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NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HALTON FARMERS

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE FIELD MAN APPOINTED

Announcement has just been made by Col. the Hon. Thos. L. Kennedy, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, of the appointment of Wm. Fox, of Brantford, as Fruit and Vegetable Fieldman to serve the growers along the north shore of Lake Ontario from Toronto to Hamilton. The growers in this area have long felt the need of such assistance, and in recent years the Burlington Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association has made frequent requests for an extension man on fruit and vegetables. We understand that as an undergraduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, Mr. Fox spent two summers under M. B. Davis, Dominion Horticulturist, later, one or more years under Geo. Wilson, at the Norfolk Cold Storage Plant, at Simcoe. However, for some years he has been engaged in fruit farming on his own farm near Brantford where he specialized in fruit and potatoes, and also engaged in the marketing of some of the crop in that area. Agricultural officials of the Ontario Department of Agriculture have for the past two or three years been in search of an experienced, practical grower for this position, and the growers in Halton will be delighted to learn that their requests are finally to bear fruit.

HALTON HOLSTEIN BREEDERS ACHIEVE NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

In the last issue of the Holstein-Friesian Journal, Snowball Sylvia Boucher, bred and owned by Morley T. Watson and Sons of Tansley, is credited with a two times record of 20,395 lbs. milk, 3.8 per cent 774 lbs. fat, at 13 years of age. As a four year old she was an Honour List Producer with 16,547 lbs. milk, 3.9 per cent, 646 lbs. fat. She is now a Red Seal producer with 7 lactations total of 113,187 lbs. milk, 3.8 per cent, 4376 lbs. of fat, all on 2X and with 3 lactations in the 305 day division. In the last issue of the Holstein Journal she was the second high cow on 2X out of 141 cows reported. She was not tested as a two and three year old, but is again on test at 14 years of age and since freshening on Feb. 14 has produced to the end of April, 5122 lbs. of milk.

Her stable mate, Etta Abbecker Colantha, now 17 years of age, has produced in six lactations 20,292 lbs. of milk, 4169 lbs. fat, all on 2X, and she too is a Red Seal Producer. Old Etta since freshening on Nov. 20th last has rolled out 2720 lbs. of milk to the end of April, which is really some achievement for a 17 year old cow as all breeders will agree. Still another cow bred by Mr. Watson which is now in the 100,000 lb. class is Snowball Sylvia Alcarin, Halton Holstein breeder, will recall her as the Grand Champion cow at the Halton Holstein Show in 1943. Last fall she was sold in the All-Canadian Holstein Sale, where she brought as we recall something over \$1600 which was quite a price in those days, and as a matter of fact, still is for most of us.

All three cows were sired by Matchless Lane-time Payne. In the same issue of the Journal is listed Ideal Teitilla-Beauty, another cow in the Watson herd, which as a 5 year old on 2X in the 305 day division produced 17066 lbs. milk and 643 lbs. fat. She was in sixth place among the 115 cows listed.

Our congratulations are extended to Morley Watson, the popular fieldman and sales agent for the Halton Club. The records listed indicate that he not only has a good herd on his 100 acre farm, but that he is a top herdman and feeder as well as a good sales agent for the Halton Club.

Halton Holstein breeders will also be interested to learn that down at Graymar Farm owned and operated by Eddie Meagher, the first three daughters of Montvic Rag Apple Paragon to freshen have all been over 70 lbs. per day and all are doing better than their dams, even though two of the dams are among the highest record daughters of Armac Sylvannus Pathfinder. (Extra). Another daughter of Paragon's due to freshen in July to the service of "Milord" is to be sold at the National Sale at Oakville on May 31st. This heifer is out of Ottawa Pabst Duchess (VG) a 932 lb. daughter of Montvic Abbecker Poach Pabat. (Extra)? We wonder how high in the four figures this heifer will sell?

Still another Halton Holstein breeder who has been in the limelight of late is Harold Bingham and Son of Georgetown. Their herd sire Glenaston Rag Apple Monogram, the grand champion at the Brantford Championship Show last fall, was recently bought by Albert Stagg of Oakville, and shipped to

the Argentine. We are not permitted to divulge the sales price, but it was well up in the four figures. Monogram at time of shipment weighed 2800 lbs. In the same shipment was Glenaston Rag Apple Alert, the All-Canadian two year old this past year. Alert was bought and exported to Chile by Harry Hayes, Oakville. Both bulls were triple's. Gordon King, son of Geo. H. King, well-known Guensey of Oakville, went down in charge of the shipment which included 4 or 5 other tops in addition to the two bulls mentioned. What a story Gordon will have to tell on his return. And so we might go on listing achievements of other Halton breeders, but our space is limited, so we'll have to content ourselves by asking "Was said Halton didn't have top Holsteins?" — someone should page Lorne Franklin — popular and well known livestock auctioneer!

WARNING SERVICE FOR VEGETABLE GROWERS

According to I. L. Conners, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, a Warning Service will be instituted in Canada this year, comparable to that now in operation in the United States. The Warning Service for this year will concern the occurrence and progressive development of Late Blight of Potatoes and of Tomatoes. We understand that Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock recently attended a meeting at Guelph, where tentative plans were discussed. Weekly reports on the diseases mentioned will be sent to Washington for incorporation in to the U.S.D.A. Warning Service, to Ottawa, to key pathologists in Canada and to others particularly interested. Through the medium of radio and press, growers will be kept informed of the advisability of fungicidal applications, etc. Dr. J. D. MacLachlan, Pathologist at the Ontario Agricultural College, will be in charge of the service for Central and Southern Ontario. It is anticipated that this new service will get under way sometime in July.

FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE PLANS FIELD DAY FOR JUNE 19

The annual joint field day of the Halton Federation of Agriculture and Halton Junior Farmers is scheduled for the Recreational Park at Lowville on Saturday, June 19th, states R. S. Heatherington, Federation Secretary. At a meeting held in the Agricultural Office, Milton, last Thursday evening it was announced that 32 Halton rural public schools had expressed a desire to participate in an inter-school softball tournament. The schools will be grouped into 18 teams and six diamonds will be prepared for the big event, which was won a year ago by the team representing Nos. 4 and 5 Nassagaweya. The programme will also include an inter-township softball tournament, a softball game between the teachers of North and South Halton, as well as a programme of races for the boys and girls.

Halton Junior Farmers will also run off their county field day at the same time and we understand from President Cameron Wilson of the Halton Juniors, that softball teams of both boys and girls as well as their top athletes will be selected to compete in the Junior Farmer Field Day at Guelph on Fri., June 26th.

The program at Lowville is scheduled to get under way at 10.00 a.m., which indicates a busy day for all concerned.

ASHGROVE

Hope everyone had a glorious 24th of May.

The Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Ruddle on Tuesday afternoon, May 18th with Mrs. R. Cunningham presiding. Roll Call was answered by "How to postpone old age" which brought some very amusing ideas. A letter was read from England thanking the Institute for parcels which had been sent. A lengthy discussion took place on the 50c fee with the majority voting against it. All were in favour of giving a prize to the high beginner for girls on Achievement Day and Mrs. Stringer donated a tatted doilie as the prize.

Mrs. Giffen, Mrs. R. Hopburn, Mrs. R. Cunningham and Mrs. W. Brownridge were chosen delegates to the District Annual at Ebenezer on June 1st. The motto "Learn to Disagree without being Disagreeable" was given by Mrs. Fred Nurse and brought out some splendid thoughts. After this each lady was given a slip of paper with a subject written on it and she was to speak for two minutes. This caused lots of fun as everyone gave their different speeches.

Lunch closed this pleasant afternoon.

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