

Halton 4-H Club Happenings

HALTON 4-H BEEF CLUB

By Pete Sweetman

The first Halton 4-H Beef Club meeting for the members and their new leaders was held Thursday, April 10 at the Agricultural office, Milton. The meeting was opened with the 4-H Pledge, led by Doug Gardhouse. The roll call was taken by David Jackson, secretary.

With a job about the eight Assistant Agricultural Representatives Halton has had in the last 12 years, Jim McKay, introduced the latest and possibly the best, Jim Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins discussed the importance of first steps in the year's program. The members, leaders and visitors were then shown an interesting film on safety, called "The Incredible Journey." After the film, Mr. Jenkins introduced the chairman of the Halton Safety Council, Gerald Carlton. Mr. Carlton gave a beneficial talk concerning safety on the farm. He demonstrated valuable safety devices such as fire extinguishers, hard hats, and slow moving vehicle signs. Reflecto-Tags were passed out to the members to make each person visible when walking at night.

Mr. Jenkins also giving some tips on safety, pointed out the Canadian Standards Association checks each electrical device with a rigid test to deduce if it is safe for use on the Canadian farm and in the Canadian home. Another surprising fact we heard from our new Assistant was that every six hours someone is injured in a farm accident. A quiz was then given on the topics previously discussed.

The members were divided into groups of Juniors and Seniors. The seniors, with their leaders Mr. Jenkins and John McKinnon, discussed the projects and lessons to be taken in the next few months, along with the all important weighing of the Queen's Guineas steers. The Juniors, with their leaders Jim McKay, John Willmott, and Harold Patterson discussed feeds and nutrients, and finished up with a multiple choice quiz.

The two groups then merged and decided the next meeting would be held May 8, at Creditdale Farm, Streetsville.

HALTON 4-H HOLSTEIN CALF CLUB

By Stuart Nurse

The first meeting of the Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club was opened by Lois Hunter, President, at the Agricultural office, Milton, on April 9. Along with club leaders Bert Stewart, Bill Sinclair, Don Brethel, and Al Brownridge, we were pleased to welcome the new Assistant Agricultural Representative John Dunford. After handing out materials to new members, a film on safety was shown.

Mr. Dunford passed out safety stickers, and gave the club members a quiz on home safety. The members were divided into groups - juniors and seniors. The seniors discussed their projects for the coming year. The juniors' lesson was on the importance of nutrients which make up livestock feed.

Safe seeding

It's spring seeding time in some parts of the province, and the hum of the farm tractor is a common sound. But don't let that continuous engine noise dull your senses.

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HALTON 4-H CONSERVATION CLUB

By Stuart Nurse

The first meeting of the Halton 4-H Conservation Club was held at the Agricultural office in Milton, April 17, opened with the election of officers, supervised by club leader Brock Harris. Carol Swackhamer was elected president, Carl Middlebrook as vice-president, Neil Robertson as secretary, and Stuart Nurse as press reporter. Other club leaders present were Jeff Nurse, Henry Stanley and John Dunford. Mr. Dunford explained the club projects for the year, as well as informing the members of future tours.

The guest speaker for the evening was Barry Adams, from the Ontario Water Resources Commission. Mr. Adams showed a film "The River Must Live" which illustrated the evils of water pollution. After the film Mr. Adams explained the natural and human methods of pollution control.

Mr. Stanley spoke about the dangers of pollution on the farm from the nitrogen and phosphorus in fertilizers, manure and certain pesticides.

Disperse Mayford herd top cow off to Indiana

A Very Good cow that brought \$2,100 at the Mayford Farm dispersal sale at Georgetown Friday, is bound for Indiana this week. Limehouse Joy Major, V. G., top priced animal at the sale, was purchased for R. Dale Jones and Lakeside Dairy, Inc., of Indiana.

Thomas Cowie, who did the purchasing for the Indiana farm, also bought another Very Good

HALTON 4-H CORN CLUB

By John Nurse

The first meeting of the Halton 4-H Corn Club was held at the Agricultural Office, Milton, on Monday, April 15. After the regular business was completed, the program began with a film on safety, "Miracle in Paradise Valley." Jim Jenkins, Halton's new Extension Assistant, explained uses of various safety equipment supplied by the Halton Safety Council and told of the dangers of falls in the home; followed by a quiz and a short talk concerning parliamentary procedure.

A lesson on field drainage with slides illustrating the difference between tile-drained and non-tile drained plots of corn was accompanied by club leader, Bill Wilson's lecture on types of field drainage. Arj Lawson, also a club leader, gave a talk on corn hybrids and heat units. This part of the program was followed by a quiz on the above mentioned topics.

Last, but not least, the corn varieties (P.A.G. 5X47 and Pride R118) was distributed to each member. The meeting was then adjourned.

cow, Limehouse Jill Tom Jack Pot, for \$1,625. Second high price of the day was \$1,875 paid by Mrs. Marguerite Zarins of R.R. 2, Cannington for an Excellent cow, Mathaven Royal Bernice.

About 100 attended the sale, held at Rockwood International Livestock Limited sale barn, Georgetown. Officials said the attendance was good, considering

Plan to proceed with Scotch Block dam

Esqueping Council was advised by correspondence that Halton Region Conservation Authority was proceeding with plans for construction of the \$600,000 Scotch Block dam.

Additional engineering done recently has proved to the satisfaction of the Authority that the project can be undertaken. However, Halton Region representatives requested a meeting with township officials prior to going to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval.

Gas pipeline coming soon

Right-of-way agents for Trans-Canada Pipelines are in Nasagaweya and Esqueping townships informing landowners a 36-inch natural gas pipeline will be tunneled through the area before long.

Reports indicate the line, beginning in Sarnia, will enter Nasagaweya in the Moffat area, follow the No. 15 Sideroads of both townships on a route heading in the Toronto direction.

Reeve George Currie told the township council that the Authority will not go ahead with the project until they get approval from all the municipalities concerned. Three-quarters of the estimated \$600,000 cost will be available as a government grant. The remaining \$150,000 will be charged to participating municipalities. It is proposed to pay \$15,000 a year over a three year interest-free period and the remaining \$105,000 will be spread over a 10 year term.

Esqueping's portion of the cost will be \$4,816.70. The proposed dam is to be built on a branch of the 16-Mile Creek midway between the second and third concessions north of No. 10 Sideroad. It will be located close to the Tangmere Mushroom Co.

ton of gold action farm/1/2/18 bold

Don-Care Hussy Marvel, Very Good, a Jersey cow in the herd of D.C. Mathews, Acton, also has been issued a Ton of Gold certificate. In 1454 days she produced 2,136 lbs. of fat. She is the daughter of the Senior Superior Sire Brampton Marvel.

Winning exhibit

4-H Homemakers hold tea accept H.H. Hinton trophy

The finals of the Acton 4-H Homemakers was held at the home of Shirley Sayers, the secretary of the present club. A buffet style tea was served with various fruit sandwiches, breads and cookies.

Several items were given to the club by town merchants including a beautiful centerpiece of flowers from Caroline Nurseries.

A total of 34 people came to the event, last Sunday afternoon, including an excellent violinist, Joe Kaufman. The guests were enchanted by his professional playing.

Bert Hinton presented the H.H. Hinton trophy to Irene De Vries, the president. They won it for last year's project "A World of Food in Canada" with the exhibit "Treasure Trove." It was a collection of Canadian antiques and relics which immigrants have brought over to this country.

The next club starting in the fall, is entitled "The Supper Club," where everything from first course to dessert will be

taught. The girls expect this rewarding as "Featuring Fruit," project will be as interesting and the current club.



ACTON 4-H HOMEMAKING CLUB, formed last spring, won the H. H. Hinton trophy with this display entitled "A Treasure Trove of Early Canadian Items", which club members begged or borrowed for the day. There were family heirlooms and antiques among the treasures which included old dishes, pots, baby clothes, a wooden nail, purses and coins. Katherine Lynch gave the commentary. (Staff Photo)



SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sayers on No. 25 Highway provided the opportunity for H. H. Hinton to personally present his trophy to the Acton 4-H Homemakers. Left to right club members are, Ruth McNaughton, leader; Mary Ann Freuler, Shirley Sayers, Kathy Lynch,

Mr. Hinton, Wendy Thomson, leader when the trophy was won, Irene DeVries, Diana De Vries, Kay Lynch, leader, and Corie Maxwell. Missing was Heike Bollert. Generosity of local merchants contributed to the tea's success and the tea table was enhanced by a floral arrangement from Caroline Nurseries.

Free Press Farm Page

Grain in, corn next

Excellent seeding weather

By Henry J. Stanley

With excellent weather prevailing during April crops are considerably ahead of normal for this date. Several farmers have completed the seeding of spring grain, with corn to be planted on many farms this week.

Normally corn is not seeded until May 5-15, but because of high temperatures the soil has warmed up, and should be suitable for corn planting. Overall seeding is almost three weeks ahead of last year.

Fruit trees are just past the 1/2" green tip stage, and with

continuing warm weather, blooms should be appearing by early May. Last year the first appearance of bloom was the first week in June.

Strawberry growers are just at the stage of removing the straw from the rows.

Winter wheat is fairly good, except in the lower areas of the fields. Pastures and high fields require rain to initiate rapid growth.

Three-year roads program on township curves, hills

A three-year program of road construction and repairs for township roads was approved by Nasagaweya Council on Monday. Deputy-Reeve William Hoey, roads committee chairman, presented the report which outlined work in these areas:

- 10 Sideroad in Conc. 2; Nasagaweya-East Flamboro Town Line in Lot 4; Second Line in Lots 1-3; First Line in Lots 1-2; Fifth Line in Lots 27-28; Third Sideroad in Conc. 2; First Line in Lots 10-14 and Lots 24-25; Sixth Line in Lot 14 (new bridge

to replace the last wooden bridge in the township) and Lots 12-13; 28 Sideroad (new bridge); and Sixth Line Lots 26-27.

Most of the improvements are at curves or "blind hills," the deputy-reeve explained. This year the township will concentrate on purchasing the land necessary for improvements, and repairs will be carried out as funds permit in the following two years.

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