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NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HALTON FARMERS

HALTON COUNTY COUNCIL LEADS THE WAY

Halton County Council is to be congratulated on the forward move taken at their last session on November 16. We refer to the by-law passed which provides a grant to woodlot owners who desire to erect fences to completely enclose their woodlots, thus fostering forest growth by keeping their livestock out. Halton is the first county in Ontario to take this progressive step, which is long overdue in Ontario.

Already a number of Halton folk have made enquiries which would indicate this action is a popular one. Those interested should make application for full details either from Wm. Deans, County Clerk, Milton, or the Agricultural Office, Milton. In brief, the by-law provides that a grant will be made equal to the prevailing cost price of an eight strand wire fence with a single barb, on one or more sides of his woodlot, in order to completely enclose the woodlot thus fostering forest growth by keeping out the livestock. As we understand it, it does not interfere in any way with a woodlot owner cutting or selling products from his woodlot. Such owners would also be eligible to claim tax exemption for such woodlot under the Assessment Act.

A woodlot to be eligible must contain at least two acres and must contain not less than 400 trees per acre of all sizes; or 300 trees measuring over 2" in diameter; or 200 trees measuring over 5" in diameter; or 100 trees measuring over 8" in diameter (all such measurements to be taken 4 1/2 feet from the ground).

While this is only one step in a much needed conservation programme, nevertheless if all Halton woodlot owners avail themselves of the financial assistance provided, we are confident that in a period of ten years, our springs, wells and streams will show beneficial results.

JUDY MERRY TOPS STRONG SHORTHORN SECTION AT ROYAL

On Monday morning of last week the sheep and swine ring at the Royal Winter Fair was crowded with Club members from all sections of Ontario exhibiting their respective baby beeves. Some 80 odd Club Members were all competing for the much coveted King's Guineas. Fifty-one of these exhibited Shorthorn steers, and in this section Judy Merry of Trafalgar Township had the winner. In fourth place was Duncan Campbell, of Moffat and Cliff Norrish, also of Moffat, in sixteenth. Incidentally, these three members placed first, second and third respectively in the baby beef section at the Achievement Day of the Halton Calf Club held at Milton Fair last September. In the hereof section with twenty-four animals in the ring, Evelyn McCann of Omagh was in thirteenth place while John McKinnon of Milton was sixteenth with his Angus steer in the Angus section. The grand championship which took with it the King's Guineas award went to the Angus steer fed and exhibited by Kenneth McKinnon of Hillsburg, who has now won this honour for two years in a row. The reserve grand was Judy Merry's winning Shorthorn.

The officiating judge, Chas. Yule of Calgary, stated from the ring-side that the Shorthorn section was the most difficult class he had ever worked on.

When one realizes that this big Westerner has had the honour of officiating not only at many of the top shows on this continent but also at the Perth Show in Scotland, that is tall praise indeed.

All of these market cattle were later sold by public auction. While we were not in attendance at this sale, we understand the King's Guineas winner sold at over \$3.00 per pound. The Merry steer brought 70¢ per pound and the other Halton steers between 34¢ and 37¢ per lb. We would judge that the McKinnon steer would weigh close to 1000 pounds, which means around \$3000 for the one animal — in short, these tenderloins would be sweet, but rather dear eating.

VALLEY CREST CLYDESDALES MAKE GREAT SHOWING AT ROYAL

Valley Crest Farms, Palermo, under the able management of Herbert Berry, really put Halton County on the map in the Clydesdale ring at the Royal Winter Fair. While they exhibited only four animals the Valley Crest stable brought home 3 firsts; 3 seconds; 1 third; 1 fourth, and 1 fifth. Their yield mare won the red ribbon in a class of over twenty, and their stallion foal won similar honours in another strong class. They also won first for the three best mares in the show, as well as second for progeny of dam, and 2nd for get of sire. They culminated these awards by having the reserve senior and reserve grand champion Clydesdale Mare and reserve junior champion stallion.

J. H. WILLMOTT HAMPSHIRE FLOCK HEAVY WINNERS AT ROYAL

The Hampshire Show at the Royal brought together some of the top flocks from both sides of the line. J. H. Willmott and Son of Milton had the reserve grand championship on their winning ewe lamb, in which class the Willmott entries placed first and second. They also had first on their pen of Canadian bred lambs, and second in the open class, as well as second prize in the ram lamb class, and second in the yearling ewe class. A fitting climax was the sale of thirteen ewes to one American buyer, and one of the Dominion Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

BALLINAFAD

Residents of this village have a pet pheasant which regularly visits our homes and eats grain and other good things out of our hands. It is banded and evidently has been freed from a forestry station near Toronto.

The W.A. held a very successful Community Supper Friday evening. It was sponsored by the Schneider Meat Co. of Kitchener. Two films were shown by their representative and several numbers were given by the Hillsburgh Quartette. Mrs. James Gillespie of Erin gave several recitations which were very much enjoyed.

The W.M.S. held their regular meeting at the home of Miss B. Hills. Mrs. Frank Smith led in the scripture service, the theme of

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which was "The Life and Duty of a Christian", which brought up many points of discussion. Roll Call was answered with one of Jesus' prayers. A duet by Mrs. J. Allan and Mrs. R. Warne was enjoyed by everyone. The topic which was "Excerpts from the Blue Book" was given by several members. Plans were made to hold the Christmas meeting with the Circle early in December.

A rather informal service was held Sunday morning when Rev. O. R. Flindall gave an interesting address on the life of Sir Isaac Watts who died two hundred years ago this past week. Isaac Watts was one of our foremost hymn writers and several of his best known hymns were sung. The latter part of the service was in charge of Mr. W. Gardner of Erin representing the Gideon Bible Society. Mr. Garner told a very interesting story of how the society originated in a small hotel room in Philadelphia with two members. Now on the fiftieth anniversary there is a membership of twelve thousand. There are nine hundred members in Canada. Their aim is the distribution of Bibles in all public places such as hotels, schools, hospitals and lately prisons, in Canada and the States. A special offering was taken at the close of the service in aid of this group.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of **HENRY ALEXANDER BINNIE** Retired Farmer, Deceased

All persons having claims against the estate of Henry Alexander Binnie, late of the Township of Erin, Retired Farmer, who died on or about the 2nd day of October, A.D. 1948, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 27th day of December, A.D. 1948, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.

DATED at Georgetown, this 22nd day of November, A.D. 1948.

Norman Adamson and Nora May Adamson, Executors of the estate of Henry Alexander Binnie, by their Solicitors, Dale and Bennett, Georgetown, Ontario.

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