



ANNUAL MILTON FAIR was held Friday and Saturday and many local and district exhibitors claimed prizes in various competitions. Entries were up in nearly all the classes and good weather (with the exception of a 15 minute hailstorm Saturday afternoon) made it a fine day for the fair. Above, Halton's Junior Farmer

members prepare their animals for showmanship contests in the cattle rings. It was the 106th annual fair presented by the Halton Agricultural Society, and an estimated crowd of almost 12,000 attended.

HALTON COUNTY WEED CONTROL NEWS

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"YELLOW ROCKET"
Primary Noxious Weed

Yellow Rocket is a weed that is spreading rapidly in the Province of Ontario, according to the Field Crops Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

While this is not the season when it is noticeable, nevertheless all too many of its bright yellow flowers were in evidence early last spring in many parts of Halton County.

It belongs to the mustard family and when it was first noticed here only a few years ago, Rocket was not considered very serious. However, those farmers who have acquired this unwelcome weed are having their troubles to eradicate it.

If Yellow Rocket is to be controlled successfully, every precaution must be taken. It first came to many of our farmers in the County West Leary Contest. It has been classified as a primary noxious weed under the Canada Seeds Act which now ensures that not even one Yellow Rocket seed may be present in No. 1 Grade Clover Seed. Farmers using only No. 1 Grade seed are now protected.

Control
Single plants and small patches should be pulled and burned. Early cutting of hay and grass silage will keep it from seeding.

In hay and pasture fields where only grasses are present, Yellow Rocket can easily be killed by spraying with 2, 4-D and 2, 4-D-DP early in the growing season.

Exhaustion of Yellow Rocket with 2, 4-D presents a problem in soil fields containing Clovers as the required application of 2, 4-D will seriously damage the clover.

Junior Farmer Groups Have Many Exhibits

The Scout Hall on the Milton Fair Grounds which houses the Junior Farmer section was a beehive of industry on Thursday evening of last week.

"Bigger and better than ever" is a slogan which is getting a lot of thought at the moment as we can think of no other phrase which so aptly describes the Junior Farmer section, considered by many outsiders as the best junior section of any fair in Ontario.

Four Classes
As in former years, the section is made up of four classes, namely Junior Farmers, Junior, Includes 4-H Agricultural Clubs and finally 4-H Homemaking Clubs.

In the latter section there were no less than 20 homemaking educational displays in the 4-H Agricultural Clubs made out of 10 clubs were represented the Junior Institute had a 100 per cent record with four educational displays each illustrating the United Nations' Four Big Goals.

Educational Displays
Finally we came to the Junior Farmer class, where three of Halton's four Junior Farmer groups

had educational displays on such timely subjects as farm drainage, soil erosion, etc. While the displays are non-competitive, a championship award is made and this was won by the Milton Junior Institute.

Halton Junior Farmer and Junior Institute officers and members, the 4-H Club members and their leaders, are indeed to be commended on the thought and effort which went into this project. Halton may well be proud of their Junior Farmer section, which also included the exhibits of the 4-H Potato Club members and the Halton 4-H Potato Club.

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Ag. Rep. Reports on Farm Tour Inspects Oxford Corn Silos

The transition in agriculture was more than ever impressed on us when we accompanied two carloads of Halton farmers in Oxford County a week or two ago. Their particular interest centered around new methods of ensiling corn and handling silage.

It doesn't seem so long ago when we and our neighbors used to cut our corn with sickles—shuck it up and haul it in on a stone boat in the winter hunk it and then put the corn stalks through a cutting box operated by man power.

Then came the small silage silos to be followed by the cement silos and we thought the old silo was a great convenience and so it was.

Visit Farm
But to get back to our trip. Our first call was Hartholm farm, some three miles north of Woodstock. A few years ago we called at this farm on one of our Soil and Crop tours and we thought that they had a very modern set-up at that time.

Following a barn fire, Hartholm went to loose housing with milking parlor set-up. True, they have erected another bank barn with silos, but that is for their young stock, dry cows, etc.

On the north side of their barnyard which, incidentally, is paved with cement, is a 445 x 100 pole barn for loose housing. Then on the south side of the yard is a hay barn, open on both sides, equipped with feed racks, where the large dairy herd get their hay at will.

Their milking parlor accommodates 10 cows. Five on each side of the passage in which the herdsmen operate the milkers, etc.

Upright Silo
But the new development here to yours truly was a new upright silo—24 ft by 60 ft. Yes, they have two other upright cement silos, but I suppose they are only 14 x 35 or 40 ft.

This new silo is equipped with an automatic silage unloader, which by pressing a button, starts dropping the silage down a chute into a cement manger equipped with a gage, something like a stable or gutter cleaner, which distributes the silage to all parts of the cement manger.

Then we made a call at the Alex Muir and Son farm on the 10th line of East Zorra, just where we used to plunge our way through the snow drifts to the little red school house some two miles away. Perhaps it is only imagination, but as we look back, it seems to us there used to be a great deal more snow than in our modern winters.

Modern Set-up
However, to get back to the Burnside farm of Alex Muir's, it is quite a modest set-up in comparison to Hartholm. At Burnside they only milk 51 or 52 cows in their five stall milking parlor, and at the present time are shipping 25 or 30 cans daily.

Yes, there is loose housing on this 150 acre farm too. Their loafing barn, like that at Hartholm, is completely open to the south and is 45 x 75 ft.

You may be wondering how Alex Muir and Son carry that number of cows on 150 acres—in addition, they have a 100 acre pasture farm some three miles away, where they run their young cattle and dry stock.

At the Muir homestead, too, they are just completing the construction of a 20 x 50 ft upright cement silo. This also is being equipped with an automatic silage unloader. The main difference between this set-up and the one at Hartholm is that at Burnside, the silage unloader drops silage down the chute into a Lazy Susan type of manger.

Circular Manger
This is a circular metal manger which runs completely around the silo and it is supported on a track so that it moves quite fully. Then a board or roof will be constructed around the silo to provide the cows some protection from inclement weather.

After inspecting a pasture which the Nurse Bros and R. A. Hurten pronounced as outstanding, we were on our way to Smale Bros, near Mosley. Here we saw an almost identical silo to that described on the Muir farm. In fact, we understand the Smale Bros were the first in the area to construct one of these new self-unloading silos with a lazy susan set-up.

Forage Trucks
The other new thing here was some self-propelled forage trucks which the Smale Bros had constructed. When the truck operator drives up to the blower at the silo, all he has to do is touch a lever and the unloading process commences, and within four or five minutes the entire load of several tons of chopped corn is in the silo.

It is not necessary to tell you that such silos and equipment represent a tremendous investment and it makes one wonder if this is a fore-runner of agriculture in the future. As Bob Hurten stated on the drive home, "Boys, we are living in the Machine Age!"

NATIONAL ELECTIONS
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Huge Shopping Plaza Will Begin in October

GROHGETOWN—Construction on the initial stage of a huge shopping plaza is planned to start in mid-October, according to Rex Heslop, president of Delrex Developments Ltd.

A building permit was taken out for construction of 40,000 square feet of floor space with value estimated at \$450,000. The firm will start grading land earmarked for the plaza at the highway and 9th line corner. Mr. Heslop said construction will start as soon as possible when the land is prepared.

The plaza is a salient feature of the overall Delrex plan, which also includes an office building in that area. Land has also been set aside for a hotel, said Mr. Heslop.

A large chain grocery will occupy half of the planned building, but Delrex is not at liberty yet to divulge the name of the chain. The other 20,000 square feet will be available for a bank, drug store,

hardware, ladies wear shop and eight smaller stores.

News of the plaza was first mooted several months ago when the A. E. LePage real estate firm was named exclusive listing agent by the Delrex firm.

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