

Crop Improvement Association Promotes Field Trial Basis Projects

Co-operators in Halton with the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association have been busy during the last week in setting out projects. These projects are sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, to demonstrate recommended soil and crop management practices.

This year's program is varied and will include such demonstrations as variety testing, variety demonstrations, fertility demonstrations, soil management, hay and pasture management and use of chemicals in weed control. There will be approximately 62 co-operators throughout Halton taking part in this demonstration work.

Asst. 4-H Clubs

The Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association has always stressed the adoption of recommended varieties in its program. To demonstrate the value of varieties in forage seed, the association is assisting 4-H Forage Club members in the establishment of a one acre plot.

Fifteen Forage Club members will be using a general hay pasture mixture of Vernal Alfalfa, 2 lbs.; LaSalle Red Clover, 2 lbs.; Climax Timothy, 4 lbs.; Lincoln Bromo, 5 lbs. per acre. This is a follow-up of last year's program when assistance was given to 30 club members in establishing a one acre plot. These plots will serve as a useful comparison on the farm in comparing recommended varieties with common seed.

Further in the variety field, the association is co-operating with the Halton 4-H Potato Club in trying the variety Kennebec.

Pasture Competition

Pasture is of vital importance due to livestock production. This year the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association is sponsoring a Pasture Competition.

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ing a Pasture Management Competition. In this program the contestants are scored on pasture management as carried out on their farm during the year.

This year an additional list of awards has been added that will be of interest to farmers that are in the process of building up a pasture management program.

The pasture competitions have been very popular during the past few years. Last year a provincial competition was started and is again being offered this year. The winners in the Halton County competition will be eligible to take part in provincial competition. Application forms for this competition are available at the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Milton.

Field Trial Basis

Several projects are being used on a field trial basis. In setting this type of project, two co-operators are located in the county for each project. This year the projects are co-ordinated in Wentworth, Halton and Peel counties. This will enable the Crop Improvement Association in the three counties to obtain more accurate results on a field trial basis.

There are six projects being co-ordinated. The promotion of soil testing is stressed by a demonstration to compare yields based on fertilizer application at soil test rates with application at general rates.

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Several weed control projects are planned to demonstrate methods of spraying and use of chemicals in weed control.

The results of the projects will be released at the annual meeting of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association to be held at the end of the year.

Call Tenders To Construct Bell Station

Tenders have been called for construction of the Acton repeater station which will form part of Bell Telephone's new voice "skyway" across Western Ontario, announced C. S. Keith, district manager of the Bell this week.

At the site of the single-story concrete building, Bell will erect a tall steel tower on which will be mounted horn-shaped antennae. When fully developed, the structure could carry as many as 480 telephone conversations simultaneously on each of five radio channels.

Scheduled to go into use by the fall of 1960, the new microwave radio relay system will provide hundreds of long distance channels between Toronto and Windsor and other points. Similar stations are to be constructed at four other strategic points between Toronto and Windsor. The towers will range between 125 and 300 feet in height.

Cat Has Rabies In Bronte Area

The diagnosis of rabies has recently been made in a cat in the Bronte area. Four people were bitten or scratched by the animal and are receiving treatment. Domestic animals on the farm have been quarantined.

Dr. Archie F. Bull, Medical Officer of Health for Halton County, reports that up to the present there have been 18 cases of rabies in animals in the county and 18 humans have received the Pasteur Treatment. There have been no human deaths from the disease.

Dairy Herd Improvements Brings Higher Profits

Good management, according to a release from the Ontario Department of Agriculture, has meant an increase in profits for two divisions of Halton county farmers who have affiliated with the Dairy Herd Improvement Association since 1953 and practiced its recommendations during that period.

Net profits of these farmers were increased materially, the department reported, despite the fact that milk price increases were small, and labor and feed costs increased substantially. The better management, the department states, means over \$2,500 for Halton (West) farmers and over \$2,000 for Halton (Centre) County farmers.

Following are the figures for the two groups:

	Halton West	Halton Centre	1953	1958
Net gain per herd	\$1,158	\$2,796	\$1,155	\$3,433
Returns per hour of labor	\$.91	\$ 2.25	\$ 1.81	\$ 2.72
Lbs. production per cow	8,062	10,119	8,807	9,873
Lbs. concentrate fed per cow	1,986	2,574	1,673	1,970
Man hrs. per lb. concentrate	4.1	3.9	5.3	4.9
Man hrs. per cow	117	95	125	71
Man hrs. per 100 lbs. milk	1.5	.9	1.4	.7
Cwts. per \$100 investment	10	19	12	14
Average cows in herd	15	20	18	25
Average price per cwt.	\$ 4.24	\$ 4.54	\$ 4.25	\$ 4.38
Cost per 100 lbs. milk	\$ 4.10	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.50	\$ 2.90

Crosses Canada Seven Times Soldier Now Posted to Germany

After travelling across Canada seven times, Archie Andrews left on Monday, April 20, with the Queen's Own Rifles for Germany. The 21-year-old army man, a brother of Mrs. Charlie Hubbell, lived here at her home on Main St.

He has won 10 or 12 trophies in the army for sportsmanship and once saved the life of one of his comrades.

He has lived in six provinces of Canada and has met people from coast to coast.

He was serving with the 2nd Queen's Own Rifles in Calgary before receiving his orders that posted him to Europe.

After 18 months in the army, he knows plenty about Canada. One of his friends in the army claims, "He knows more about his country than anyone else I have ever met."

Guarded Princess

Last year he was chosen from 1300 men to stand guard for Princess Margaret.

This year he was hit by a car and suffered a broken leg. Then he had the opportunity to leave the army. But he elected to stay in and keep travelling.

Since then, he was picked from 24,000 men to serve his country on the United Nations police force.

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Tips on Touring

by Carol Lane
Women's Travel Authority

Parking — but not the lover's lane variety — presents a problem to some daffodil drivers. I frequently receive letters from women who have particularly knotty questions in navigation.

One of the most common difficulties is parking a large car in a small garage that has a different approach, without fender fatalities. I usually suggest that the driver make a "straight-line" approach to her vexing garage. If this doesn't solve the problem, certain car accessories will. The driver can have her car equipped with "curb feelers", devices which make a magnified, whirring sound to warn when you're too close to objects on either side of your fenders.

"Feelers" also prove helpful in ordinary curb parking.

Front fenders can be outfitted with upright wire guides which serve as sights to help you in judging distances between your fenders and other objects. These guides also double as valuable aids in judging distances in ordinary driving and passing other cars.

Here are other parking tips to help you avoid fumes and frustrations:

1. Be sure the coast is clear in the front and in the rear before you park at the curb.
 2. Don't cause a traffic jam behind you while you manoeuvre into a difficult parking space on a heavily-travelled street.
 3. Try to avoid over-shooting your mark. It's wisest to back into a parallel parking space at a sharp right angle, straightening your car up gradually as you move in.
 4. When you park diagonally to the curb, make sure that the rear of your car does not project into the traffic lanes.
 5. Allow space in front and rear for other cars to get out without bumping you.
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D. E. Jackson Appointed Assistant Representative

D. E. Jackson, who has recently completed studies in the agricultural course at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, has been appointed assistant agricultural representative for Halton and Peel counties. Mr. Jackson will be stationed at Milton, and assumed duties in Halton and Peel counties on April 27.

Mr. Jackson was raised in York county on a dairy farm. He specialized in field husbandry during his college course and took the field husbandry option. During the summer months he assisted as agricultural engineering fieldman in York county for the Extension Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Y Ladies' Auxiliary Grooms New Member

The regular meeting of the Y Ladies' Auxiliary was held at the Y on Tuesday, April 21. After the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read, final plans were made for the catering to the Father and Son banquet.

Plans were made for the annual evening outing in May. This is to be held on the regular meeting night and will include smorgasbord supper in Kitchener and a show.

A new member, Joan Smith, was warmly welcomed.

Seek Halton Entrants For Dairy Queen Role

The search for a Dairy Princess to represent Halton in the Dairy Queen Competition for Ontario is still continuing. Mac Sprout, chairman of the Halton Dairy Queen Competition, has announced that the final closing date for entries in the Halton competition is May 4.

Young ladies in Halton from dairy farms are eligible to enter in the competition. This event has always been keenly contested in the county. During the three years the competition has been held, Halton entries have been selected as Ontario Dairy Queen on two occasions and runner-up last year.

Entry forms and information are available from any member of the Halton Dairy Queen Committee, or from the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

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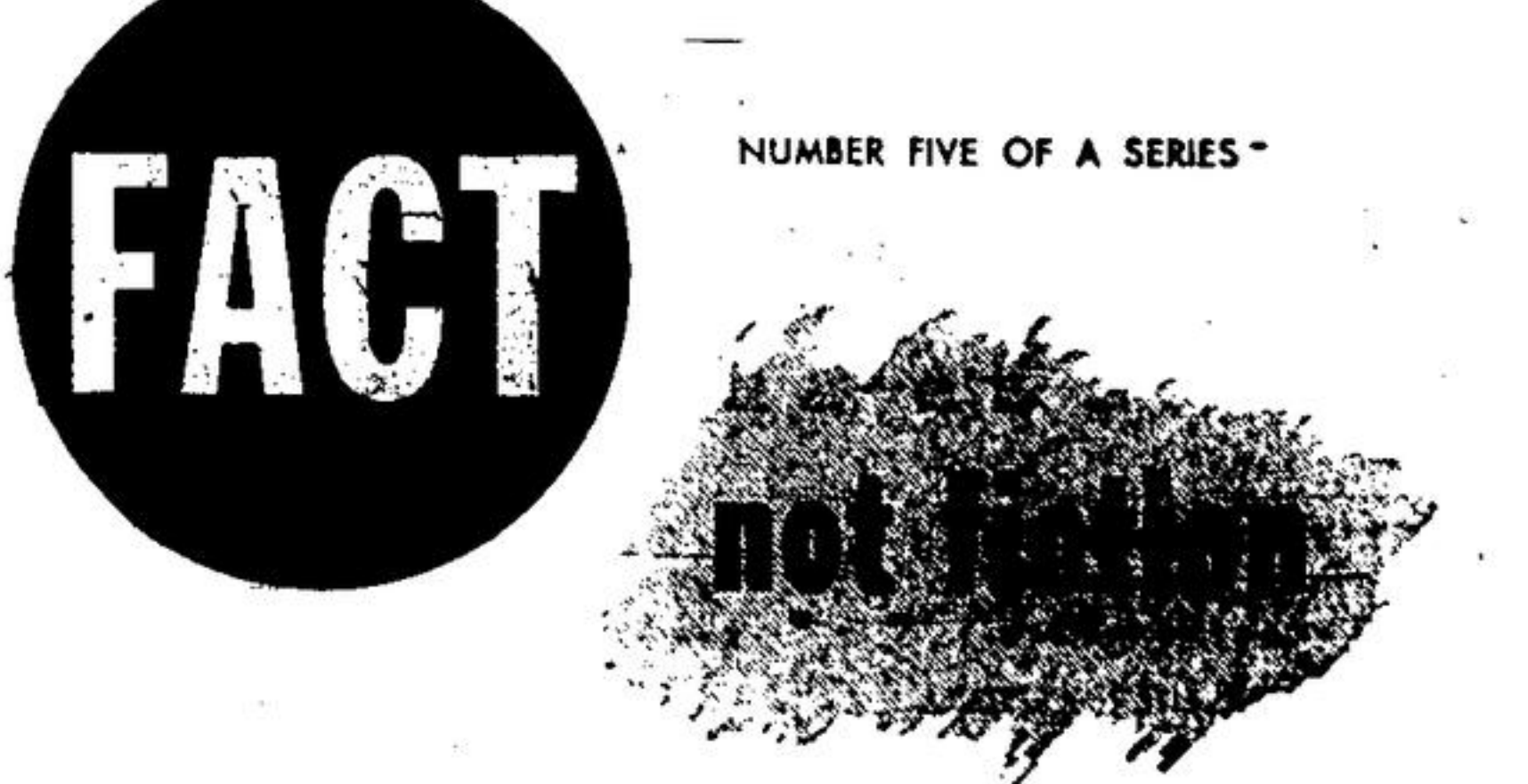
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