

Halton's Agricultural Committee Recommends Farm Pond Policy

Halton's Agricultural Committee, under the chairmanship of Reeve John Milne, is recommending that the county farm pond policy be continued during 1958. Since the policy came into effect six years ago a total of 73 farm ponds in Halton have been approved under the policy, which provides a subsidy of 50 per cent of the cost up to a maximum of \$100.

This financial assistance is provided jointly by the Halton County Council in co-operation with the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

In order to qualify for this financial assistance interested farm operators must first make application before any construction work begins at the Agricultural Office in Milton. The proposed site is then inspected and if satisfactory construction work may commence.

Halton farm operators contemplating the construction of a farm pond in 1958, should lose no time in filing their applications, which are accepted in the order received. Only a limited number of ponds can be approved in any one year, and in order to qualify must have as their objective, to provide water for either domestic or livestock purposes, fire protection or irrigation purposes.

Elect Donald Swackhamer President Acton 4-H Club

At a recent meeting of the Acton 4-H Grain and Forage Club, Donald Swackhamer was elected president for 1958. Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer, R. 2, Acton, and is 18 is entering his third year in 4-H club work, having already completed two grain and two calf projects.

Vice-president is James Aitken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Aitken, R. 2, Acton. James is the winner of two previous projects in grain and is also 14 years of age.

Bill Kerr, 18, who was elected secretary, has been active in calf clubs in the Georgetown area and is now herdsman at Lorraine Jersey Farms owned by J. W. Wolfe.

Sister's district boys are undertaking the forage project for which they will send down one acre to the newest improved variety of hay - pasture mixture including Vernal alfalfa, Lassalle red clover, Lincoln timothy and Climax timothy along with a companion crop of Garry or Redeye oats.

At their regular monthly meetings the emphasis will be placed on the vital importance of good hay and pasture to the agricultural economy. The program will include field meetings on Halton county farms where the latest methods of handling the forage crop are being successfully practiced, and also a soil judging demonstration.

Exhibits for 1958 Achievement Day will be grain samples taken from the companion crop along with a display of forage plants.

This club is again being sponsored by the Acton Agricultural Society in co-operation with the Ontario and Canada Department of Agriculture and the cost of seed has been subsidized by the Halton Soil and Crops Improvement Association.

J. Allen Francis, associate agricultural representative for Halton county, will direct the club, assisted by local leaders Nemo Brand, Allan Bowen and Calvin Aitken.

Halton Club Leaders Launch 4-H Program

Saturday, March 29 saw Halton's 4-H program launched for 1958. This was the occasion of the annual 4-H Rally at Fairview school, sponsored by Halton's 4-H Club Leaders' Council. Some 250 club members, parents and friends were in attendance for the gala event.

A. T. Woodley, chairman of the 4-H Club Leaders' Council, was the master of ceremonies and he and his committee provided an enjoyable evening's program for young and old.

Wednesday evening of last week, the Acton 4-H is under the leadership of club leader, Nemo Brand and associate agricultural representative J. Allen Francis, held their organization meeting at Lorraine school. A 4-H Grain and Forage Club has been organized at this centre.

The officers elected were as follows: president, Don Swackhamer; vice-president, James Aitken; secretary-treasurer, Bill Kerr.

The organization meeting for all other 4-H Halton Clubs is scheduled for the Milton high school on Friday evening, April 11.

Guest Outlines Meat Industry

Livestock Marketing specialist, R. K. Bennett, of the Canada Department of Agriculture, told cattlemen at a joint beef breeds meeting in Hiramston, Manitoba, recently, that the main problem facing the beef industry at present is competition from other products for the consumer's dollar. The market is highly competitive, he said, so the beef producer must set his standards to meet the demands of the housewife.

Mr. Bennett pointed out that despite the fact that the per capita consumption of beef has increased over 50 per cent since 1930 the per capita consumption of poultry has stepped up about 64 per cent, and that of turkey meat alone by about 200 per cent.

This expansion of the market for poultry means that beef must have entirely at the expense of the beef industry, he said, but nevertheless, is to some extent replacing beef.

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Producers Told Market Glutted

The advent of the bulk tank has resulted in a slight decrease in the number of shippers to the Toronto market, stated John W. Pawley, secretary-manager of the Ontario Milk Producers at a meeting of the executive of District No. 12 held at Stewarstown on Tuesday evening last.

Along with this stated Mr. Pawley, the average shipper has increased his output and in the overall analysis the Toronto market is over supplied. Furthermore, the distribution of milk in Toronto is becoming increasingly competitive. As a result, the Highland Dairy is reported to have closed its doors on March 31 last and some 12 Halton shippers were left without a market.

However, we understand these shippers are being absorbed by another dairy, but at the present time there is little possibility of securing an increased base, stated Mr. Pawley. We gathered that indications are that milk markets are likely to be flooded during May and June.

Present prospects point to an open meeting for all milk shippers in District No. 12 being held some

Cost of Production

Another very important consideration in the meat industry is cost of production. Some people believe that the broiler is the most efficient unit in converting grain to meat but cattlemen may argue that the beef animal is eating something that could not otherwise be sold at all—namely, grass.

Field Conversion

According to Mr. Bennett, it takes approximately seven pounds of live grain to produce a pound of live beef cattle. On the other hand, the broiler is now producing a pound of live broiler with less than three pounds of feed.

The result of this shows up in time the week of May 10 at Stewarstown and we would suggest that every Halton shipper to the Toronto market make a special effort to be in attendance and thereby secure first hand information on their market and some of the possible developments.

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- A list of 23 tips on how Canadians may reduce their income tax is offered by John Dalrymple in the current Liberty magazine.
1. There's a new, optional \$100 deduction for everyone this year. You can claim this standard deduction of \$100 for all medical expense, charitable donations, and union dues, without submitting receipts or you can claim more, if you are entitled, and submit receipts in the old way.
 2. You may now include in your medical expenses, payment for full time care in a nursing home of a mentally retarded dependent.
 3. This year, you may deduct your contributions, up to \$150 a year, as an employee, to a registered pension fund. If you are not part of a pension fund, you may deduct premiums, up to 10 per cent of your income, that you pay into a registered retirement savings plan, to a maximum of \$2,000.
 4. Ordinarily, if you are an investor, you're entitled to report a loan interest, if you do not clip the coupons on bearer bonds that year. The coupons are income only during years they have high income and a high tax rate. They save them to use in years their income tax is lower. Bank interest or other investment income must be reported.
 5. If you become 65 years of age last year, you are entitled to an extra \$500 exemption from now on.
 6. Get married on the last day of the year, you will still rate the full year's \$1,000 exemption for your wife. She is taxed for that year as a single person.
 7. Make sure your babies are born in December, you still rate the full \$150 exemption. And if your child says at 18, gets a job he won't have time to earn enough that year to job you to your full exemption then.
 8. Invest in taxable Canadian corporations. As they pay taxes before they divide up profits, you are entitled to a deduction of 20 per cent of the dividends you collect.
 9. If you live or work in the Province of Quebec, you get a 10 per cent deduction because of Quebec's provincial income tax.
 10. Make sure your kids don't earn more than \$500 a year. You'll lose them as exemptions.
 11. If you support your aged parents, or inform brothers and sisters, you're entitled to some exemption. You can claim them as dependents, provided they don't earn more than \$500 a year.
 12. If you are separated get together with your ex-spouse, to decide which children each of you will claim as dependents. If you both claim the same child, the Tax

Department may deny both of you the exemption.

13. If you are divorced, or legally separated, your alimony payments are deductible.

14. A girl who attends school, and gets married the same year, can be claimed as a dependent by both her parents and her husband. The parents claim the dependent's \$400 exemption. The husband gets the wife's \$1,000 exemption.

15. If you rented rooms in your home, you can deduct a portion of the taxes, insurance and maintenance costs from your income. Example: If you rent two of your eight rooms, you can deduct 25 of the maintenance costs.

16. Don't count unemployment insurance. Family Allowances, Saskatchewan Compensation, dividends from a life insurance policy or war disability payments as taxable income.

17. If you inherit money from the capital of an estate, it's not taxable, but if you inherit income from an estate you must pay tax.

18. If you receive payments from a mortgage, only the portion of them that represents the interest you are charging for the loan is taxable.

19. Provided you are not a professional gambler, your winnings at race tracks or horse games aren't taxable.

20. If you get advice from a professional investment counsellor before you buy stocks and bonds, you can deduct half the fees you pay him. But you cannot deduct the commission you pay the broker to buy them.

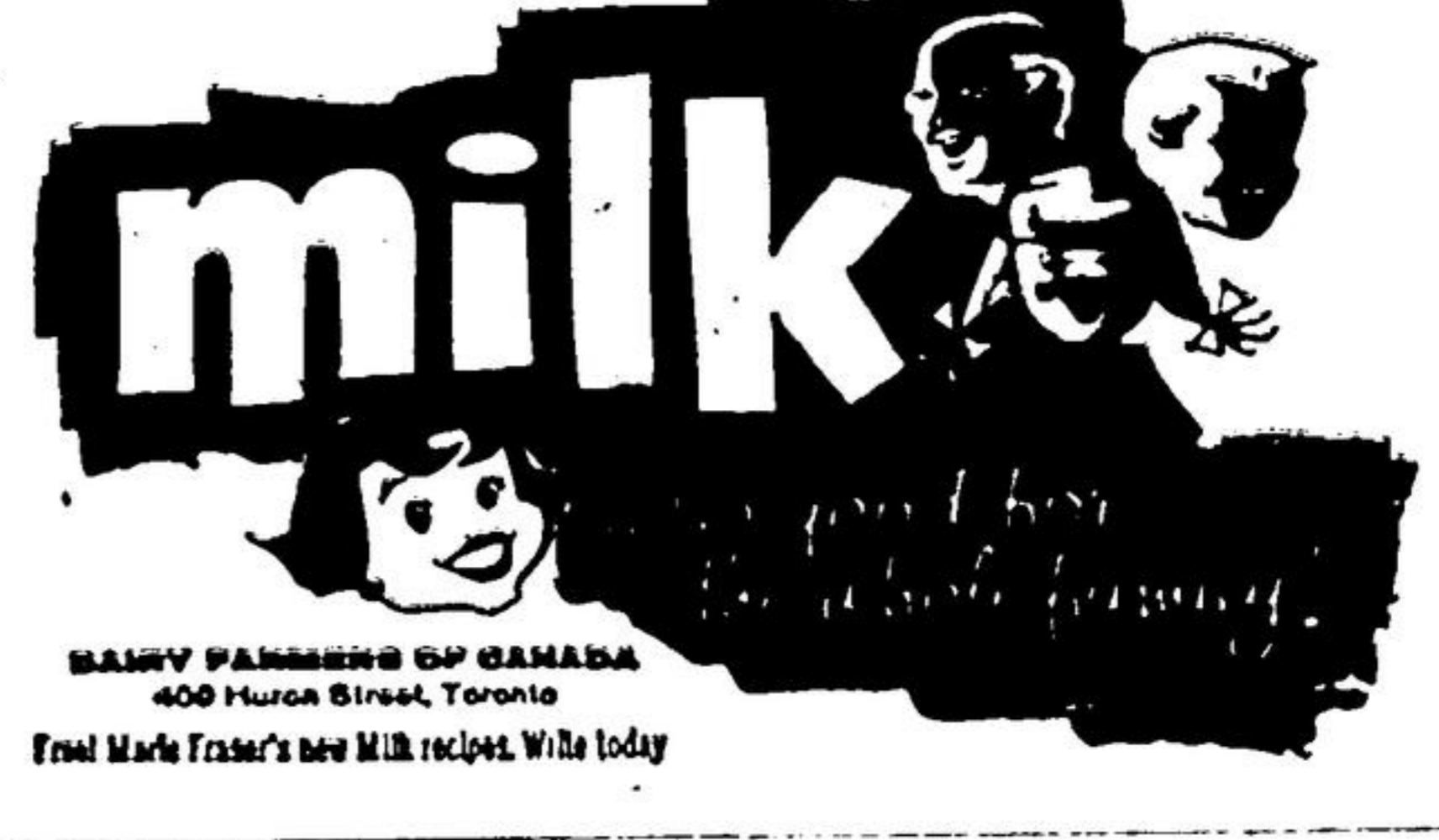
21. If you become totally blind any time last year, or were confined to bed or wheel chair for an entire year, through illness or in-

Basic Needs Important Halton Teachers Learn

J. B. Healy, assistant superintendent of the professional development branch of the Department of Education, told 300 Halton public school teachers, children must challenge themselves to what their appetites for learning.

Mr. Healy was guest speaker at the fourth in a series of training meetings of the year, held a week ago in Glenora school, Burlington. He who also conducted an in-service course this summer for teachers who are concerned more about their job.

He also explained that the department is organizing additional courses this summer for teachers who are concerned more about their job.



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