

FARM NEWS

Re-Elect Leonard Lister President Of Halton Plowmen's Association

The educational philosophy was the theme of the thought-provoking address by George F. Leitch, Q.C. of Milton at the dinner and annual meeting of the Halton Plowmen and their ladies held in the Holyday United Church on Friday, December 12.

Introduction by Clifford Melhous, M.P., Elton, delivered what many of those present considered to be the best effort of the night, maintaining a high level which he is noted throughout Halton.

Another leading feature of the program presented over by Lawrence Lister, president of the Halton Plowmen was a moving picture "Voyageur of Western Canada and

United States presented by Mrs. and Mrs. Edward Thwaites of Halton.

Annual Meeting
At the annual meeting which followed the banquet catered by the Holyday W.A. a resolution was read and recommended that the 1950 Plowmen's discontinue give consideration to the re-vamping of their Price List and general program with a view to bringing them more closely in line with present day requirements.

The election of the 1950 board resulted as follows: honorary president, Stanley I. Hall, M.P.A. president, Leonard Lister, vice-presidents, Clifford Melhous and J. H. Taylor, secretary, treasurer, Allen Francis.

Directors
Directors for the new year will be: Esquimaux, Roy Curran; J. C. Cunningham, Stanley May; Cliff Ford, Wrigglesworth, Lloyd Fisher, and Brian Gray Dixon; Trafalgar, J. C. Marshall; John W. Pickett, Lloyd May, Thos. Howden, Arnold Howden, Keith Morris, George Hall; Burlington, Roy Elerton, Glen Campbell, J. E. Elerton, Erwin Gandy, Hugh Warrington, Fred Agnew, Don Taylor; Nassagaweya, Harold Ferguson, Gus Gordon, Robert Hurry, Geo. Swain, Sam Fennie, Sr. Jack Ferguson.

Honorary directors, W. F. Brock, Ernest Dixon, Harold Pickett, V. F. McArthur, J. A. Dixon, Vic

Annual Report Shows Oats Yield 120 Bus.

One of the many interesting items of information contained in the annual report of the secretary of the Halton Seed and Crop Improvement Association, which will be presented at the annual meeting of the Association in Milton on Tuesday, December 30, is the record yields secured on the grain variety trials laid down on the farm of Ford Wickham of Ashtown last spring.

These replicated variety trials with seven varieties of oats and six varieties of barley reveal that five of the seven varieties of oats exceeded the 100 bus mark with the top yield 119 1/2 bus to the acre. It is also interesting to note that four of the six varieties of barley ranged between 75 and 86 bus to the acre.

Grain Corn Test
We were also interested to note that in a grain corn test conducted by Russell Horton of Campbellville four of the varieties under test yielded between 80 and 90 bush of shelled corn on a 15 per cent moisture basis.

We also understand that the sampling or taking of yields was rather performed by or taken under the supervision of agricultural representative J. E. Whidlock.

The thoroughness of the grain samples, moisture determination of the corn samples, and the evaluation of yields was performed by staff members of the Field Husbandry Department at the O.A.C.

Judging by the program which has been brought to our attention the main hall at the Milton Fair Grounds should be filled to capacity by Halton farm operators when president Maurice C. Beady opens the program at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30th.

Water Situation In Halton Wells Classed Serious

Supplies of water in Halton wells, springs and ponds is at a record low. Shortage of water is a serious problem at any time but coupled with shortage of farm labor and freezing weather, it is little short of heart-breaking and that has perhaps to be experienced to be fully appreciated.

One should not be surprised at the depleted water supplies when we note in the Halton Seed and Crop report that precipitation according to official readings taken during the year at Holyday reveal that area at least received only 21.14 inches between January 1st and December 4th in comparison to 34.75 inches on the average during each of the previous five years.

Yosemite Attraction

The colorful "Bringing In The Yule Log" ceremony is an annual attraction at Yosemite National Park which is thronged with visitors each Christmas season.

Halton's Debating Team Continues in Third Round

Wednesday evening of last week saw Halton's 1949-50 debating team's final round of the Ontario Junior Farmers' inter-county debating competition when they defeated the Brant County representatives.

Actually we should refer to this year's representatives of a debating province since Joan Wrigglesworth of Holyday substituted on rather short notice for Dave Wilson who unfortunately is confined to hospital. Fortunately Dave's wide circle of friends across Halton are all wishing him a speedy recovery.

It goes without saying that the popular able and energetic Dave is well missed not only in Junior Farmers circles but up around the Milton C.O.P. where he is the assistant manager.

Defeat Brant County
However, to get back to last week's debate, over in Brantford Halton's negative team of Bill Wilson and Joan Wrigglesworth defeated the Brant County affirmative team by a margin of eight points, the resolution being "Resolved that Ontario rural youth is being adequately trained for modern agriculture."

At the same time on the same resolution, Halton's affirmative team of Sandy Hepburn and Evelyn Booth defeated Brant's negative team by a margin of 11 points up in the board room of the Ontario Department of Agriculture in Milton.

All four young people and their coach, coaches of who had sure quality, were to be congratulated on their excellent performance.

Spare Audience
We can't help but wonder, however, when we noted the spare audience at Milton if Halton's debating teams cannot be defeated.

If our readers realized how much effort, research and practice is involved in the preparation of a debate, we cannot help but think they would make a special effort to be out and give the young people some encouragement.

Furthermore, we are confident that they would find the arguments presented in these inter-county debates much more enlightening and broadening than certain television programs. Let's hope this gentle hand will result in an improved situation when the third round debates are held in early February.

England First To Mail Cards

Christmas cards, it is reported, were first used in England away back in the 1840s.

Today, gay greetings are the order of Christmas day throughout the world and are the major mail item of the year.

GREETINGS

To all our friends we extend our best wishes for a wonderful Christmas, one filled with good cheer and many pleasant surprises.

MARY GIBBINS - VICTOR McCALLUM
REAL ESTATE

ACTON BRAMPTON

Good wishes

We're hoping you have a holiday season brimming with life's joy.

KARL GATHCF
Radio & TV Service
R.R. 4, ACTON

Happy Holiday

Many, many good wishes to you and your family for a holiday season just ringing with happiness and good cheer.

LIGHTMAN'S
DEPARTMENT STORES
Acton, Ont.

Christmas Greetings

FROM
Lakeview Greenhouses

CHOICE POTTED PLANTS AND CUT FLOWERS

GREENHOUSE FRESH GREENHOUSE PRICES

For the convenience of customers we will be in the store formerly occupied by Lovell Bros., 5 Mill St. E. during this Christmas season.

PHONE 68W ACTON MILL ST. W.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May you enjoy a Christmas holiday as full of joy and good cheer as your tree is full of sparkling ornaments.

John N. Black
MILLER
BALLINAFAD AND DISTRICT
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