

Free Press Farm Page

Pasture can be dangerous — bloat, grass tetany common

If your cattle are out on pasture right now, how often do you check them? Bloat and grass tetany are common, and dangerous to your animals.

Urgent tractor work often causes neglect of cattle, especially in the spring, when they are on new pasture. The early pasture hazards can be reduced, if they are given attention, according to Dr. W. J. Neely of the Veterinary Services Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food.

Lush legume stands, in mid-May and early June, are very succulent and low in fibre content. Cattle waste no time gorging themselves, and bloat troubles soon start.

There are several preventative measures which can help the situation. One of the best is to put cattle out on poorer pasture first. Conditioning them slowly for the change from hay to pasture will eliminate much of the hazard of bloat.

If you must put cattle on a

legume stand immediately, do so in short intervals, gradually increasing the period they are allowed to eat.

It is essential that cattle have some dry roughage in their stomachs. Supplementing pasture with hay from a rack in the barnyard or field will help. Mowing a few strips of the pasture inside the gate will also give the cattle this dry food.

Prevention is still the best way to keep cattle alive, but if an animal has bloat, farmers are urged to get veterinary help immediately. Bracing with mineral oil may provide temporary relief.

Legume stands are not the only dangerous pastures in the spring. Grass tetany is a condition which occurs on grass pastures, usually when they have been top-dressed with fertilizer.

The symptoms are not too easy to spot. An animal suffering from grass tetany will often stand alone, and become extremely sensitive to noise. Muscles spasm and death may follow very quickly. If the symptoms are noticed, a veterinarian should be called.

The condition could be confused with rabies. Magnesium can be added fairly cheaply to the grain ration in the spring, and during sudden weather changes. Consult your veterinarian before the pasture season starts, to get specific advice on the problems of bloat and grass tetany.

Departure gift for Geoff Taylor

By H. J. Stanley

On Saturday evening, following the Halton Junior Farmers' field day, a dance was held in Brookville Hall to honor Geoff Taylor, Geoff was the former Extension Assistant with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food in Halton. He left this spring to farm near Gorrie.

The Junior Farmers presented Geoff with a couple of lawn chairs, and a couple of chaise-longs. A purse of money was also presented on behalf of the 4-H members and friends in attendance. Geoff stated that it had been a real pleasure to work with the Halton Junior Farmers, and he had learned a great deal from them.

He suggested that his wife Sue would have an opportunity to sit in the lawn chairs, but at present he was too busy putting in the crops and getting the dairy farm into operation to relax.

Norval bull gold medallist

The Jersey bull, Brampton Croftan Radar, Very Good, a Superior sire, has just been designated a Gold Medal bull by the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club. He now has 37 tested daughters that average 9,918 lbs. milk, 506 lbs. fat, 5.10 per cent, and 39 classified that average 85.61 per cent. This bull was bred by B. H. Bull & Son, Norval, and owned and tested in the herd of Stewart Mellow & Sons, Bolton.

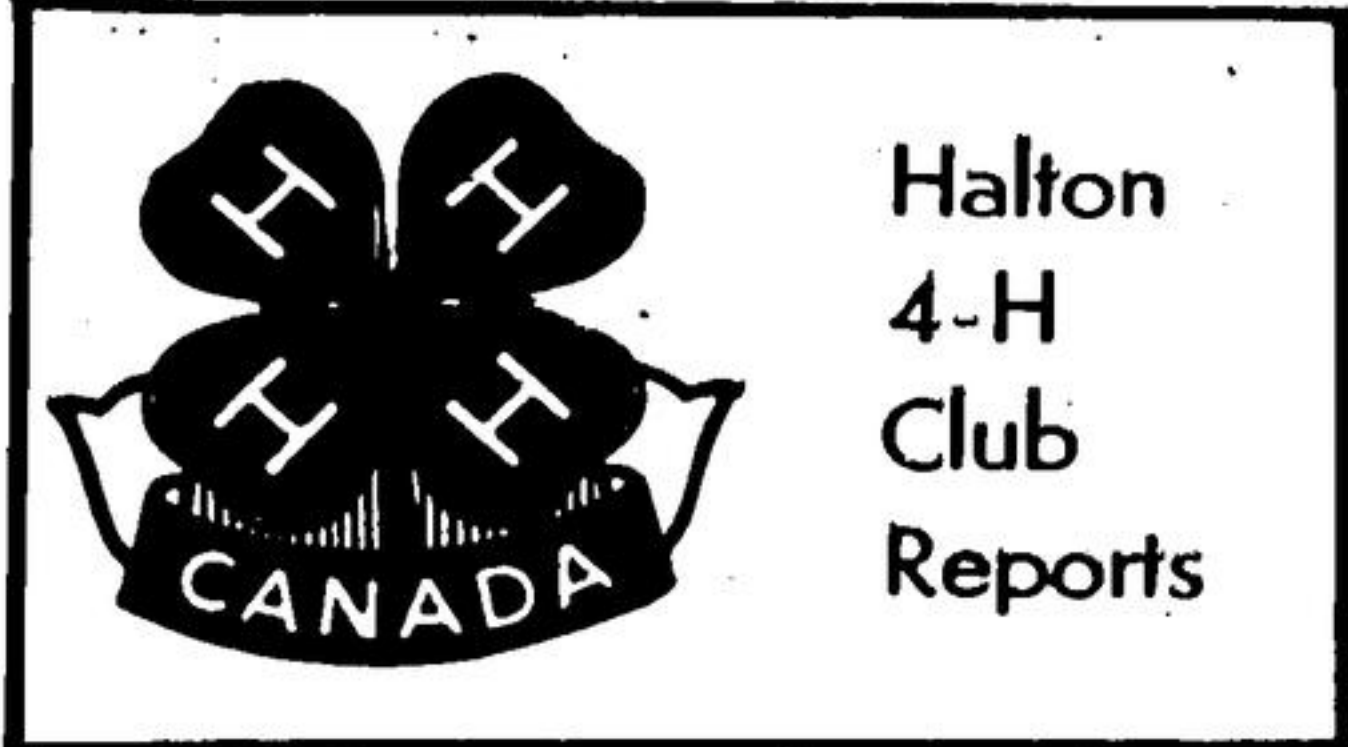
Pass exams or off to jail

Hamilton (CUP) — There's one teenager in Hamilton who is probably trying a bit harder than most to pass his final exams.

The Grade eleven student was given the option of passing the grade or going to jail for stealing a motorcycle.

The student has a 48.6 per cent average and magistrate Walter Tuchtie said he felt the jail threat might be an incentive to boost his efforts. There was no mention of how long the jail term would be.

The boy's mother was criticized for working "when there was no need to."



Halton 4-H Club Reports

HALTON 4-H CONSERVATION CLUB

By Stuart Nurso

The Halton and Peel 4-H Conservation clubs held a joint meeting on May 15 at the Mountsberg Wildlife Preserve. Frank Timmermans, the manager, outlined the program of the 1,200 acre area and said it will be used as a conservation school as well as a preserve.

Pheasants, wood ducks, and teal are some of the species that populate the area. Some grain is left standing in the fields over the winter for the pheasants. While Mr. Timmermans was speaking the members were entertained by the antics of a wandering horse.

President Carol Swackhamer presided, and the meeting was closed with a quiz for the club members.

HALTON 4-H TRACTOR CLUB

By John Nurso

Mal Phelps of Milton Implementations kindly allowed the Halton 4-H Tractor Club to meet in his shop on May 23. Club leaders Bill Alexander, Don Brandor, and Neil McLaughlin were present. The topic of the night's discussion was oil for the engine. The different grades of oil and their uses were explained. Using a tractor in the shop, Neil McLaughlin outlined the path of oil circulation in the engine.

HALTON 4-H STRAWBERRY CLUB

By Stuart Nurso

With club leaders Chuck Warner and Pete McCarthy present, the May 22 meeting of the Halton 4-H Strawberry Club was opened by president, Rosemary Booth. Our hosts, Peter and John Hughes of Braoside Farms gave us a tour of their farm. Inside the several large greenhouses Peter Hughes grows roses and tomatoes. The heater may consume 5,000 gallons of fuel in a cold winter week. Outside, the farm is planted in strawberry plants and cherry trees.

Inside the barn members gave speeches on various aspects of strawberry growing. Bruce Corman spoke on harvesting, Mary Anderson on marketing, and Elizabeth Anderson on irrigation. The meeting was closed with a quiz.

HALTON 4-H CORN CLUB

By John Nurso

At the second regular meeting of the Halton 4-H Corn Club, held at the home of David Lawson, father of club leader Art Lawson, on May 20, the club display committee was chosen. The committee consists of Murray Brownridge, David Austin, and John Nurso, who are responsible for the Corn Club display at Milton Fair.

With routine business over, Bill Wilson led a discussion on "soil composition". Three members gave talks on topics pertaining to corn. Ken Alderson spoke on "use of silos for corn"; Elizabeth Norrington on "minimum tillage"; and Carl Middlebrook talked about "pros and cons of narrow row corn". A question and discussion period was in turn followed by a quiz.

The next item of the meeting was the judging of a class of oats and a class of barley. Murray Brownridge advised first year members what to look for when judging grain. After judging, reasons were given by several senior club members, and official reasons were given and discussed. The club's president, Elizabeth Norrington, then adjourned the meeting.

Carl Middlebrook thanked the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson, for their hospitality.

OSPRINGE

Popular thresher injured in accident at Fergus

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

Mrs. Ida Christensen from Denmark is visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paulsen and family, Townline.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Watson and family, Guelph, visited with Mrs. M. Jackson.

Karen McKinnon had as her guests on Sunday, Miss Lila and Master Rogan Cra of Guelph. Mr. Cameron Fraser had the foundation out for a new home on 25 Highway, below the village, from land purchased from David Stewart.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Lindsay Gordon of Guelph. Mr. Gordon operated the General Store in the village from 1910 to 1923.

Friends were shocked to learn of the serious accident to Mr. William Butler on Saturday afternoon when the tractor he was operating in removing a large stone

tumbled over and pinned him. He was assisting his son-in-law, on the farm near Fergus. Until a few years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Butler were residents of this community when they farmed on the Fifth Line. After selling their farm, they retired to Fergus. Mr. Butler was the popular thresher for years.

Mr. Butler was taken to Fergus and later transferred to Toronto where his condition is listed as poor.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stranbolt and family, who recently sold their farm on the Second Line, moved last week to Cedar Valley, in the former Henry Wheeler house.

Mrs. F. Lealle, Edmonton, Alberta, Mrs. F. Ellis, Toronto, Mrs. N. Wickson, Detroit, visited with their cousin D. G. and Mrs. Robertson. Other guests included

Mrs. George Young, Acton; Mr. and Mrs. Harold May, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fleck, Guelph; Mrs. A. Dyer and mother Mrs. C. Smith of Fergus.

Monday afternoon was quite busy at the local school when registrations were accepted for Kindergarten class, a new feature for the fall term.

CHURCHILL

Accidents, visits, meeting in news

By Mrs. E. McArthur

Mrs. Isabel McDonald attended the Dinner Meeting of the Training Practical Nurses held in St. Peter's Anglican Church, Toronto, on Thursday, May 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr attended the Eldad United Church Anniversary Service held in Soltina on Sunday, May 26. It being Mrs. Kerr's home church, they also visited her parents while there. Several Institute members from this district attended the District Annual held in St.

George's Church, Georgetown, on Wednesday, May 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Gill and family of Uxbridge were guests on Sunday with Mrs. Verna Stebbin.

Mr. Don McColl and daughter Lorna and bride of Maple visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr.

Sorry to report that Mr. Bill Butler, now of Fergus, met with an accident on Saturday while helping his son-in-law on their farm near Fergus. He was rushed to Fergus Hospital and later transferred to Toronto Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Frank County of Victoria Harbor visited on Wednesday of last week with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman.

Centennial anniversary

Rockwood United Church is planning a centennial anniversary on Sunday, June 9 with services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. There will be a guest speaker and music by former members.

After the morning service, lunch will be held in the church hall. A history of the church with photos will be available.

Wrong man?

In last week's "Photos from the Past" picture, there was apparently a mistake in identification. Someone called to say the man named as K. G. Bennett was actually a plant manager, George Kohl.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner, Julian and David visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McKown, Glen Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Green of Toronto visited on Sunday with her brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur.



LUSH SPRING PASTURE can hold hazards for tent. Cattle gorge themselves after the long winter inside. Bloat trouble can soon start. (Staff Photo)

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Council won't back down enforce Twp. building by-law

A mistake in builders' plans which left a house being erected on Lot 3, Concession 5, over 100 square feet short of the minimum 1500 square feet required in Esqueving township, was eyed sympathetically by council. However, they made no exception for B. and L. De Mann, the owners, when they appeared at the last meeting of council with builder E. Devogel.

"The by-law says a house must be 1500 square feet. Your house is short 76 feet on each floor. The next guy may only be 50 feet but we must abide by the by-law," Rovee George Currie told the builder and owner.

Where did the mistake occur? Neither, builder, owner or council could trace fault. The owner doesn't deny applying for a 1500 square foot permit. The house has the frame up, roof on, doors and windows in.

"You could build a porch," suggested clerk K.C. Lindsay to add the extra necessary feet. "It would spoil the looks," replied the owner.

Council stood by the by-law, and advised both owner and builder to work something out with building inspector Tom McLean so the house would come up to standard.

I hope you don't think me too young for marriage with your daughter," said the young man anxiously.

"That's all right, my boy," was the cheerful reply. "You'll age fast enough!"



If you're planning to modernize your home, here's the place to begin.

Modernizing your home can be a delightful experience. Home improvements can do a lot to help make your way of living better than ever. But before you start to modernize, you should take care of one thing first: your household wiring.

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