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NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HALTON FARMERS

SHORT COURSES OPEN AT MILTON

The four weeks' Short Course in Agriculture in the Farmers Bldg., Milton, got under way on Monday, January 5th, with over thirty young men enrolled. Appelby, Bronte, Tansley, Hornby, Ashgrove, Lowville, Drumquin districts, in addition to the immediate vicinity around Milton, are all well represented. During the first week of the course, the hours being from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 pm., two afternoons were spent on Farm Machinery, two afternoons on Live Stock Judging, and other lectures were on soils, crops, and livestock. Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock, assisted by J. C. Rennie, is in charge of the course. Special speakers during the first week included Prof. N. J. Thomas of the OAC, on Soils and Fertilizers; A. T. Woodley, Milton, on "My Experience With Farm Accounts"; Geo. E. Elliott, on "Father and Son Agreements"; and Howard Coggins of the International Harvester Company, Hamilton, on Farm Machinery. This latter feature of the Course is being held in J. W. Higgins Implement Shop, Milton, where over forty junior and senior farmers participated in demonstrations and lectures on Thursday afternoon last.

The week of January 12 will see the opening of the three weeks' Home Economics Course in the United Church Sunday School Room in Milton. This Course will feature Foods and Clothing, and will be under the direction of the Misses Mary and Elsie Irvine, of the Women's Institute Branch, Toronto.

The members of both classes will participate in a trip to Guelph on Wednesday where the young ladies will visit Macdonald Institute, and the Young Men the OAC. Special Speakers at the young men's classes will include W. E. Breckon, on 'Farm Organization'; Arthur Diamond, on 'Rope Work'; Howard Coggins on Farm Machinery; John Clark, Toronto, on Home Beautification and H. R. McGrogan, of the Federal Income Tax Division, on their Basic Herd Policy.

During the third week of the class in Agriculture, namely the week of January 19th, some of the highlights will be a trip to Canada Packers; lectures by Dr. Henderson of the Ontario Veterinary College on Animal Diseases; Prof. J. Francis of the OAC on Poultry; Geo. E. Elliott on Deeds and Mortgages; and the Farm Machinery section will feature Milking Machines and Binder Knotters, etc.

CALFHOOD VACCINATION PROGRAMME

Since our last announcement, meetings have been held in Esquesing, Trafalgar, and Nelson Townships under the auspices of the Halton Federation of Agriculture. Approximately 270 were in attendance at the three meetings and in so far as we could determine Halton livestock men are heartily in accord with the Calfhood Vaccination programme. According to Agric. Representative J. E. Whitelock the few returns made by canvassers to date reveal 100 per cent sign up. It is not expected that canvassing will be completed until January 15th.

The following are a few facts which should be borne in mind by those considering Calfhood or Adult Vaccination. The statements are supported by litefature issued by the Ontario Veterinary College and backed by experimental and practical evidence accumulated over a nine year period in Ontario, and for a slightly longer period in United States.

(1) Calfhood Vaccination on a community basis is a recommended procedure.

(2) There is no evidence accumulated to date which would indicate the transmission of Strain 19 B. abortus. Hence calfhood Vaccination has been practiced in blood negative Ontario Governmental Herds for the past seven years.

(3) Calfhood Vaccination will protect about 80 per cent of the animals for from three to five years. It will prevent the act of abortion in about 95 to 97 per cent of the vaccinated animals.

(4) It is neither necessary nor of value to blood test the vaccinated calf thirty days following the calfhood vaccination procedure with Strain 19 B. abortus.

(5) Note that without the practice of rigid sanitation, no control measure can be a success.

(6) The role played by the herd sire in the transmission of infection is not as important as in the case of the boar in the swine type of abortion disease. Nevertheless, a positive blood reacting sire should not service negative females.

(7) Calfhood vaccination is best performed on young calves, dairy breeds at the age of six to nine months, beef breeds six to seven months.

(8) It should be borne in mind the older the calf or heifer when vaccinated the more pronounced will be the resistance.

(9) The blood will remain positive for varying periods of time in different individuals. Hence an animal vaccinated at 12 or 15 months of age may be blood positive till it reaches thirty months of age or older.

(10) Adult vaccination is a possible means of salvaging a herd, where the owner cannot bear the economic burden of a test and slaughter method.

(11) The adult vaccination of negative herds where the disease "Bangs" Contagious Abortion does not exist must be condemned. Only calfhood vaccination should be practiced in herds where the adult animals are free from Bangs Disease.

(12) Adult vaccination is not a cure for abortion but is a tool which when appropriately used will reduce the number of abortions.

(13) Undulant Fever or Abortion disease in man is a serious condition. In many instances it runs a prolonged course and is followed by an indefinite convalescent period.

(14) All citizens should use either commercial or home pasteurized milk to safeguard themselves. Home pasteurization of milk is accomplished by heating the milk to 140 degrees F. in a double boiler for 30 minutes or by heating it to 165 degrees in an ordinary pan and then cooling).

(15) Finally, when in doubt concerning the adult vaccination of your herd or where an outbreak of Bangs occurs, we would recommend that you consult and follow your veterinarian's advice.

KNOWING HOW

The composer Mozart was once asked by a young man how to write a symphony.

"You're still very young," Mozart objected, "why don't you begin with ballads?"

"But," urged the young man, "you composed symphonies when you were only ten years old."

"True enough," the composer said, "but I didn't ask how."

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Vic and Jo

With much sorrow to all parties concerned, school has again commenced after an invigorating sixteen day holiday. Everyone went back to work with their usual vim and vigor. (ha) School hasn't changed much, same periods, same teachers; same jokes, some old, some new. Fourth and fifth form are looking eagerly forward to their exams which will begin on February 18th. All the students with low mentalities have already started stydying while we geniuses will start on the night of Feb. 17. We won't pass but neither will they and look at all the time they've wasted.

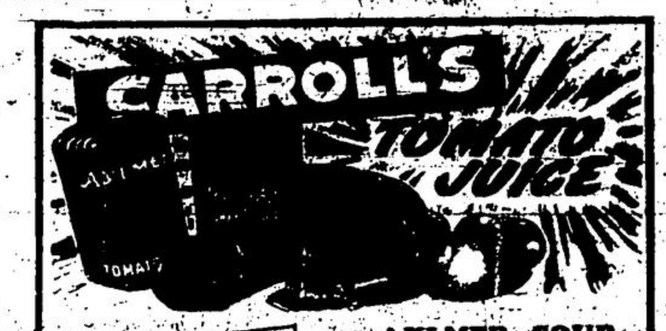
All the big, strong muscle-headed first formers have been kept busy for the last week shovelling snow trying to make a rink. Naturally all this shovelling is done in their thirty-nine spares which they enjoy every week. When this mighty rink is completed we hope to have a skating party on it in the not too distant future.

School rings and pins may be now ordered from that one and only (for which we may be thankful) Doug Latimer. All orders must be in this Friday. The rings and pins are of sterling silver and the pins have a date guard. So if you want a ring or a pin contact that dashing, debonaire schmoe of fifth form as soon as il est possible pour vous. Be sure and bring the moola with you.

We would like to commend Walt 'Skip' Sargent on his literary achievements in the Canadian High News. Articles on the school and other teen-age activites have been appearing almost weekly in the paper. The reports are really humorous and help keep up circulation in the school. With his articles getting bigger and bigger headlines every week we expect to see Skip soon be their star reporter.

One thing we would like to see the Parks Board do is give a students price for hockey games. 50c is rather steep for most of the students who are not working and anyway 35c is enough to borrow from your Mother and Father.

This paragraph is entitled "Idle gossip gleaned from within the hallowed walls of OLD GHS". What couple were seen necking on the corner of Murdoch and Albert St. by two fourth formers. (Some fun, eh, kiddies). Who was the strong female that put one of our fellow fifth formers out of action for a few days. (It couldn't have been Mo, could it?) We might add that the black eye and cut are coming along quite nicely and the patient will soon be back on the active list. (As an eligible bachelor, we mean.)



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The late Jennie McKinnon was the former Jennie McLachlan, born at Hillsburg, daughter of the late John McLachlan and Ellen Barbour. She lived her entire life in Erin Township. She was a devout member of Ospringe Presbyterian Church and was an extremely active member in social and church activities.

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