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The Editor's Corner

HALTON'S NEW WARDEN

Next best thing to Georgetown's reeve being warden is to have this honour fall to our good neighbour, Esqueving Township, and thus we congratulate our rural neighbours this year when one of their members, George Cleave, will be head man in Halton for 1948. It is indicative of the quality of representation which Esqueving sends to Milton that Esqueving has had two wardens in the last seven years—Howard May having been warden in 1941.

The new warden is an old-timer in county politics, having twice worked up through all offices in the township since he first offered his services some twenty-two years ago. He has spent a good many of these years on County Council as deputy reeve and reeve of Esqueving and is well versed in municipal affairs. A natural, fluent speaker, he will do credit to the position during his tenure of office which sees the advent of many important things on the county scene, among them the Halton Health Unit, the three new high school districts and the county assessing system. The realization that we in Georgetown are behind him will help Mr. Cleave in his task of keeping Halton among the most progressive counties in Ontario and one to which others look for leadership.

A WELL-DESERVED PROMOTION

At one time or another in the past seven years, practically every citizen of Georgetown and the great majority of district farmers have come in contact with Mr. Cecil Dobie in his capacity as accountant at the local Bank of Commerce branch. Mixed with regret at his departure from town is the pleasure at seeing him gain a well-deserved promotion to managership of the branch at Milton and the time-worn phrase, "Our loss is Milton's gain" has true meaning when applied to his transfer. "Cece" as he is familiarly known here, has been popular with both the public and his fellow-members on the staff and his courtesy in dealing with the public, no matter how small the matter might be, speaks well for his future success as a bank manager.

He will be missed too at Knox Church which he has served faithfully as attendant and as church treasurer. The congratulations of his friends in town and district go with him in his position and we are glad he is not so far away that he won't be back in town now and then to renew acquaintances.

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NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HALTON FARMERS

WM. BOOTH WINS C.I.L. PRIZE

The report of Wm. Booth, Trafalgar Township, the winner of the Canadian Industries Special in the Halton Long Term Pasture Competition, will be of interest to our many farm readers. Incidentally, this is but one of the many fine reports presented at the Annual Meeting of the Halton Crop Improvement Association held in Milton on January 24th.

The Area entered in the Long Term Pasture Competition for 1947 consists of 4 acres demonstration plot, and 4 acres check plot for comparison. The mixture of the demonstration plot consisted of:

Brome Grass	5 lbs.
Orchard Grass	4 lbs.
Timothy	4 lbs.
Meadow Fescue	3 lbs.
Alfalfa	3 lbs.
White Dutch	2 lbs.
Kentucky Blue	2 lbs.
Canada Blue	1 lb.

or a total of 24 lbs. to the acre. The mixture of the check plot consisted of:

Improved Timothy	8 lbs.
Alfalfa	6 lbs.
Red Clover	4 lbs.

or a total of 18 lbs. to the acre. Both plots were seeded down in 1944 with 1 bushel of oats to the acre as a nurse crop. Our Guernsey herd of approximately 21 milking-cows and three dry cows were turned into the demonstration plot on May 29th. No concentrates were fed, just a few rolled oats to keep up the cows' body weight.

DEMONSTRATION PLOT

(The 1st column represents the number of days; 2nd no. of cans; 3rd lbs. of milk; 4th test %; 5th the value.)

May	3	17	1364	4.4	\$47.10
June	13	74	5920	5.	214.60
July	3	17	1364	4.7	48.45
Aug.	5	28	2160	4.5	77.56
Sept.	4	22	1768	4.8	65.36
Total	28	158	12576		\$463.07

3 Holsteins cows' milk was used to feed the calves, dogs, and cats, and kept the house.

100 lbs. daily \$3.35 per cwt. \$93.80

\$463.07

\$546.87

Check Plot

June	9	43	3470	5	\$125.99
July	5	24	1920	4.7	68.40
Sept.	6	28	2240	4.8	80.64
Total	20	95	7630		\$275.03
Plus Holstein Milk					\$67.00
					\$342.03

The difference between the two plots, with the demonstration plot having 8 more pasture days, 63 cans, 5040 lbs of milk — \$204.84
1 day—24 hours; value of milk at Toronto prices less deduction).

The demonstration plot was clipped the 25th of June, yielding 3 tons of good hay at \$10.00, which amounts to \$30.00. On Sept. 6th it was clipped a second time, yielding 1 ton value \$7.00.

The check plot was clipped once, July 21st, yielding 2 ton suitable for bedding, valued at straw price.

The demonstration plot was harvested on the 1st of October; also fertilized with 2-12-6 at the rate of 500 lbs. to the acre.

SHORT COURSES CONCLUDE AT MILTON

The Short Courses in Agriculture and Home Economics held in Milton during the month of January were brought to a successful conclusion on Friday afternoon last. The two classes met for the afternoon in the Sunday School Room of St. Paul's United Church, and for the first hour Mr. Geo. E. Elliott, of Milton, presented a most informative lecture on the subject of Wills and Insurance. Judging by the attention, discussion created, and general comments, Mr. Elliott's three lectures were much appreciated by the thirty-five or forty young people who were privileged to be in attendance.

The young ladies of the Home Economics Class were all attired in dresses made during the course, and what interested the Junior Farmers even more were the "eats" which the girls had prepared and which were served by the Joint executives at the conclusion of the afternoon programme.

Some of the other highlights of the final week for the young men included a trip to the farm of Hays Limited, Trafalgar Township where two excellent classes of Holsteins were judged: Prof. N. J. Thomas of the Soils Dept., O.A.C., on the Economics of Farming; Ken McNaught of the Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch, Toronto, on Weed Identification and Control; Cedric Harrop, Milton, on the Cost of Hog Production; Arthur Diamond, Rockwood, on Soldering, etc., and on Thursday afternoon in the J. W. Higgins Farm Implement Shop, the programme centred around Care and Management of Milking Machines.

EXCELLENT REPORTS PRESENTED BY LOCAL CO-OPERATORS AT HALTON CROP ANNUAL

President W. R. Reek, MBE, of the Ontario Agricultural College, after listening to reports presented by local co-operators, stated he was so much impressed by their reports and discussions which followed that he would recommend the Association dispense with all outside speakers.

The eighth annual meeting of the Halton Crop Improvement Association was held in the Court House, Milton, with president, C. L. S. Palmer in the chair. While there was an excellent attendance, the crowd was hardly up to the record "turn out" of the past two or three years.

The local co-operators reporting were: H. Craig Reid, Georgetown, and Geo. Pelletier, Milton, on Renovation of Unplowable Pastures; Wm. Booth, Milton, on his "Returns in 1947 from 4 1/2 acres of Long Term Pasture"; Douglas Currie of Esqueving Township, on Results of Tests with 18 varieties of Oats and Barley in 1947; Victor J. Lawrence, Trafalgar Township, on "Will Liming Pay?" Frank Hall Streetsville, on Reed Canary Grass; and W. E. Breckon of Freeman, on the Feed and Seed Grain Situation.

President Reek of the O.A.C. lived up to his reputation of having a sane, practical grasp of the problems facing Ontario agriculture. In his introductory remarks president Reek stated: "This organization offers the greatest potentialities of any organization in Ontario, and presents one of the reasons why County Committees were not too successful in this Province. After reviewing some of the achievements of the Ontario and County Crop Improvement Associations, President Reek in referring to the future, stated we must stand or fall by the foundation we lay now. The world is short of food, he stated, and the export markets are in a very unsettled condition. Great Britain has got to buy where she can buy cheapest and easiest, but Great Britain is coming back fast—she is on the up grade but it is going to take ten years to get there. Our home market is always hot, and he further stated, "we can't make very much change, so we must settle down and do the very best we can do."

"Soil Fertility," stated President Reek, "is our biggest job" — "our soil is the greatest asset we have" — "originally this Province had a lot of good soil, but there are tremendous areas in Ontario where soil is getting poorer and poorer. Our greatest problem is humus, and that can only be replaced by barnyard manure and the plowing down of green crops and plenty of clover." In referring to his boyhood days on the home farm in Kent County, President Reek stated, "we never sowed grain without seeding down; clover went on every year; we grew our seed and after initial investment will pay for itself." "Let's get a long term view — in ten year's time we can bring back our soil fertility level to that of twenty years ago."

Other interesting features of the full afternoon's program was the presentation of awards to the winners in the Long Term Pasture Competition, and the Halton Fifty Bushel Winter Wheat Club. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Hon. Pres. — A. T. Woodley
President — C. L. S. Palmer
Vice Pres. — C. H. Lawrence
Sec.-Treas. — J. E. Whitelock
Directors — Trafalgar, Frank Hall, V. J. Lawrence, J. H. Willmott.

Esqueving — John Bird, Robert Miller, T. J. Brownridge, M. T. McNabb.

Nelson — W. E. Breckon, Vernon McArthur.

Nassagaweya — A. Diamond, M. Nellis, L. Crawford.

Erin and Eramosa — W. Swackhamer.

Junior Farmer Directors — Geo. S. Atkins, Gordon Leslie, Cameron Wilson.

TWIN JERSEYS AT CLUREDALE FARM

Female twin Jersey calfs were born last week at Cluredale Farm to Volunteer Lucia Lilly who has an R.O.P. of 8068 lbs. milk and 454 lbs. butterfat in 805 days' test as a 4-year old. The sire is Volunteer Dreaming Count, Junior Champion at the Royal Winter Fair in 1938.

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