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**NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST
TO HALTON FARMERS**

**HALTON HOLSTEIN, JERSEY,
AND GUERNSEY BREEDERS
PLAN TO STAGE COUNTY
SHOWS AT MILTON**

In recent years the County Black and White Show and the County Jersey Show, both held at Milton, have been feature attractions of the big County Show. This year Holstein and Jersey breeders are going to have to look to their laurels because the newly organized County Guernsey Club under the leadership of President Lloyd Chisholm and his fellow officers have laid their plans to stage an outstanding County Guernsey Show. A \$225 prize list has already been drafted and with forty paid up members in their club it looks as if indication of their objective they

have already lined up what looks like a strong Boys and Girls Calf Club. Halton has for many years been considered a strong Black and White County but present indications point to a Guernsey Calf Club the equal in size of anything either of the other two breeds can put up.

**CALF AND GRAIN CLUB MEMBERS
HOLD ORGANIZATION
MEETINGS**

Acton Agricultural Society, in sponsoring two club projects this year. On Wednesday evening of last week the initial meeting of the Acton Calf Club and Acton Beaver Oat Club was held at the Lorne School. Fifteen young men have enrolled in the second year project of the Beaver Oat Club, and fourteen boys and girls in the Calf Club. All club members are between the ages of 12 and 20 years inclusive. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Acton Beaver Oat Club:
President, Ray Everdell; Vice-President, Fyfe Somerville; Sec-Treas., Geo. Burkholder; Club Leader, Elwood Johnston.

Acton Calf Club:
Pres., Henry Bessen; Vice-Pres., Nick Bessen; Sec.-Treas., Wm. Paterson; Club Leaders, Archie Lasby, H. Bessen.

Three other Boys and Girls Clubs were organized at the Court House, Milton on Friday evening. These include two calf clubs, and a first year Beaver Oat Club. The first two are sponsored by the Halton Agricultural Society, and the Grain Club by the Halton Crop Improvement Association.

The newly elected officers are as follows:

Milton Boys' Beaver Oat Club:
President, Henk DeVries; Vice-Pres., John Currie; Sec., Dave Pelletier; Leader, C. L. S. Palmer.

Milton Holstein Calf Club:
Pres., Doug Alexander; Vice-Pres., Stuart Alexander; Sec., Marlon Hunter; Leader, A. T. Woodley

Halton Calf Club:
Pres., Fraser McNabb; Vice-pres., John Willmott; Sec., Evelyn McCann; Leader, Maurice Reay and

J. H. Willmott. Incidentally, this latter Calf Club will have four different sections: one for baby heeves; a second for Guernseys; a third for Jerseys and a fourth for Ayrshires.

**J. C. RENNIE TRANSFERRED TO
HURON COUNTY**

J. C. Rennie, popular assistant agricultural representative for Halton and Peel Counties since June of last year has been transferred to Clinton, where he will be assistant agricultural representative for Huron County. During his short stay in Halton, Mr. Rennie has made many friends, and the Club members and Junior Farmers of Halton in particular, were extremely sorry to see him leave but wish him every success in his new field of work. It will be recalled that Mr. Rennie was coach of the Provincial Champion Dairy Calf Club team from Halton last fall. His successor as assistant in the counties of Halton and Peel is Mr. G. W. Sweiger who commenced his duties on May 1st and will remain until September when he returns to Guelph to complete his course at the Ontario Agricultural College. Mr. Sweiger is a veteran of the RCAF and comes highly recommended by members of the O.A.C. faculty.

**D. H. HART LIKES
GRASS SILAGE**

Halton farmers are getting interested in grass silage. This is no doubt due, in part, at least, to the poor hay curing weather encountered in recent years with the result that much of the hay was too mature when it went into the barn. It was therefore of interest to learn from our old friend Douglas Hart, well known Holstein breeder of Oxford County, that he had the best grass ensilage this past winter that he ever fed. He believes this was due to the fact that he ensiled it earlier. In the past, he is of the opinion that he put it in the silo too mature and consequently the cows did not like it too well, nor did they produce very well on it. This past year, he states, they started earlier and put it in the silo without trying to make hay out of it. According to Mr. Hart the grass should be cut and allowed to dry long enough that it would be about like lawn clippings - springy in the hand but with no feeling of dryness such as hay was. While Mr. Hart used a little molasses as a preservative last year, he is of the opinion that if the grass silage does not contain more than half clover, no preservative will be necessary. In other words, if the silage is half grass, there should be enough sugars in the grasses to cure the silage properly, providing there is enough moisture present. In the event the silage contains three quarters clover or alfalfa, then some molasses would be necessary. He further states that it is not necessary to have anyone in the silo except to put in the doors and to level and tramp the top five or six feet. After filling it should be tramped around the outside for several days to keep it packed against the walls while it is settling. According to Mr. Hart, the milk will have a yellowish colour when the cows are fed grass silage. The calves they produce will likely be stronger and healthier at birth. He does add, however, that it is unwise to feed it before milking for fear of tainting the milk. It does have a rather "high" smell at best so if you try some grass silage this year and we're rather hoping you will, don't blame us if your "good lady" makes you leave your overalls out in the woodshed.

**Rebekah Unknown Friend
Banquet**

On Tuesday evening, April 20th, the annual Unknown Friend Banquet of Verdun Rebekah Lodge was held in the basement of the Odd-fellows Hall when ninety members and guests sat down to a delicious salad-plate, with table decorations of the Lodge colours of pink and green and spring flowers. The supper was convened by the four group leaders. Owing to the recent death of a much loved and valued member, Sister Mrs. Joseph Hall, the usual toasts were dispensed with. Sister Mrs. Aileen Bradley, Noble Grand, paid tribute to Mrs. Hall in a few words before singing Grace, and during the opening ceremonies of the Lodge afterwards, a minute of silence was observed. The guests included the District Deputy President Miss Marion Hildon of Centre District No. 23, Toronto, also other guests from Toronto and Hamilton, Campbellford and Seaford. After the opening of the gifts new names were drawn for another year, after which all adjourned to the Lodge room for the regular Lodge meeting.

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