

Record year for crop

Jim Reid has high yield in hay

By Henry J. Stanley
Agricultural Representative
1966 was the year of a record first-cutting of hay in Halton County. The eight members of the High Yield Hay Competition, sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, had an average

yield of 5,215 lbs of hay, or just over 2.6 tons per acre. On a dry matter basis, this amounted to an average yield of 4,293 lbs. of dry matter.
The winner was Jim Reid, R.R. 2 Georgetown, with 5,574 lbs. of dry matter. His field of Alfalfa-Brome-Timothy mixture had been fertilized in the fall of 1965 with 300 lbs. of 20 per cent Superphosphate, and received 13 tons of manure per acre last winter. The hay harvested on June 20 yielded 196 bales per acre.

Others in the competition, were:
Harold Middlebrook, Milton R.R. 2, 3,044 lbs. dry matter; Gordon Thompson, Milton R.R. 2, 4,674 lbs.; H. Craig Reid, Milton R.R. 6, 4,485 lbs.; Russell Hurren, Campbellville R.R. 2, 4,406 lbs.; Fred Nurse, Georgetown R.R. 2, 3,753 lbs.; Frank Robertson, Milton R.R. 5, 3,314 lbs.; Don Matthews, Acton R.R. 2, 2,796 lbs.

Because of the very dry July and August, there was very little re-growth on many of these fields, and thus the second cutting was not considered in this competition.

The results indicated that with a normal second cutting, good management of hay crop can provide yields of dry matter close or equal to that of corn silage.

Sheep, strawberry 4-H clubs organize

By Geoff. Taylor, Extension Assistant
On Thursday, December 8, at the Agricultural Office, Milton, the 4-H Sheep and 4-H Strawberry Clubs were re-organized for the 1967 program. Six new members were welcomed to the 4-H Strawberry Club, and three new members in the 4-H Sheep Club. The general rules and regulations were explained to the members, and 4-H material was handed out.

A film entitled "The Miracle of Paradise Valley" was shown. This film depicted the hazards of farm life with regards to safety in machinery operation, safety around the home and barn, etc.

Projects for the two clubs were discussed. First year 4-H Strawberry club members must plant at least 200 strawberry plants, which is a plot approximately the size of 1/20th of an acre. Second year members in this club will continue with the plot they started last year, reaping the benefits in 1967 in the form of a crop of berries in mid-June. These members are also encouraged to plant more strawberries, so that they will have an ever-producing patch in the future.

The 4-H Sheep Club members care for a flock of at least five ewes and their lambs, keeping records of production costs, and exhibiting one lamb at their achievement day in the fall of 1967.

Our flag is red, white and blue, said the Dutchman, and we link it with our taxes — we get red when we talk about them, white when we get our tax bills and we pay until we're blue in the face. With us, replied the American, we see stars, too.

WHAT NEXT WILL SANTA think of! At the Legion Christmas party, he had some lady hands on hand to entertain youngsters and hand out balloons. Left to right are Debbie Turkoz, Mrs. Charlie Shultis, Karen McHugh

Mrs. Robert Angell, Sharon Turkoz, John McHugh and Mrs. Gordon James. The girls are all members of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary.

Christmas poetry meeting highlight

Over 45 members of both units of the United Church Women met for a dinner and a specially prepared service of music and Christmas poetry at their last gathering before Christmas.
A delicious supper was enjoyed. Mrs. G. W. McKenzie welcomed the group; Mrs. T. Shields, the president, was unable to attend. Mrs. Cleave led in prayer.

"Christmas in Poetry" including readings, a trio, anthem and hymn was led by Mrs. D. I. Engel and her mother, Mrs. V. H. Hattin.

Miss Jean McLean played the piano. Singing as a trio were Mrs. B. Veldhuis, Mrs. W. Little and Miss Dorothy Simmons.

The treasurer reported on the successful Santa Fair and it was agreed this would be an annual event when Santa Claus would meet youngsters here on the first Saturday in December.

Mrs. A. Shoemaker reported that the ladies are making their monthly visits to the Manor in Milton and Mrs. C. Griese and Mrs. K. Allen have visited the girls in Galt. The group is particularly interested in...

Mrs. H. Patterson presented a poinsettia to Mrs. Hattin in appreciation.

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"This business of farming" topic of special programs

By Henry J. Stanley
"This business of farming" is the title for three one-hour programs to be presented on C.B.C. Television, January 10 to 12, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.

This is the third year that such a series of programs have been presented by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, in co-operation with the C.B.C.

On Tuesday, January 10, the topic is "Soils and Good Soil Management". This features discussions and illustrations on soil testing, drainage, soil fertility and other methods of managing soils for greater crop returns.

On Wednesday, January 11, "Farm Machinery Management Today" is the topic, and some of the matters to be discussed are Selection of Machinery to Do the Job; partnership ar-

rangements in purchasing or using equipment; how to keep equipment operating efficiently, etc.

This program is to be part of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association annual meeting in the Masonic Hall, Milton, with everyone watching the TV Series.

After dinner Harold Kitching of the Massey-Ferguson Company, Toronto, will be discussing the "Future Design of Equipment and Cost of Machinery". Martin Wrubleski, Agricultural Engineering Specialist for Halton, will cover some of the economic considerations in machinery ownership.

The January 12 TV program is on "Family Farm Business Arrangement". This program gives a thorough discussion about the importance and kinds of farm transfer arrangements.

Says neglected farms biggest weed problem

"Neglected farms continue to be a major source of weed problem," Halton County Weed Inspector V. E. McArthur stated in his 1966 report to Halton County Council.

During the year, 12,275 acres of farm crops were sprayed, an increase of 3,150 over 1965. Just over 1,000 miles of county, town, township and suburban roads were sprayed and 975 miles of roadside were mowed.

Eight hundred and forty-two complaints were received and 1,275 residents were contacted.

Educational projects conducted included a bus trip to the Botanical Gardens for students who entered the elementary school essay contest, support of 4-H Club projects, weed control talks, distribution of literature and weekly articles to the press and radio.

Go ahead and please yourself. After all, you're the one who will have to wear the suit. Well, dear, I figure I'll probably be wearing the coat and vest anyway.



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On warden's invitation

4-H members tour county building

More than 100 County 4-H agricultural and homemaking club members brushed up on their knowledge of county government on Tuesday of last week.

Accompanied by club leaders and assistant agricultural representatives Geoff Taylor of Halton and John Cockburn of Peel, the teenagers toured the county administration building and visited the various departments.

Halton County Judge Alan B. Sprague talked to the guests and they visited County Council in session and received "county pens" as gifts. Former County Wardens George Leslie, Herbert Merry and Gordon Gallagher made the presentations.

At the 4-H Awards Night in October, Warden H. H. Hinton

invited the 4-H club members to tour the facilities. The tour was conducted by Sheriff An-

drew Frank and Deputy-Sheriff Mac Sprowl.

Good prices

The dispersal sale of the Walnut Acres Holstein milking herd of Howard Dalson, Georgetown, held December 10 at the Georgetown Sales Arena realized the excellent average of \$536 each for 30 head for a total of \$16,080.

Gordon M. Darby, Rockwood, paid \$610 for a milking female. Other good prices included \$575 paid for a milking female by Alex McNabb of Rockwood.

A behind-the-scenes aspect of Christmas is the welfare work that is always done quietly.

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