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NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HALTON FARMERS

4th GENERAL T.B. TEST STARTED

Halton became a T.B. Free Area in 1938 and three years ago became what is known as an Accredited T.B. Free Area. This standing expired on August 1st of this year and unfortunately with its expiration was closed a number of markets for dairy cattle in the United States. Halton cattle owners will therefore be glad to learn that another general test has commenced. The list report to come to hand is for the week ending October 28th, when 76 herds had been tested. In all 1255 cattle were tested and of this number only one reacted. While there was some opposition when the T.B. Free Area Test was initiated in 1935, there are few, if any, Halton cattle owners today who are not prepared to admit that the step was a wise one.

Milton Calf Club Team Tops Provincial Inter-Club Competition

The Provincial inter-club competitions were held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, on Friday of last week, with approximately 200 club teams of two club members each, in competition. These young people represented some 5000 club members from all sections of Ontario. The highlight from a Halton standpoint was the winning of the Farmer Trophy emblematic of the inter-club dairy cattle competition. A total of 52 club teams were entered in this competition. The winning Halton team represented the Milton Hoisteln Calf Club, the team members being David Pelletier of Georgetown, David Pelletier incidentally was the high man of the competition, with a score of 568 out of a possible 600 points. The two young men will now represent Ontario in the inter-provincial dairy cattle competition at the Royal Winter Fair, where they will meet the provincial champions from the other provinces.

In the same competition, the Halton Jersey Calf Club was represented by Bill Bentley of Streetsville, and Sam Harrop of Milton, who as a team were also well up in the final awards.

The young ladies were also vying for provincial honours in foods and clothing. In the former project Halton was represented by Marion Currie and Eleanor Stark, of the Ashgrove Club, and as a team placed fourth, the top honours going to a team from Brant County, while in the clothing project top honours went to the team from the Vellore Club representing York County.

In beef cattle, a team from Elgin County was on top — Halton was not represented in this contest.

The Swine Club project brought out 18 club teams, top honours going to a team from West Durham, with Halton team of Wm. Brain, Norval, and Harold Tyrrell of Freeport, in eighth place.

Halton was not represented in the Potato project, which was won by a team from Ontario County, nor in the Poultry project which went to a team from Middlesex.

The Grain Club Project brought together 33 club teams. Halton was represented by Ray Everndal and Mac Sproul of the Action Boys' Grain Club, who placed 14th in this strong competition.

All in all it was a big day for the 400 young people who at the banquet in the evening were treated to a stirring address from Col. the Hon. Thos. L. Kennedy, Ontario's Minister of Agriculture.

HALTON PLOWBOYS COMPETE AT INTERNATIONAL

Halton was represented by a delegation of some seven plowmen at the big International held near Kingston, recently. Harold Nicket of Hornby, former champion with the walking plow, competed on all three days and came out with three thirds, a notable achievement. Some years ago Harry along with John Lister, another former Hornby boy, won the Balada Tea Class and a trip to the West Coast. On this occasion he was the runner up in the Esso Champions Tractor Class for the trip to Great Britain.

Wm. Brain of Norval also won a third, in an open tractor class; Jack Ferguson of Nassagaweya a fifth in an open walking plow class; and Cliff Wrigglesworth an eleventh in an open tractor class.

In the inter-county events the Halton boys while handicapped by bad ridges, made a creditable showing. Both Halton teams placed ninth in their respective classes. In the inter-county event with horse drawn plows, Halton was represented by Jack and Gordon Ferguson of Nassagaweya Township, while in the inter-county tractor class Wm. Brain of Norval and Keith Merry of Hornby upheld County honours.

All of the above and many others will be seen in action at Halton's own big Match on the Chas. Jarvis farm, 4 1/2 miles south of Milton, on Thursday of this week, October 30th.

CELLINGS LIFTED ON FEED GRAIN AND MEATS

On Tuesday evening of last week, while a big meeting in the Milton Town Hall, sponsored by the Halton Federation of Agriculture, was considering the feed grain situation, an announcement came over the air stating the policy of the Federal Government on the subject. While the action of the Federal authorities does not altogether meet with the recommendation of the meeting in question, it at least clarifies the situation to some extent. Many Halton farmers view with apprehension the future relationship of livestock prices to feed grain. Frankly, it does not look very encouraging to those who are faced with the necessity of buying feed grain to carry their present livestock holdings. However, we would do well to remember that we have weathered worse situations in the past four or five decades and while some may be forced to reduce their livestock holdings, past history reveals that when the general tendency is to unload, that is the time to sit tight and if possible increase present inventories. In our opinion, if at all possible, we would do well to act cautiously and try and look at the matter from a long time rather than an immediate viewpoint. True this is easier said than done if one has a lot of hogs and poultry and no feed. Nevertheless the whole economic well-being of Canada necessitates the retention of the British export market for our surplus bacon and eggs. There is a feeling too on the part of some members of the grain trade that feed grain prices will in the course of a few weeks level out. The scarcity of oats to bring down feed grain from the head of the Lakes now that navigation is closed also presents a serious problem. It is to be hoped that our transportation authorities will do everything in their power to grant priorities for grain shipments.

What the future holds no one can tell but it would seem good business if at all possible, to delay any immediate reduction in our livestock holdings.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. McEachern and Ronald, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Young and Don of Orilla, spent the week end with Mrs. J. H. Lalloo.

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