watson, Ontario's livestock commissioner, at the afternoon session of Halton's annual Seed Display Day held in the Agricultural Hall, Milton Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 22. This session was chaired by Maurice C. Bealy, president of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

In his address entitled "What We Grow is Important," J. B. Nelson pointed out that "cost studies" reveal that there is a big difference in returns per acre from different crops and various kinds of livestock.

"As a result of changing conditions," stated Mr. Nelson, "some type of specialization is essential instead of a little bit of everything." In reviewing changes in the agricultural picture in Halton, the speaker pointed out that according to census figures, while there were only 47 per cent as many hog producers in Halton in 1956 as 15 years earlier, the drop in production was only 34 per cent.

In poultry production, stated Mr. Watson, census figures reveal that in the past five years, there had been a reduction of 36 per cent in the number of poultry producers in Halton but poultry production had dropped only 10 per cent, while in cattle production, four fifths as many farmers are producing six per cent more cattle.

Specialization Age
We are living in an age of specialization—this means that at least 80 per cent of our farm income must come from one line—our objective for a two-man farm is a minimum in gross sales, or in the case of a one-man farm, the minimum gross sales must total at least \$3,000, plus cost of purchased feed.

Our Dairy Herd Improvement Association studies reveal there is a close relationship between the returns from a farm business and such factors as crops, use of labor, use of capital, feed conservation, and size of business.

Livestock Population Trends
The last low point in Canada's cattle population was in 1950 when we had nine million head, stated W. P. Watson. In seven years, our Canadian cattle population has increased to 11 1/2 million head. In Alberta the cattle population is up 70 per cent, in Saskatchewan up 50 per cent, and in Manitoba up 30 per cent. Along with this increase in numbers, stated Mr. Watson, quality has also improved.

Last year 40 per cent of our beef qualified for the two top grades in comparison with 20 per cent in 1951. This has largely been done by improved feeding. Along with this, he added, the per capita consumption has jumped from 50 lbs. in 1951 to between 75 and 78 lbs. in 1956. This means that 800,000 more cattle are being consumed than in the previous decade.

Another trend, stated Mr. Watson, is the increase in numbers of feed lots in Ontario and the West. There are a lot of people in Ontario, he added, feeding anywhere from 200 to 2,000 head per year—what is the future for the man who feeds the odd car lot in a short time we've got to think in terms of \$10 per head on 2,000 in contrast to \$10 per head on a car lot.

Turning to dairy cattle, Mr. Watson pointed out that when D.H.I.A. was initiated in 1940, the average herd varied from 11 to 13 or 14 cows—today those same herds range from 20 to 30 cows. Referring to the expansion in dairying, he pointed out that today in Grey county alone, there are four bulk hauling routes.

Brucellosis Control
Passing on to Brucellosis Control, the speaker stated, "A vast program of Brucellosis Control is being initiated in Canada and the U.S. Testing was initiated in Prince Edward and Oxford counties on March 3. During the first week of testing, 2.7 per cent of

OSPREY Hospitalize Local Man In Chain Saw Accident

George (Busher) Jackson met with a nasty accident on Thursday afternoon, while working in the bush with a chain saw.

He was sawing down a tree, when it lodged against a smaller one and finally freed, causing the saw to jump and strike him near the temple.

The saw inflicted a bad gash which required thirty seven stitches to close and knocked out several teeth.

He was rushed to the Guelph Hospital where he spent the night. He is now recuperating at his home.

Visitors
Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. George Krundy were Mr. and Mrs. I. Grosse of Waterloo, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hicks and Brenda of Orangeville, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grundy, of Erin, Mr. Nelson Cooper of Fergus.

Mr. Wm. Stubbington who has spent the past three months in Japan with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Storey, returned home last week.

Visitors during the week with Mrs. M. Jackson included Mr. and Mrs. Al Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Millon and Greg of Oustic, Mr. and Mrs. Justin and Nancy, Evertson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Neville, Myrna and Tommy of Orton.

Closing Euchre
Twelve tables of euchre were played at the closing Euchre sponsored by the Women's Institute on Friday night. Prize winners were Mr. Harvey Justin, Mr. Ted Archibald and Mrs. M. Jackson. In the draw for the Hand hooked mat, Mr. Ernie Lester of Hillsburgh was the lucky winner, the ticket being drawn by Muriel McCutcheon.

—Building at the H. K. Porter factory is continuing to go ahead at a remarkable rate of speed.

Many Visitors In Local Homes

Mr. Connelly of Port Credit has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. James Yates.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Vander Voort, 4th line, on the arrival of a little son on Thursday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shortill of Breslau visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Harding on Sunday. Mrs. Mitchell spent a few days in Toronto last weekend. The S. Kirkpatrick's and Ralph Turner's visited the Calvina McDonald's at Elmwood on Sunday.

Halton Junior Farmers Hold Judging Contest

Halton Junior Farmers annual Judging Competition in cereal grains, small seeds, potatoes, hay and identification of forage plants and weeds, opened the program at Halton's annual Seed Display Day held in the Agricultural Hall, Milton Fair grounds, on Saturday, March 22.

Top Competitor
Don Johnson, a past president of the Milton Juniors, demonstrated that he had lost none of his ability as an outstanding judge, by being the high competitor of the day and thereby won the Royal Bank (Burlington) silver tray.

Wanting Cash
The Bank of Montreal silver tray to the coach of the winning team was won by George Greenlee of Campbellville R. 13, whose team members were Sandy Hepburn, Tom Hunter and Russ Austin. The runner-up was the team coached by Don Taylor, namely William Marshall, Edward Segsworth and Philip Shepherd.

Other Trophy Winners
The Halton Seed Growers' trophy to the competitor with the high score in judging of cereal grains was won by Bob Merry.

In the section devoted to judging of hay and potatoes, James Aitken was the top contestant, and thereby won the Halton Cream and Butter trophy; while in small seeds and identification of forage plants and weeds, Don Johnson defeated all rivals for the Strathcona Orchards trophy.

Other awards were as follows:

EVERYONE Many Local Homes Entertain Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dolmer, Toronto, and Mrs. John Irwin, Acton, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dolmer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alton and Miss Jennie Tovell visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patten and family.

Mr. Harry Morell and Miss Joyce Fountain, Guelph, visited on Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fountain and family.

Mrs. Harry Horlop spent the week-end in Rochester with Misses Lois Black and Virginia Heilman. Misses Elizabeth and Nancy Horlop spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Palframan and Mrs. W. H. Horlop.

Uppie Pasma, of Acton was the first to report the sight of a robin this spring. He sighted the bird last week in his garden.

Palermo Club Meet

"When you buy, buy registered" was the slogan which highlighted Palermo Junior Farmers' winning Palermo club educational display. In second position was the Acton club display, which featured the importance of being a Junior Farmer member.

J. Allen Francis, associate agricultural representative for Halton and Peel counties, assisted by W. E. Brackon of Burlington, Robert Lawson of Stewarstown, Earl Fahlgren of the Ontario Agricultural College, and Howard Henry of the Field Crops Branch, were in charge of the morning's program.

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Local Ladies' Group Demonstrates on TV

A group of Acton ladies appeared on TV last Friday, March 28th, when they were guests of Miss Elaine Cole, on Channel 13.

They demonstrated to the home-makers, the "Keep Fit with a Difference" exercises.

Under the supervision of Mrs. H. Buckner, the group stressed the tonic value of rhythmic movement, with the following ladies participating: Mrs. J. Hurst, Mrs. M. Stanchiff, Mrs. P. White, Mrs. C. J. Pope, Mrs. J. Dowling, Mrs. T. Flemming, Mrs. C. Landsborough and Mrs. D. Mason.

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