

Halton Junior Farmers Plan for County Field Day, Church Service

At a directors' meeting of the Halton Junior Farmer Association on May 4 plans were made for a County Field Day, and a church service.

The annual Junior Farmer Field Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, at the Bonyon park. This year's Junior Farmer club—Milton, Acton, Palermo and Norval—will all be entering teams in the various events.

The field day will be used to select the county teams to represent Halton at the Provincial Junior Farmer Field Day at Guelph. The field day program will include boys' and girls' softball, horseshoe pitching and tug-of-war. Last

year, Halton's entry won the softball event at the Provincial Field Day.

Inter-Denominational

An inter-denominational Junior Farmer church service is being planned for Sunday, May 24, at 8:00 p.m. in Knox Presbyterian church, Milton.

Guest speaker will be Howard Herring, from Waterloo county, who was the winner of the Provincial Public Speaking Competition held at the Junior Farmer Conference in Toronto.

The Junior Farmers will be entertaining at a fireside hour following the service Sunday evening.

HALTON COUNTY WEED CONTROL NEWS

V. E. McARTHUR, COUNTY WEED INSPECTOR

Perhaps the most common definition of a weed is "A plant out of place". Down through the ages these "Out of place plants" have been a serious enemy of Agriculture. Ever since that historic occasion recorded in Scripture, when "While men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat", the farmer has been fighting weeds. Sections of this Province have occasionally become so over-run with serious weeds that abandoned farms have been the result, to say nothing of the heavy annual losses suffered by farmers, from weed infestations.

The Weed Control Act of Ontario is designed to give the farmer protection against some of the most hazardous weeds. Schedule "I" of the Act designates 25 varieties as being noxious, this however being only a small percentage of the plants commonly known as weeds. There is no attempt being made to completely eradicate the less harmful weeds.

I believe there is a great deal of truth in this, but I wish to point out that due to economic conditions the farmer is very often compelled to clean up stumps and rail fences and control noxious weeds in order to secure profitable production on his farm. Chemical research is providing an ever increasing number of scientific weed killers which when properly used by farmers, are an excellent aid to good cultural practices.

Since a hundred years or more of progress have brought many changes in this country, and sometimes nature's balance has been upset, certain adjustments are necessary to protect our future. Today, for instance, we are becoming more and more conservation conscious. The preservation of soil and water are perhaps the chief benefits to Agriculture, but to accomplish this a programme of conserving trees, dams to store water, etc., must be carried on.

A number of River Conservation Authorities have been established in Ontario in recent years. Fortunately, the practices naturally involved in conservation programs have several important by-products, one of which is the acquisition and maintenance of natural beauty spots—usually rough, wooded areas, dotted with creeks and springs.

Perhaps we have been guilty, because of necessity, of depleting some of nature's original resources, but we still have vast areas which are being set aside and here God and man are working together, supplying food and cover for wild life as well as suitable areas where our ever increasing population and future generations may find recreation and solitude.

County Changing

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U.S. Professor Guest Speaker at Dairy Field Day

An event that should be of interest to all dairy farmers in Halton county is the Dairy Cattle Field Day at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, in early June. The program will start with a complimentary dinner between 12 o'clock and 1:00 p.m.

Following lunch, the program will convene in the Physical Education Building.

The afternoon will feature an address given by Dr. C. A. Lassiter, Professor of Dairy Cattle Nutrition at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

Mothers, Institute Guests Of Bannockburn 4-H Club

The Bannockburn 4-H Club Girls sponsored by Bannockburn Women's Institute entertained the mothers and W.I. members to afternoon tea on Saturday.

The school was decorated with several flower arrangements consisting mainly of daffodils and narcissus, which were made by the club girls.

Father V. J. Morgan Here For 18 Years

Rev. V. J. Morgan noted on Sunday that it was exactly 18 years ago that he came to Acton. It was Mother's Day, and both the day and date identical.

He then had both the parishes of Acton and Georgetown. Both have shown consistent growth, and were divided several years ago.

At both Masses, he made a special memento to all mothers of the parish, living and dead. His sermons also dealt with Mothers.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers.

Beef Breeders To Hear Reports

A Beef Cattle Field Day, to be held the first part of June, is being sponsored by the Advanced Registry Board for Beef Cattle, and the Department of Animal Husbandry, Ontario Agricultural College. The Ontario Agricultural College will act as host for a complimentary luncheon at noon.

The opening remarks will be made by Professor G. Rathby, chairman, Advanced Registry Board and head of the Department of Animal Husbandry, O.A.C.

The sessions will be held in the Physical Education Building at the College, Glen Butts, manager of Ogechee Farms, Fairland, Oklahoma, U.S.A., and chairman of the Board of Directors, Performance Registry International, will be the feature speaker.

Report of Research

A report of Dairy Cattle Research projects will be given by Dr. J. C. Rennie, Department of Animal Husbandry, O.A.C.

A panel discussion will have Professor G. E. Rathby, head of the Animal Husbandry Department, as moderator. The panel members will include Dr. J. A. Henderson, O.V.C. on herd health; Professor F. W. Hamilton, O.A.C. on milk quality; R. H. Graham, Livestock Branch, on the Ontario D.H.L.A. program; and Dr. C. A. Lassiter, Michigan State University, on questions on feeding.

PROPERTY OWNERS WEEDS

Notice is hereby given to all property owners in accordance with the Weed Control Act, Ontario, Sections 3, 7, 10 and 12, that unless weeds growing on their lands within the municipalities of Esquevas and Nagsaweya are cut down or otherwise destroyed by June 16, 1959 and also throughout the season the Municipality may enter upon said lands and have the weeds destroyed charging the costs against the lands in the taxes, as set out in the act.

The co-operation of all citizens is earnestly solicited.

ACTON PUBLIC UTILITIES OFFICE

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