

Claude Inglis has high yield

By H. J. Stanley, Agric. Repres.

Claude Inglis, R.R. 2 Campbellville, won the Halton High Yield Corn Competition sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association. The 12 competitors sown five or more acres of grain corn, with samples taken from the fields prior to harvest. Despite the relatively poor growing conditions for corn in Halton this year, the average yield in this competition was 80 bushels per acre.

The Plant Food Council of Ontario provided half of the prize money of \$100. This will be presented at the annual meeting of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, to be held on Wednesday, January 11, in the Masonic Hall, Milton.

Claude Inglis' corn, Pride 5, planted at 18,000 plants per acre, in 36 inch width rows, yielded 105 bushels per acre. Other placings were:

Harvey Nurse, Georgetown R.R. 2, United 106, 104 bus.; T. Foster, Campbellville R.R. 3, Funks 43A and United 106, 100 bus.; Russell Sturten, Campbellville R.R. 2, Pride 5, 90 bus.; J. Reid, Georgetown R.R.

Election, awards, speaker at Jersey annual meeting

Ashgrove United Church was the gathering place for about 45 members, friends and guests of the Halton Jersey Breeders' Association on Friday, December 2, commencing with a delicious banquet served by the ladies of the church at 12:30.

The president, Ernest Alexander, presided for the annual meeting and in his address outlined the many activities carried out through the past year. Several awards were presented for the Parish Show winners.

Master Feeds (Stewartstown) presented an award for the highest individual BOA made by a cow owned by a Halton

Jersey Club member. This was awarded to the cow "Brownlans Kavola's Josyl" owned by Lorne Ella of Rock-Ella Jerseys of Hornby.

The guest speaker, a recent trip winner through Junior Farmer's activities, was Albert Taylor of Galt. He showed slides and spoke on ways of agriculture in England, Ireland and Scotland, where he had spent 10 weeks.

Short reports were given by the director to the Ontario Club, Ken Ella; Dudley Oliver, secretary manager of the Ontario Jersey Club, and Robert Hall from the Canadian Jersey Club.

The associate agricultural

Gordon Bennett guest speaker at Federation of Agriculture

By Henry J. Stanley, Agricultural Representative

"People in the past have tended to take food for granted," stated R. Gordon Bennett, Assistant Deputy Minister for Ontario, speaking at the annual meeting of the Halton Federation of Agriculture, on December 8.

He stressed, "the choice of food has been great in this country, and we have the cheapest food in the world."

However, there are problems, such as lack of manpower, with only six per cent of the labor force in Ontario working on farms. Within the past year in Canada, 57,000 people have left the farm — a decline of 9.5 per cent. There has been considerable unrest on farms, regarding the economic conditions. It is time to sit down and determine on a long-term basis, the answer to these problems."

Mr. Bennett felt there was a

good future for agriculture, because people had to be fed, but there are going to be terrific changes on the farm. This is where he feels farm organizations can help — in the conditioning of people to change. Education must be emphasized, with the future farm operator requiring a much better education than in the past.

One of the problems mentioned by Mr. Bennett, was that of convincing people that they should be involved in organizations, trying to improve their industry and standard of living.

"No longer," he stressed, "can we consider only results. You are part of a large industry working towards a common goal."

At the noon luncheon in St. Paul's United Church, Milton, Elmer Foster, Chairman of the Halton Farmstead Improvement Centennial Competition, presented certificates and prize money to the 25 competitors. This competition was a joint project by the Halton Federation of Agriculture, and the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and promoted the improvement of the appearance of the farmstead. Bruce McClure, Georgetown R.R. 3, received top prize money of \$50.

The next four competitors were George E. Readhead, Milton R.R. 2, \$40; Ross Lawrence, Milton R.R. 1, \$30; Kenneth Ella, Hornby R.R. 1, \$20; C.C. Patterson, Milton R.R. 4, \$10.

Mr. Foster stated that he hoped this was just the beginning of improvements on

representative, John Cockburn, reported a 100 per cent completion for 4H members showing Jersey calves. He also congratulated the breeders for their achievements through the year.

The election of officers resulted as follows: past president, Ernest Alexander; president, Eccles McClure; first vice-president, Mrs. Eva Harper; second vice-president, Lorne Ella; secretary - treasurer, Ernest Alexander; Ontario Club director, Ken Ella.

Directors: Mac Alexander, Bruce Nixon, Don Matthews, Duncan Moffat, Jack Feather-

stone, M. C. Beatty; Ernest Davies, Mrs. Eleanor Robinson; Halton Farm Safety Council, Bruce Nixon.

Safety Councils' annual

"Defensive driving" is only answer

"Defensive driving" was suggested as the only way to stay alive on today's modern highways, when Halton and Peel County safety councils held their joint annual meetings in Milton Thursday.

Const. A. Connor, traffic safety co-ordinator for the Burlington District No. 3 headquarters of the Ontario Provincial Police, gave a short talk and showed an excellent film on "defensive driving" tactics during the afternoon portion of the meeting.

The film emphasized the ABC's of careful motoring: A — Attitude; count; B — Back down if necessary; and C — Clear space should be left around your vehicle. They all add up to the Big D — Defensive Driving.

Const. Connors noted "a whole new world has opened up with the coming of the automobile." Our laws stem from customs and many of the basic

rules of the road are standard in each Canadian province, he explained.

He said that unfortunately, some people fail to accept their responsibilities in traffic, and no law will ever be successful if drivers do not obey the laws "of their own free will". Motorists must constantly be on the alert for poor driving habits by other drivers, even if they are safe themselves, he warned.

The film showed the results of a 25-mile driving test in which one drove a 25-mile stretch of heavy traffic very carefully, obeying all rules. Another driver drove the same route and was asked to break any highway rules he could to get there faster. The unsafe driver arrived five minutes and 20 seconds before the careful driver, but to gain that time, he had to make 138 infractions of the law. "Was the time saved worth those 138 infractions, any one of which could have

got him a ticket . . . or worse, taken his life?" asked the film narrator.

Const. Connor also stressed the new rules governing stopped school buses. He noted police officers in the district had charged eight drivers for breaking the new rule during the previous week.

A brief question and answer period followed his talk.

The chairman of the Halton Farm Safety Council, Mrs. Tom Alderson, welcomed the meeting with a safety film entitled "The Miracle of Paradise Valley".

Reports on local activities were given, and it was noted that in Peel County over 100 Slow Moving Vehicle signs had been sold, as compared with nine sold in Halton County.

Hal Wright, Provincial Farm safety specialist with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, reported to the group on the provincial activities during 1966 in the field of safety. He mentioned that a resolution was being approved to make it mandatory for all vehicles travelling under 25 miles per hour to be equipped with a triangular "Slow Moving Vehicle" sign. He said 9,000 of these signs were sold in Ontario this year, and in the three prairie provinces over 20,000 were sold.

Mr. Wright stated the Ontario Provincial Police are more rigidly enforcing tractor safety rules on highways. "Today," he stated, "highways are built for speed, and high speed and slow moving vehicles just don't mix". He emphasized the fact one-half of the people who run into tractors on highways are farmers, who should realize how slowly a tractor is travelling.

Mr. Wright mentioned that in some counties where safety poster competitions are held, between 800 and 1,000 posters have been entered. He felt that this was a very worthwhile program, as it made the "danger" people in the community more aware of safety activities.

Today production in agriculture is far ahead of any other industry, but because of this mechanization, more and more farm people are becoming injured and often killed. In 1966, 10 of 14 fatal farm accidents in Ontario were caused by tractors, thus demonstrating the need for the safer use of farm machinery.

Halton County's farm safety program includes the sale of Slow Moving Vehicle signs, first aid kits, and fire extinguishers available through the Agricultural Office, Milton — and distribution of Safety Services, available free to any farm organization.

Kiwanis Club honors Halton 4-H clubbers

By H. J. Stanley, Agric. Repres.

Alvin Hamilton, M.P., former Federal Minister of Agriculture, spoke on "China and Trade" at the Kiwanis Club of Kingsway meeting in Toronto, on December 5. In attendance were 17 of the outstanding 4-H club members from Halton County.

Mr. Hamilton stressed the great need to expand trade with Communist China, and the many advantages of doing this. "You can't judge a nation by its system of government," he stated, "you must judge the people. In China, it takes 500,000,000 people to feed some 700,000,000 of population. Thus one person in China is only feeding himself and one-half another. There are 70,000,000 students in China, with very little newspaper to assist in their studies. Learning must be done by memorization."

He suggested that a Trade Office should be set up in Canada to trade with China. This office would help to clear customs, and show our sincerity to trade with them. He also emphasized the need for an international selling agency, to assist with the sale of products from Western nations to communist countries.

He told the 4-H members to search for moral principles, and not to be named of Canadianism. "We forget," he stated, "that there is still good in the group — the family, the province, the nation, and the world. Together, we can do what we cannot do alone."

He suggested that we try to bridge the gap between the standard of living of industrial nations, and the billions living in under-developed countries.


Bill Wilton, president of the Halton 4-H Club Leaders' Association, was introduced to the meeting, along with John McGee, winner of the 1967 trip to Israel, and Verna Thompson, delegate to the National 4-H Conference in Washington next spring.

Books were then awarded, to members from the following 4-H clubs:

Acton 4-H Calf Club, Marjorie Johnston; Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club, David Jackson; East Halton 4-H Holstein Club, Murray Brownridge; Halton 4-H Jersey-Guernsey-Ayrshire Club, Lois McNabb; West Halton Holstein Calf Club, Lyle Stokes; Halton 4-H Conservation Club, Stuart Nurse.

Halton 4-H Corn Club, Larry Pickett; Acton 4-H Grain Club, Bob Leslie; Halton 4-H Grain Club, Donald McClure; Halton 4-H Sheep Club, Janet Hunter; Halton 4-H Strawberry Club, Mary Lou Brown; Halton 4-H Potato Club, Bryan Robertson; Halton 4-H Home-making Clubs, Norma Moffat and Joan McDonald.

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