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

The harvest of the winter wheat crop is now in full swing. In general the crop is heavy and some excellent yields are anticipated. The scoring of the sixteen fields entered in the Halton 50 bush Winter Wheat Club sponsored by the Halton Crop Improvement Association was completed last week by Ray Abrogast of Perth County. The awards for the top eight contestants as released by Mr. Abrogast are as follows:

1st, W. E. Brecken, Freeman, variety Cornell 595, score 98; 2nd, Wm. Lucas, Freeman, variety D.G.C. score 89 1/2; 3rd M. T. Watson, Freeman, variety Cornell, score 89 1/2; 4th, Wm. G. Booth, Milton, variety Cornell, score 88 1/2; 5th A. M. Sherwood, Freeman, variety Cornell 595, score 87; 6th, V. J. Lawrence, Oakville, variety D.G.C., score 85 1/2; 7th, Ross Segsworth, Freeman, variety D.G.C., score 85; 8th J. H. Willmott, Milton, variety D.G.C., score 84 1/2.

The cutting of plots in each of the sixteen fields was completed by Agric. Representative J. E. Whitlock this week. The threshing of the samples and computation of the yields per acre will be made by the Field Husbandry Department at the O.A.C. The three high competitors on the combined score for field and yield will represent Halton in the inter-county competition sponsored by the Maple Leaf Milling Co. at the Royal Winter Fair.

Plans to organize a similar 50 bushel Winter Wheat Club in Halton for the 1948-49 season are now under way. In order to be eligible, competitors must sow a minimum of five acres and the seed must be in the case of Dawson's Golden Chaff either registered No. 1 or first crop seed grown from registered No. 1, or Commercial No. 1 Cornell 595. In explanation for the difference in standard demanded between the two varieties, we would point out that there is as yet no registered or certified Cornell 595 available in Canada. The variety is, however, being carefully selected and purified at the present time at the Ontario Agricultural College and in the course of a year or two it is anticipated that both elite and registered seed of this variety will be available.

The variety Cornell 595 is very popular with growers and millers alike. From a milling standpoint it is a soft white wheat with the necessary qualities which go towards the manufacture of good pastry flour. From a grower's viewpoint it is reported to be at least the equal in yield to the old standby, Dawson's Golden Chaff — equally as strong in the straw and more resistant to loose smut.

Incidentally, Halton growers interested in getting in the 50 bushel Winter Wheat competition for the coming year, should contact the Agricultural Office at Milton for further details.

PRICE OF WINTER WHEAT MOVES UP
 In our column of two weeks ago it was suggested that \$1.75 was likely to be the price for winter wheat at local mills. Since that time the price has moved up to the \$2.00 mark, which will be cheering news to those with wheat as a cash crop. While no definite price has been established for seed wheat at the time this column was being prepared, we anticipate that Commercial No. 1 Dawson will sell at 50c over the milling price, and \$1.00 over milling price for registered No. 1 Dawson and Commercial No. 1 Cornell 595. It should be borne in mind by those who are planning to sell seed wheat, that in order to command the suggested premiums over milling price, a one pound sample should be forwarded to the Plant Products Division, 86 Collier St., Toronto in order to secure a grade and germination test. This service costs 75c which amount should accompany the sample.

CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION TO STAGE FIELD MEETING
 Halton farmers will be interested in the replicated variety test with eighteen varieties of oats and barley laid down by Douglas Currie on the Currie home farm, two miles north of Hornby, on the 7th Line of Eglings. In order to provide an opportunity for those interested to see the plots, the Halton Crop Improvement Association

has arranged for an evening field meeting to be held on the Currie farm, on Monday, July 26th, at 7.30 p.m. It is anticipated that Dr. G. P. McLoatle, head of the Field Husbandry Department at the O.A.C., will be in attendance to lead in the discussion on the 18 varieties of oats and barley which number includes all of the newer promising varieties as well as some of the tried and proven old reliables.

At the same time a visit will be made to the W. D. Cowan farm, (formerly Chas. Austin) Lot 5, 6th Line of Eglings, where a test with 2-4D on woods in corn was recently made. Similar tests with 2-4D in corn fields have also been made on the farms of Harvey Nurse, Ashgrove; E. F. Ford, Hornby; and W. E. Brecken, Freeman.

Georgetown Defeats Oakville Oaks 8 to 7

The Georgetown team made it two victories in a row by downing the powerful Oakville Oaks 8 to 7 in a 7 inning twilight game Monday June 12. Scotty Patterson pitched the full game for the locals with Coles behind the plate. The locals had a commanding lead at one time 8 to 3 but this was slowly knocked down to a 1 run margin.

Turner did the pitching for Oakville, allowing 10 hits over the route.

The final score: Georgetown, 8 runs — 10 hits — 2 errors
 Oakville 7 runs — 8 hits — 4 errors

The local team have really found their batting eye as this makes a total of 26 hits in the last two games for 25 runs and that is good hitting in any man's league. Wednesday saw the wind-up of the regular schedule as far as local games go with the Acton team as the opposition. With the locals making it 3 in a row, and if they continue to play the brand of ball they have been lately, that will really be something. One of the big reasons that the locals seem to have come to life in a winning way is due to the catching of Ralph Coles. He is probably one of the best catchers ever to wear a Georgetown uniform in some years. With him behind the plate the whole team seems to have renewed confidence and have been displaying a kind of ball of which they are capable of playing. Here's hoping he will be able to catch the remainder of the games this year.

Scotty Patterson made it 2 wins out of 2 starts as far as pitching goes having defeated Milton about a month ago for the 1st Georgetown win. Monday he pitched very good ball until the later innings when he tired slightly. However when the chips were down, he came through.

Steve Toletzka, the Oakville centre fielder, slammed one of the longest balls seen hit in this park in many a day. He poled one of Scotty's fast pitches way out into left field for a home run scoring behind a team-mate. The ball went on the fly way into the new softball diamond and would have been a home run in any park. Toletzka gave the local fans a few jitters in the top half of the 7th when he came up with 2 out and a man on 2nd base. A hit would have tied the game or another repeat ball would have practically won the game for Oakville. However he ended the game by flying out to Dillon in left field to give Georgetown the victory.

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