

# Farm News Page

## Brock Harris Represents Halton In Provincial Pasture Competition

Brock Harris, Milton, R.R. 6, Halton winner in the local Pasture Competition sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, represented the county in the Ontario Pasture Competition.

The Ontario Pasture Competition, sponsored jointly by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, The Canadian Seed Trade Association and Cymmatid of Canada Limited, is being held again this year. It is likely unique among field crop competitions because the entire pasture program of competing farms is scored, rather than only one field. Pastures are judged twice during the summer on various phases of pasture management including a sound fertilization program coupled with frequent soil testing, light annual applications

of manure, rotational or strip grazing, harrowing of droppings, animal units carried per acre, good mixtures, legume-grass balance, access of herd to shade and water, proximity of pastures to barns, grazing management, clipping, supplementary pasture and feed, freedom from weeds and general vigour and thickness of stand.

Winners of 36 county pasture competitions which took place last summer have been grouped into five zones extending across provinces. Pasture competitions were conducted in each zone and winners chosen by Fieldman of the Field Crop Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture. These five zone winners will, in turn, be scored by a committee of judges consisting of Dr. W. E. Tassell, Ontario Agricultural College, Professor D.

L. Parks, Kemptville Agricultural School, and Mr. Tom Dickinson of the Ottawa Dairy Farm to pick a Provincial Champion for 1959.

**Results**

Of immediate interest to district farms are the results of the Lake Ontario-Lake Erie Zone Pasture Competition which included the counties of Peel, Halton, Westwinds, Lincoln, Welland and Haldimand. Mr. Herb W. Watson of R.R. 1, Inglewood in Peel County placed first with a score of 256 out of 320 points. The remaining contestants placed as follows:

Bruce Youngblood, R.R. 2, Welland (Welland County) 234; Eric Lindsey, R.R. 1, Chedoke (Haldimand County) 232; Brock Harris, R.R. 6, Milton (Halton County) 227; Sidney Sobler, Center Centre (Lincoln County) 221.

## Jersey Class Leaders Noted

The high milk and butterfat record produced by a Jersey cow in Canada for the month of September was that made on the farm of E. H. Bull and Son, Brampton, Ontario, by Brampton Belmont Lady Basil, who in 305 days, on three times milking, produced 13,707 lbs. of milk and 680 lbs. of fat. Lady Basil is a daughter of the superior sire, Belmont Royal.

In the senior four-year-old class, J. W. Wolfe of Acton has the leader in Brampton Winnie Radar, a daughter of the superior, Gold and Silver medal sire, Brampton Radar. Winnie, on three times milking, produced 10,704 lbs. of milk and 574 lbs. of fat.

**O.A.C. Leader**

On two times milking, the leader is owned by the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. College Jessie, a daughter of the imported bull, Jingo's Regal Dreamer, has a record of 9,801 lbs. of milk and 586 lbs. of fat.

B. H. Bull and Son have the high four-year-old with Kingshurst Commando Duchess producing 9,004 lbs. of milk and 555 lbs. of fat, qualifying for a Silver Medal certificate. She is a daughter of the sensational sire, Famous Commando, one of the greatest Jersey bulls ever bred in Canada.

Kenneth L. Ella and Sons of Horpby led the senior three-year-old class with Rock-Ella Xenia Lily producing 10,221 lbs. of milk and 605 lbs. of fat, to qualify for a Silver Medal certificate. She is a daughter of Lindale Basil Xenia Ltd. The junior three-year-olds also find the leader in Ontario, in the herd of Mrs. Adèle Carritt and Sons of Renfrew. Armatra II Bas Down has 8,242 lbs. of milk and 493 lbs. of fat. She is a daughter of Avonlea Records Basil.

## Mac Sprowl Opens 103rd Arthur Fair

When Arthur Fair opened for its 103rd edition last Thursday, the man speaking the official words was Mac Sprowl of Acton.

He was introduced as a past president of Acton fair, prominent in Junior Farmer activities and a National scholar.

He congratulated the directors and mentioned outstanding aspects of the event before opening the fair officially.

Others speaking were president Gordon Cormack, M.P. Marvin Howe and J. Hunter, second vice-president of Ontario Agricultural Societies.

It was the first time Mr. Sprowl has opened a fair.

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## Roaring Past

### Annual Sports Car Climb Attracts Many to Rockwood

Members of Grand Valley Car Club held their annual "Hill Climb" in Rockwood on Saturday, September 26, with about 40 of their members driving.

They "took over" Fall Street for the day, with both entrances blocked and a telephone service installed. Distance of the climb up the tricky hairpin hill in the park area was 1250 feet. There were three right turns and 1 left.

Cars generally reached 50 miles an hour on the climb, speeding up to 70 over the finish line.

Bales of straw dotted the sides of the road at intervals but safety precautions were fortunately not needed. Watchers also were posted at short distances and when a car left the starting point, raised a green flag as warning.

Oliver Crutine, Brantford was one winner with a time of 29:15. Winner among the five girls who competed was Dorothy Riddell, also from Brantford whose time was 30:02.

The hundreds of onlookers who came and went throughout the day, enjoyed seeing the interesting cars, many of which were of foreign make and quite different to those generally on the road.

All drivers wore crash helmets. These, it was learned, are expensive costing around \$30.00.

The winner received the annual Challenge Trophy presented by the Jim Ferguson Motors, Toronto.

Oliver Crutine said it was the best hill they'd ever climbed. Fall Street is paved and usually the climbs have been held on gravelled roads, not too safe.

It was a good show for the observers with all drivers exhibiting skill in driving and in the handling of their cars.

## Season's Crop Lost In Wellington Fire

Fire, believed to have been caused by lightning, destroyed a barn on the farm of Garnet Sinclair on the eighth line of Wellington County, about six miles north of Georgetown Tuesday of last week.

Destruction of 70 tons of hay, as well as straw and Mr. Sinclair's entire season's grain crop, boosted the loss to more than \$25,000. Some livestock was also destroyed.

## Night School Registrations Are Rolling In

Applications for night school classes have been coming in steadily to be totalled and allocated by applications secretary Mrs. Jack Creighton.

She reported last week the number on hand is about the same as last year at this time, and augurs well for another highly successful season.

Registration night is being held at the high school on Friday, October 16, when the list of the applicants will all be in. After that, the committee will add up the numbers in each class and decide which, if any, will have to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

Particular interest has already been shown in the home decorating course, which is to be given by Alex Duncan of Duncan-McPhee, Guelph. About a dozen applications are already on hand.

Application forms are still available at stores throughout town, including Watson's Dairy, I.G.A., The Kaye Shoppe, Paul's Men's Wear, the Free Press, Home Furnishings and others. The forms have also been distributed to over a dozen country stores. An application form also appears in an advertisement in this paper.

## Greet New Minister Of Church of Christ

Rev. Byron F. Howlett was welcomed as the new minister for the Church of Christ Disciples in Guelph at a service last week attended by members of the congregation and friends. Rev. W. G. McRobert, minister emeritus, conducted a worship service and spoke briefly.

Rev. H. Garfield Rees welcomed Mr. Howlett on behalf of the Guelph Ministerial Association.

D. Robertson, chairman of the church board, called on Rev. H. J. Simpson, pastor of Hillcrest Church of Christ, Toronto, and spoke of his association with Mr. Howlett. Greetings were also extended from Rev. R. Polhem of Hillsburgh, Rev. D. LeCoe, Rev. Mrs. Clara Blacklock of the All Canada Committee, Toronto, and T. McCutcheon, Everton.

Mr. Howlett and his family were introduced to the members of the Guelph and Everton congregations and friends by D. Robertson and Mrs. R. L. McKinnon, president of the Christian Women's Fellowship, after which a meal was served in the church school rooms by the ladies of the C.W.F. service group.

Mr. Howlett, a Prince Edward Islander, took over the pastorate formerly occupied by Rev. Stanley Stuntion of Toronto. Married to the former Gladys Betty Taylor of Rainham, Essex, England, Mr. Howlett has four children, Leslie 16, Melvyn 14, Harvey 11 and Marilee six.

## Advise Farmers To Check Sheep

From now right through to November keep your eye open for any signs of scours in your lambs. The reason your lambs have probably swallowed a mass of diarrhoea worms and if left unchecked will go off their feed, weaken, and die.

The Ontario Veterinary College reports that up to 20,000 of these little worms may be irritating a lamb's bowels at one time. The constant irritation causes the bowel to thicken and become reddened or inflamed. Also, the thickening of the bowel cuts down the amount of food that can be digested and absorbed through the bowel wall. Result: starvation and diarrhoea.

Not New

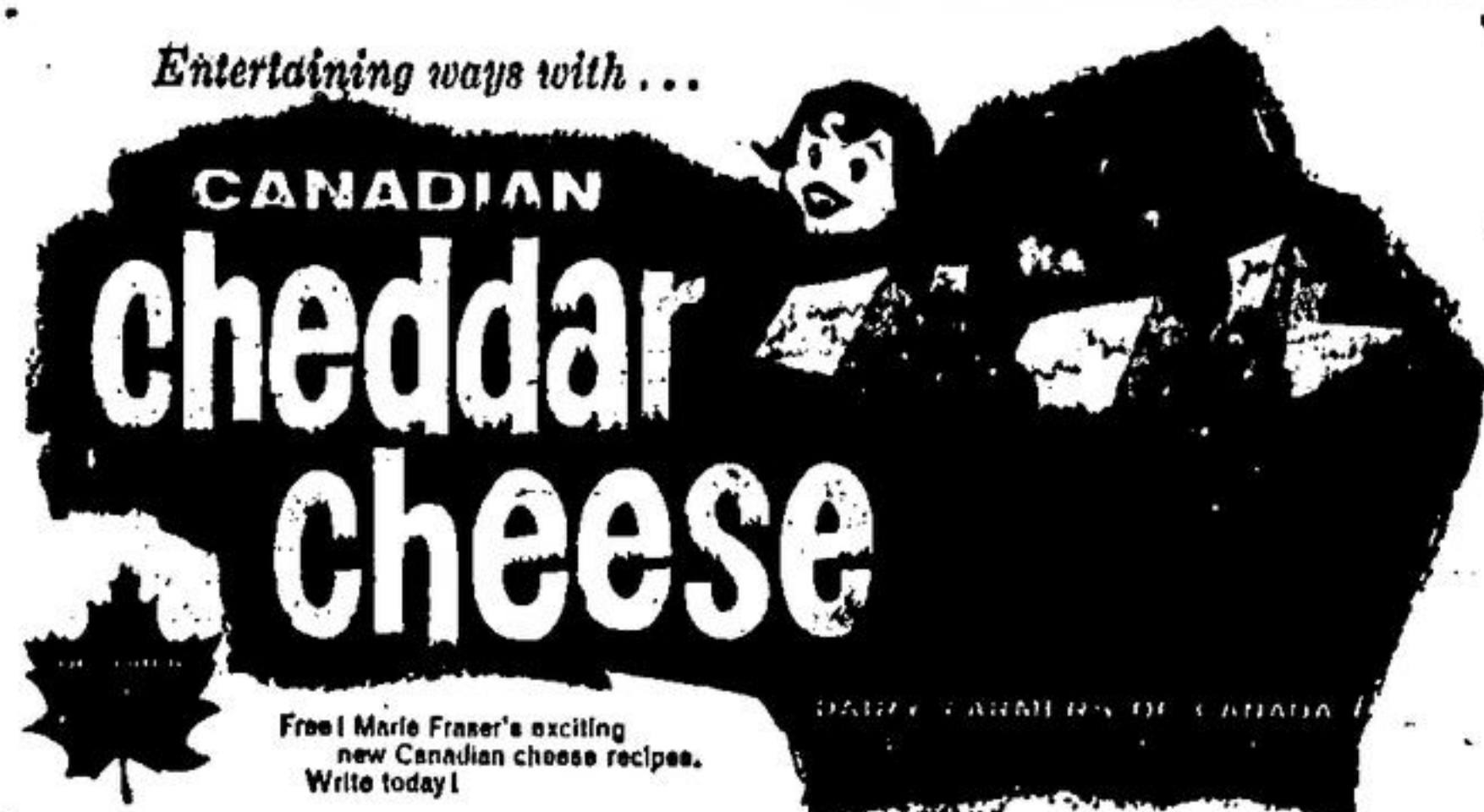
Apparently black scours (the scour is black in colour) isn't new. The O.V.C. warns that it can cause trouble in any year from September to November when the weather cools off.

"At any time of the year sheep have a few diarrhoea worms and these eggs are being passed out continuously. Since these eggs need moisture and fairly low temperatures to hatch, they don't develop during the hot dry summer months. They remain dormant. When the cool rains come, they all hatch out more or less at the same time and are picked up on the grass. Older sheep are fairly resistant to the worms," says Ontario Veterinary College spokesman, Dr. Howard Neely.

He adds: "At the first sign of scours in a large proportion of the lambs, dose them. Use phenothiazine. This must be given twice with an interval of 10 days between doses. In addition, a little grain feeding might help build resistance and bring about a speedier recovery."

Something new: Neely reports there are improvements being made in phenothiazine which make it more effective than the older type. Apparently it has smaller molecules and is more easily absorbed.

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