

NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HALTON FARMERS

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LARGE ENTRY OF HOLSTEINS FOR MILTON FAIR

Halton's annual Holstein and Jersey Shows which are to be held in conjunction with the Milton Fair on Saturday, Sept. 27th will be well up to standard judging by entries received to date. Well over 200 head of Halton's best Holsteins and Jerseys will be on display and will represent forty of the top herds of the two best breeds in the County. This will be the ninth annual County show for the "Black and White" breeders of Halton, and the eighth annual for Halton's Jersey lovers. At the respective Holstein and Jersey shows at Milton, top animals will be selected to represent Halton at the Ontario championship Jersey Show to be held at Simcoe on Oct. 7, and the District Black and White Championship at Brantford on Oct. 14th.

CALF AND SWINE CLUB MEMBERS TO HOLD ACHIEVEMENT DAY AT MILTON FAIR

The members of Halton's two boys' and girls' Calf Clubs and boys' and girls' swine club, will culminate their season's club activities by holding their respective achievement days at the Milton Fair on Sept. 27. Between thirty-five and forty Calf Club members will parade their respective calves for W. P. Watson, Associate Director of the Ontario Live Stock Branch, Toronto, who will be the official adjudicator. The same official will act in a similar capacity at the Boys' and Girls' Swine ring where twenty pure bred Yorkshire gilts will be on display. In brief, it is a big day for the young people and judging by previous years the ring side will be crowded when the Club Members parade with their respective Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Shorthorn, or Angus calf, or pair of Yorkshire gilts as the case may be.

SPLENDID SITE SELECTED FOR HALTON'S BIG PLOWING MATCH

The farm of Chas. Jarvis, three and a half miles north of Palermo, is to be the site of Halton's big annual Match on Thursday, October 30th, according to President J. A. Elliott, of the Halton Association. The Halton Plowmen's Association has gained the reputation of staging one of the largest and most outstanding County Matches in the Province. Stanley Hall, M.L.A., is again chairman of the farm machinery end of the big annual Match and some new features are promised. Incidentally, Halton Junior Farmers with the co-operation of the Plowmen's Association are planning to send two strong teams of plow boys to represent Halton in the inter-county tractor class and walking plow events to be held at the Inter-

national Match, to be held at Kingston, October 14 and 17 inclusive.

STRAWBERRIES AND 2, 4-D

The control of weeds in strawberry patches is not perhaps a timely subject at this season of the year, nevertheless it will be of interest to many growers to learn that L. G. Klein, manager of Gienstepy Farms, near Milton, reports excellent results from the use of 2, 4-D. When a plantation has become heavily infested with weeds, most growers feel that it does not pay, to try to clean it up for a second crop. However, if these weeds can be eliminated with 2, 4-D renovation costs would cease to be a limiting or deciding factor. According to Mr. Klein, his tests indicate that the strawberry (variety Premier) is completely tolerant to 2, 4-D and providing their planting is reasonably free of grasses, suggests growers try 2, 4-D in a small section of their plantation. A preliminary test was run in June 1946, when the plants were in bloom, using a concentration of 750 p.p.m. This, he found was sufficiently strong to eliminate susceptible weeds at that season and the strawberry plants were apparently not affected. Mr. Klein also found that most weeds are more resistant to mid and late summer applications than they are to June application. He also found that in mid season the strawberry was completely tolerant to the strongest concentration used, namely 1400 p.p.m. Mr. Klein has also done some test work with 2, 4-D on Latham raspberries and asparagus. It would therefore seem that growers might well investigate the subject fully before the 1948 season rolls around.

HOUSING EARLY HATCHED PULLETS

Following the signing of the 1947-48 egg contract last year, a vigorous effort was made to secure a crop of early hatched, well reared pullets to go into Canadian laying pens this fall. Response to this effort has been very gratifying. According to Prof. C. S. Snyder of the O.A.C. Poultry Department, "never before have farmers and poultrymen produced and reared such numbers of well grown, excellent quality pullets for fall production." New conditions, however, give rise to new problems. Early hatched pullets require special management in order to fully capitalize on the extra care required to rear them. Flock owners who have not previously had experience in handling early hatched pullets, are therefore well advised to secure all available information concerning methods and practices by use of which they will be enabled to secure maximum results from their flocks. Pullets should be housed by the time egg production has reached 20 per cent, states Prof. Snyder. They may

be successfully housed earlier but as production advances beyond 20 percent, the danger of a more or less severe setback following housing is rapidly increased.

It is good practice to move the pullets from the range at night. Crowding and panting in the crates must be avoided. Pullets not taught to roost are likely to crowd in corners, become overheated, and take colds. Attention to this point for a few nights, will usually be sufficient to avoid all further need. Pens should of course be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to housing the birds. In addition, the pens should be well bedded and supplied with feed and cool, fresh water. Such precautions will greatly minimize the disturbance and shock to the pullets from the violent change in environment from outside freedom to the laying pen. Further details on the subject may be secured from your local poultry specialist, the Poultry Department at the O.A.C., or the Agricultural Office in Milton.

CEILINGS REMOVED ON MILL FEEDS

The removal of ceilings on mill feeds, soyabean meal, oil cake, gluten, fish and meat meals, etc. has resulted in sharp price increases. Needless to add this is causing no little concern to Halton livestock and poultry producers. According to Parrish and Helmbecker Ltd., Grain Dealers, in a statement on September 15th they interpret the new regulations issued by Ottawa to mean that no changes have been made on feed wheat, barley, oats, screenings whole or processed. Corn on the other hand, has jumped to \$100 a ton. As many of our readers will be aware, the Federal Government has, until ceilings on mill feeds were removed, been subsidizing the import price on these commodities. It is also anticipated, that as soon as the Packing Strike is settled, will see the removal of ceilings on coarse grains. At the present moment it is practically impossible to buy coarse grain from Western Canada. In short, Western farmers are holding their coarse grains in anticipation of the removal of ceilings. This makes a very tough situation for Eastern livestock and poultry feeders whose products are either still under ceilings or governed by contracts already made with Great Britain. It is to be hoped that Halton farmers will not decrease their livestock holdings on the spur of the moment. It would definitely seem, as if some price adjustments will have to be made in farmers' prices if they are

George Henderson and Isobel Coyne Wed at High Park United

High Park United Church, Toronto, decorated with gladioli and fern, was the setting for the wedding on Saturday, September 20th, of Isobel Victoria Coyne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Coyne of Toronto, and George A. Henderson, son of Mrs. George A. Henderson, son of Mrs. George A. Henderson of Georgetown and the late Mr. Henderson. The ceremony was performed by the bride's uncle, Rev. Walter Kiteley of Norwich.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory satin gown fashioned on Princess lines with lace bertha and long waisted bodice with full skirt. Her finger-tip veil was caught with a white flowered headress and she carried a bouquet of red roses, white carnations and stephanotis. Her only attendant was Miss Betty Ruddell of Ashgrove, who wore fuschia moire taffeta with a bustle effect. Her headress was a bandeaux of yellow mums, white heather and fern and she carried a similar cascade bouquet. Mr. Murray Henderson of Toronto was his cousin's groomsmen and ushers were his cousin Lloyd Henderson and the bride's brother James Coyne, both of Toronto. Mrs. Hartley Anderson sang "The Lord's Prayer" before the ceremony and "Because" during the signing of the register.

A reception followed in the church parlours, Mrs. Coyne receiving dressed in blue with corsage of red roses and stephanotis. The groom's mother who assisted, wore grey with a similar corsage.

Guests were present from Georgetown, Guelph, Brampton, Norwich and Toronto. After a wedding trip to Ottawa, the couple will take up residence on Elmhurst Farm near Georgetown. The bride is well-known in this district, being a former teacher at Norval School, and teacher at Pine Grove School last year.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all who remembered me by gifts, flowers, card and letter, during my recent stay in the hospital. — Mrs. A. Hyde

to be expected to remain in business. Excellent markets for Canadian bacon, eggs, etc. have been built up in Great Britain during the war years and in the interests of Canadian economy these markets MUST be HELD. Those responsible for the present situation will have to be careful that they do not "kill the goose that laid the golden egg."

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