

# Honor Retiring Agriculture Representative James E. Whitelock Serves Halton 24 Years

Halton's "Mr. Agriculture," the man who has served as Department of Agriculture representative here for the past 24 years, was honored upon his retirement Friday evening when hundreds of friends nearly filled the Nelson high school auditorium during a presentation ceremony.

James Earl Whitelock, who came to Halton November 1, 1934 and will officially retire on March 31, was praised by close friends and Department officials for his contribution to the county's agricultural progress.

**"Working for People"**

Dr. C. D. Graham, deputy minister of agriculture for Ontario, recalled Mr. Whitelock had served in the First World War and graduated from the O.A.C. in 1922 when he joined the Department. Since coming to Halton, he noted, he has served well and put to good use his broad knowledge of

agriculture. "Here is a man working with and for the people," he declared, "a man of vision and a man of achievement."

"He never thought of himself and never looked for glory but only to get the job done. He will be missed as far as the agricultural program of the Province of Ontario is concerned," he concluded.

**"Superabundance"**

Miss Ethel Chapman, a former Nassagaweya resident and now Editor of Home and Country magazine, recalled the agricultural representative's "superabundance of energy" when he joined the Department in 1922. "His vision and sense of values are well respected in this county," she pointed out.

George E. Elliott, Q.C., chairman of the evening, praised Mr. Whitelock for having "given unstintingly of his services." Mayor John A. Lockhart of Burlington, in welcoming the crowd, thanked Mr. Whitelock for giving advice of unestimable value to the county. Halton Warden John A. Milne of Nassagaweya noted the agricultural representative had been conscientious in his work with the county council, and said, "We're all sorry he has to quit."

**West Archie Mile**

Deputy Reeve Archie R. Service of Nassagaweya, of the county's agricultural committee, recalled Mr. Whitelock's sincerity in his work and termed him "a man we could always turn to for advice—he would always go the second mile."

In his reply, the guest of honor recalled the past 24 years as "the happiest in my life" and thanked his friends for the privilege of living and working with them for all those years. Instead of taking any credit for his work himself, he said he preferred rather "to bask in the reflected glory of your achievements."

**Best Cattle in World**

Halton, he recalled, had the first three D.H.I.A. groups and the first crop and soil improvement association on a county-wide basis. "The cattle of Halton today are equal to the best in the world," he went on. Turning to the youth, which was well represented at Friday's presentation, he congratulated the 4-H and Junior Farmer groups for their advances toward agriculture. The enrolment in 4-H work has doubled in the past 20 years, he noted, and the Junior Farmers have brought many honors to the county. Besides, he continued, Halton has some of the best fairs to be found anywhere.

In closing, he thanked the audience for gifts and tributes, and his helpers and associates for their co-operation. While he is retiring, he said, "We shall continue to follow with keen interest your progress individually and collectively."

**Four Presentations**

Jack Taylor of Burlington, past president of the Federation of Agriculture, presented a purse containing donations from clubs, organizations and individuals across the county. Mrs. George Somerville of Acton, past president, and Mrs. Guy Bussell of Hornby, secretary-treasurer of the Halton Women's Institute, unveiled a beautiful oil painting showing a fall scene in Halton's picturesque countryside.

Stanley L. Hall, M.L.A. for Halton, presented a scroll on behalf of all Mr. and Mrs. Whitelock's friends in Halton. Joan Peterson, past president of Halton Junior Farmers, presented Mrs. Whitelock with flowers.

**Music Provided**

During the program the Halton County Hoedowners provided music and the Lovville girls triple trio and the Lawville male quartette rendered vocal selections. Many department officials from outside Halton were introduced to the audience.

Afterward, donuts and coffee were served in the cafeteria.

## Highlights Reviewed For I.O.D.E. Chapter

The annual meeting of the I.O.D.E. of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. was held last week at the home of Mrs. Don Bothwell. New officers were elected.

The Empire and world affairs secretary, Miss D. Foster, reviewed the highlights of the year. She gave a comparison of the Arctic and Antarctic, showing that the north was a land of destiny.

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J. EARL WHITELOCK, retiring agricultural representative of Halton, was honored by hundreds of county friends Friday night at the Nelson high school. Mr. Whitelock, Jack Taylor of the Halton Federation of Agriculture who presented a scroll; Mrs. George Somerville of Acton, who presented the oil painting; and Halton Women's Institute who presented a purse of money.

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## Halton Fire Prevention Gets National Acclaim

Halton's nine fire brigades, entered under the name of the Halton Fire Prevention Bureau, received commendable honors in the nation-wide fire prevention contest held last October and conducted under the auspices of the National Fire Protection Association.

Halton received 10th place for the 25,000 to 99,000 population group for Ontario. Nationally, it placed 17th for all of Canada and also received honorable mention for the same population bracket. This population group placed the

entire county in competition against large cities from coast to coast.

**Praise from F.M.O.**

Writing to Halton County Council, Ontario Fire Marshall W. J. Scott said "Halton County has made an outstanding showing, as with the number of entries this year and the quality of these, the standing of Halton County is indeed deserving of high praise."

"The Fire Chiefs and members of their departments who participated in this campaign are to be congratulated on the good work they did," he continued, "and I am sure the county council will be very happy about this public recognition of their standing."

**First County to Enter**

Last year Halton entered the competition as a county and because no other such group had entered, the county received an honorable mention for its outstanding effort. It was the first entry on a county-wide scale. This year more counties entered and they were grouped, according to population, with the cities.

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## Bowlers Hit Stride at Acton Bowling Lanes

**High School**

Feb. 2: Bird Dogs were off and running in the encounter with Missis. Every game was a winning one for the first-placers. The top trundling trio for the Bird Dogs were B. Shannon 606, J. Foley 601 and W. Ridley 626 (323). Missis just didn't fit into the picture.

**Hula Hoops**, after dropping the first game to the Satellites, came back to pick up the next two and totals to keep them in the second spot. D. Lindsay with 611 paced the Hula Hoops with G. Masules 653 in a like role for the Satellites.

Rebel Rousers were doing quite nicely in their go with the Cracks. They won the first two games and the Cracks cracked through with a big win in the finale to grab off the odd point for totals. The three point win got the Cracks out of the cellar. No outstanding triples in this go.

Missing the triplets but hitting good for one game at least were P. Homer 224, M. Rogers 213, R. Toth 233, V. Roach 228, B. Foyers 218, P. Barr 241.

League standing: Bird Dogs 73, Hula Hoops 96, Rebel Rousers 96, Satellites 60, Cracks 56, Missis 53.

**Beardmore**

Feb. 2: The front runners received a setback in the Beardmore. Beardmore, after watching Cutsole tuck away the first game, got on the beam and took the last two and totals A. White 711 and C. Hubbell 605 gave the Beardmore something to crow about. R. Morton with 640 was the Cutsole's best effort.

Upper Leather saw the door of opportunity slam in their faces as far as gaining ground on the Cut-

sole were concerned when the Curry hit the win column for all games. K. McGiloway 607, J. Constantine 614, G. Masules 622 were to the fore in the Curry win. Upper Leather just weren't up.

Tan Yard fell by the wayside when Chrome, with 1,000's 663, K. Dawds 637, L. Lillie 424 (double) and P. Martin 415 (double) gave the "Vardens" the short end of a 5-2 go. A. Buchanan 606 and P. Lawson 623 were best for the Tan Yard. The addition of Monsieur Carlin to the Chrome line-up provides that little extra power that they need to make them potential contenders.

The Leatherettes got a chance to shrug it up. They took a game from the Rolling Room. They snuffed the second game from the Rollers True, it was by the slim margin of 12 pins, but who cares. It was a win. The Rollers grabbed off the first, third and totals. Another triumph for the girls was H. Yatenman's triple of 676. This topped the triple trundling in this go.

Best the Rollers could do was a 506 from J. Dennis.

League standing: Cutsole 113, Upper Leather 100, Rolling Room 87, Curry 80, Tan Yard 61, Beardmore 61, Chrome 48, Leatherettes 10.

**Legion Ladies**

Feb. 2: Worry Warts and Firecrackers hooked up in two close duels with the verdict going to the Worry Warts in the finale. Firecrackers came to life with a bang and grabbed the decision for the win and totals.

Fly-by-Nights came away with the big edge of a 5-2 from South Paws and that sure creates a jam in the league race.

Worry Warts are breezing along in first place but the other three

teams are barreling along all together in the second slot.

Top trio for the night were J. Bullough 596 (229), D. Thompson 592 (212) and M. Cooney 564. The top single efforts saw P. Jordan 228, J. Bradshaw 210, C. Andrews 230, M. Serenson 201, P. Angell 258, J. Buchanan 200.

League standing: Worry Warts 78, South Paws 58, Firecrackers 58, Fly-by-Nights 58.

### Blue Spring Nursery

Feb. 3: Instead of "Roses are red, violets are blue", it's Roses who are blue. Carnations took the Roses for all games and needless to say, Carnations are contented.

Glads weren't glad after they went with Violets. The Violets went all out and made it a three game win.

The Asters sprouted out in the full flower of victory and made every game a winning one from the second place Mums. Mums took a dim view of this. It knocked them out of second place.

Top three in the triple class were E. Gibbons 607 (218), J. Masules 601 (239), B. Constantine 505 (204).

Finding the range for good singles were B. Altonby 209, M. O'Rourke 213, L. Toth 242, M. Bonnette 208, G. Holford 243, L. Luty 206, G. Agnew 202, P. McHugh 211.

League standing: Roses 77, Carnations 71, Mums 64, Glads 57, Violets 47, Asters 40.

### Acton Mixed

Feb. 3: Hurricanes started out in fine style against the Crazy Kats but calmed right down and the Kats were in for two and totals. B. Williams with 607 headed up the Kats' win.

Jokers gained on the first place Kats with a three game win from the Alley Cats as E. Ryan, E. Williams and D. Green hit for 630, 603 and 638 respectively. A 600 from J. Ayles was the Alley Cats' best.

R. Atkinson's 646 trounced Jokers what at first seemed to be a three game win for the Ivy Leaguers against the Gutter Ballers but the G.R.s grabbed the last game by four pins to stay in the win column. B. Martin's 612 was top for the losers.

The score sheets show the best singles to be E. Bowman 210, J. Knight 221, C. Ryan 216, H. Rogers 215, E. Storey 255.

League standing: Crazy Kats 80, Jokers 77, Alley Cats 60, Gutter Ballers 64, Ivy Leaguers 39, Hurricanes 39.

### Industrial - Commercial

Feb. 4: With Doc DeForest, L. McGillway and E. McGiloway producing 644, 626 and 676 in that order, A-1 Delivery were a two and totals winner from Reliable Taxi. A-1 grabbed a quickie by two pins in the first, latched onto the second by plenty and dropped the third by 16. Reliable's top trio were B. Johnstone 647, D. Green 621 and V. Pycha 633.

Goy's Carriage are rolling in high gear and are casting their shadow over the top spot. Taking the Jolly Rogers for two and totals brings them up to the second rung with Reliable. The highballers for Goy's were C. Jackson 786, G. Lee 613, C. Pycha 637. Top twosome in the pin spilling department for the Rogers were E. Ryan 663, A. White 637.

A mild upset came about when Station Hotel made every game a winning one from Ledger's I.G.A. The bell ringers for the Station crew were R. Morton 608, L. Hensley 634 and L. Cunningham 651. Topping the I.G.A. trundling were J. Chapman 626 and D. Manser 638.

League standing: A-1 Delivery 84, Reliable Taxi 75, Goy's Carriage 75, Jolly Rogers 69, Ledger's I.G.A. 53, Station Hotel 43.

### Acton Ladies

Feb. 4: Things have really changed around in the Acton Ladies. The upshot of the evening's maple spilling had Lovell Brown coming off best in a 5-2 go with Corona Shoes and finding themselves in a first place tie with Lamb Real Estate, who were giving the business to Rachel Jewellers for a two and totals win. This plummeted the Jewellers in to a cellar spot.

While all this was going on, the Benson Shoes were putting the boots to Prouse Motors. For the big part of a 5-2 go to emerge top for the losers.

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**JEAN PETERSON**, past president of the Halton Junior Farmers, presented Mrs. J. E. Whitelock with a beautiful bouquet of flowers Friday evening when friends in Halton gathered to honor Mr. Whitelock on his retirement after nearly a quarter century as agricultural representative.