

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.

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 350 club members, parents and friends, were in attendance for the gala event.

A. T. Wastley, 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 club, under the leadership of club leader, Nino Branda, and associate agricultural representative, J. Allen Francis, held their organization meeting at Lorne school. A 4-H Grain and Forage Club has been organized at this centre.

The officers elected were as follows: president, Don Swackhamer, and associate agricultural representative, J. Allen Francis; secretary-treasurer, Bill Kerr; and the organization meeting for all other 4-H Halton Clubs is scheduled for the Milton high school on Friday evening, April 11.

Producers Told Market Glutted

The advent of the bulk market has resulted in a slight decrease in the number of shippers to the Toronto market, stated John W. Pawley, secretary-manager of the Toronto 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 required 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

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. R. 2, Acton, and at 14 is entering his third year of 4-H club work, having already completed two grain and two calf projects.

Vice-president is James Atken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Atken, R. R. 3, 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 Lorne Jersey Farms, owned by J. W. Weller. Sixteen district boys are undertaking the forage project for which they will send down one acre to the nearest improved variety of hay - pasture mixture including Vernal alfalfa, Laclede red clover, Laneside broom and Climax timothy, along with a companion crop of Garry or Rodney 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 Departments of Agriculture and the cost of seed has been subsidised by the Halton Society and Crops Improvement Association.

Wireless Phone Links Backwoods To Whole World

PORT WILLIAM, Ont. (CP)—A woodman can pick up the telephone in Camp 14 of the Great Lakes Lumber and Shipping Limited and, if he wishes, call any part of the world.

This latest development in telephone communications was designed by the Bell Telephone Company. The pioneer electronic "brainbox" now is in operation in the northwestern Ontario bush country at Camp 14, about 85 miles northwest of the Lakehead.

Victor Koroskar, camp clerk in whose office this revolutionary system is located, has nothing but praise for the "brain" telephone.

Efficient System "Hands" and the word for it. Connections are quick and reception is perfect," he said. "You can hear Toronto as clear as the next camp."

the retail price of broilers and of steaks in the self-service counter. The average weekly kill of broilers in the province of Ontario is estimated at 800,000. Assuming an average dressed weight of two and a quarter pounds, Mr. Bennett said the weekly tonnage of broilers in Ontario is equal to about 2,700 beef carcasses. This represents almost 25 per cent of the weekly average inspected kill of cattle in Ontario.

Guest Outlines Meat Industry

Livestock Marketing specialist, R. K. Bennett, of the Canada Department of Agriculture, told cattlemen at a joint beef breeders meeting in Brandon, 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, as the beef producer must sell 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 1900, the per capita consumption of poultry has stepped up about 84 per cent, and that of turkey meat alone by about 200 per cent.

This expansion of the market for poultry means that beef is not being entirely at the expense of the beef industry, he said, but nevertheless, is to some extent replacing beef.

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 Conversation According to Mr. Bennett, it takes approximately seven pounds of 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 19 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.

There is no charm so great as the charm of a cheerful temperament.

23 Ways

Help Reduce Your Income Tax

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 expenses, 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 \$1500 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 \$2500.
4. Ordinarily, if you are in business, you need not report bond interest, if you do not clip the coupons on "bearer" bonds that year. The coupons are income only the year you clip and cash them. Many leave coupons unclipped during years they have high income and a high tax rate. They save them to cash in years their income (and tax) is lower. Bank interest, investment income must be reported.
5. If you became 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 \$1000 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 \$1500 exemption. And if your child has at 16, gets a job, he won't have time to earn enough that year to rob you of 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 70 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 infirm brothers and sisters, you're entitled to some exemptions. 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.

22. If you have a working wife, who earns more than \$1000, while you have a considerably larger income, you may save money by letting her pay all the medical bills, and claim them on her tax. As the 3% of income that must be subtracted from medical expenses will be smaller on her return, the deduction she can claim will be greater.

23. If you hire an accountant to advise you what tax deductions you are entitled to claim, you can deduct his fees from your income, too.

Basic Needs Important Halton Teachers Learn

J. B. Healy, assistant superintendent of the professional development branch of the Department of Education, told 200 Halton public school teachers, children need challenging teachers to meet their appetites for learning.

Mr. Healy was guest speaker at the fourth in-service training meeting of the year, held a week ago in Glenwood school, Burlington. He also explained that the department is organizing additional courses this summer for teachers who are eager to learn more about their job.



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