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Merry Christmas

NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HALTON FARMERS

HALTON FLOWMEN RE-ELECT C. F. PICKET AS PRESIDENT

Halton Plowmen's Association concluded one of the most successful years in its history in the Farmer's Bldg., Milton, on Tuesday evening of last week. This was the occasion of their Annual Meeting and the treasurer's and auditor's reports revealed a successful year, financially despite increased activity. During the year the Halton association in cooperation with Halton Junior Farmers sponsored a Junior Match and Coaching Demonstration in the spring; financed a team of plow boys to represent Halton in the inter-county tractor class at the International; and climaxed this with what is considered by many to be the outstanding County Match and Farm Machinery display of the Province in 1948.

The election of officers and directors for 1949 which was keenly contested, resulted as follows: Honorary Pres.—J. A. Elliott, Milton

President—C. F. Picket, Georgetown

Vice Presidents—Arthur Diamond, Rockwood and V. E. McArthur, Milton

Sec'y-Treas.—J. E. Whitlock, Milton

Directors, Esqueung—J. C. Cunningham, R. Currie, Clebert McDowell and J. S. Wilson

Nassagaweya—J. E. Ellenton, Ross Gordon and Jack McPhail

Nelson—Roy Ellenton, Geo. Readhead, Ross Segsworth, and J. H. Taylor

Trafalgar—J. A. Dixon, Jack Marchmont, J. C. Marshall, and Harold Pickett

Honorary Directors—Hughes Cleaver, M.P., Stanley L. Hall, M.P.P.; W. E. Breckon, Victor Hall, M. T. McNabb, W. J. Robertson, W. A. Robinson and W. H. Robinson

Associate Directors, Esqueung—Lloyd Fisher, Harvey Nurse, and Fred Ruddell

Nassagaweya—Harold Ferguson, Tom Patterson, and Hugh Warrington

Nelson—Glen Campell, A. G. Hunter and John Richardson

Trafalgar—Frank Hall, Leonard Lister, and Lloyd May

Auditor—John Irving

HALTON CONSERVATION COMMITTEE ORGANIZED

The members of the Agricultural and Reformation Committee of the Halton County Council together with representatives of the Halton Federation of Agriculture; Halton Junior Farmers; Milton Sportsmen's Association; Halton Lumbermen's Association; Halton School trustees; Halton Crop Improvement Association; have in recent months been giving increased attention to the Conservation of Halton's wood lots, soil and water supply. As a result of their recommendations a by-law was recently passed by Halton County Council which provides a subsidy to cover the cost of fence to protect Halton County woodlots; another recommendation resulted in the public meeting held a few weeks ago in the Court House, Milton, which was addressed by W. H. Forter of London.

At a recent meeting this Committee recommended the publication of a pamphlet by County Council outlining the various by-laws recently passed by that body in aid of Conservation. Plans are also under way to secure increased participation by Halton rural public school sections in the inter-rural school reforestation competition; the establishment of ponds or small lakes at selected points to conserve water; to stage demon-

strations in contour plowing; etc., etc.

Reeve Alex Maclaren who was the chairman of the 1948 Halton County Agriculture and Reformation Committee was the dynamo behind this increased activity. In order that the programme may not only be continued but expanded the following officers were elected for 1949:

Chairman—Chairman of Committee on Agriculture and Reformation, Halton County Council

Vice Chairman—Alex Maclaren, Georgetown

Secretary—J. E. Whitlock, Milton

EXPANSION OR RETRACTION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

In our column of last week we attempted to reproduce some of the highlights of an address by W. P. Watson, Ontario's Livestock Commissioner when addressing a meeting sponsored by the Halton Livestock Improvement Association.

Certainly world conditions as revealed by Mr. Watson, all point to much lower prices for farm produce in 1950 providing there is no change in the world political situation and providing Canada, United States and other parts of the world reap another good crop in 1949. In short, all of the information revealed, points to the advisability of a period of retraction or curtailment of Production. The humanitarian viewpoint still calls for increased food production since a goodly part of the world's population is still enduring a starvation diet, but unfortunately as pointed out by Mr. Watson, the law of supply and demand, does not mean much unless coupled with the ability to pay. The past nine years has been a period of agricultural expansion. During this period the fixed capital investment in agriculture has increased materially. If we are to secure the lowest possible cost per unit of production, it would seem that we must make maximum use of that fixed capital investment.

How then are we to reconcile these two contradictory sets of conditions? We are not too sure that there is a satisfactory answer which completely covers the situation. We would, have no hesitation, however, in stating that 1949 should be the psychological time to market or convert some of our "border" livestock into hard cash while meat prices are high. It would also be a good time to take out of cultivation some of our sub-marginal land and seed it down to hay or pasture. These latter crops are soil building crops and certainly a lot of our heavy clay-soils are in dire need of more humus or organic matter. Only a few days ago a farmer friend told us that on his farm, with the exception of along the fence rows which were quite mellow and friable, there were no earth worms. Apparently he was of the opinion that the earth worms were responsible for the physical differences between the soil in his fence rows and out in his fields. He may be partially right. However, we have no hesitation in stating that if he restores the humus and organic content of his fields, the earth worms will follow. Whether or not lower prices come in 1950 it would be sound business to build up the organic content of our soils to practice proper land utilization, and that in our opinion points to seeding down some of our hilly and more sub-marginal fields in some cases it may mean planting with trees. As a matter of fact we are not at all sure that the taking out of cultivation of some of this land would result in decreased production. If we go back to 1933, you will recall the Roosevelt Administration in order to curtail production actually paid U.S. farmers to take a certain percentage of their crop land out of production. Did it result in cur-

tailed production? The answer is

Mrs. William Hitchcock Was Norval District Native

A life-long resident of this district, Mrs. William Hitchcock passed away on Saturday, December 7th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Harding in Erin Township. Mrs. Hitchcock, who was the former Harriet Sharpe, was born 78 years ago near Norval, and had spent most of her married life on a farm near Ballinfad.

She is survived by her husband and a family of five children, Mrs. Henry Preston (Hazel) and Mrs. Len Harding (Ida) of Georgetown, Mrs. Gladys Wedge of Acton, Mrs. John Harding (Ella) of Erin Township and Harry on the homestead. There are eighteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She also leaves three sisters and three brothers, Mrs. John Ramsay of Eden Mills, Mrs. William Foster, Neil and Bob Sharpe of Toronto, Mrs. Frank Postill of Brantford and George Sharpe of Norval.

On Tuesday, Rev. Alex Calder conducted the funeral service from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Preston, King Street. Pallbearers were six grandsons, Ross Preston, Gordon Hitchcock, Henry Wedge, Clarence Neil and Gordon Harding. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Theft Charge Against Local Store Manager

Provincial Constable Ray Schuler flew to Saint John, New Brunswick, on Sunday to escort a local store manager back to town. He had been apprehended there on December 17th, on information supplied by the local Provincial Police detachment. The young man, against whom a charge of theft has been placed by Georgetown police, is alleged to have left town the previous week-end with a large sum of money belonging to his employer. Quick action on the part of the Provincials, working on information that he might have headed east, resulted in his apprehension.

Elmer Dron New Halton Chapter Head

At the regular Convocation held in the Masonic Hall last Friday evening, Ex. Comp. Elmer Dron was elected 1st Principal of Halton Chapter, R.A.M. The new officers, who will be installed and invested on January 21st by Rt. Ex. Comp. George C. Brown are:

Z.—Ex. Comp. Elmer Dron
H. Ex. Comp. Walter Rigg
J.—Comp. J. Lucas
S.E.—Ex. Comp. E. L. Arnold
S.V.—Comp. Kenneth Whitworth
P.S.—Comp. Jack Addy
Treas.—Ex. Comp. J. D. Kelly
Sentinel—Ex. Comp. W. J. Cleave
S.S.—Comp. Wm. Cromar
J.S.—Comp. A. Hunter
M of 1st V.—Comp. L. Tracey
M of 2nd V.—Comp. J. McCaig
M of 3rd V.—Comp. H. Burrows
M of 4th V.—Comp. E. Hall

Social and Personal

Mr. John R. Campbell and Mr. George H. Leslie left on Thursday for a trip west. They will visit in Tucson, Arizona, with Mr. Campbell's daughter, Miss Margaret Campbell. Margaret's health has improved and she is enjoying her position in a doctor's office.

Mr. Ray Bowers of Bowers Motor Sales has purchased the house on Emery Street which was last occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brown and has moved in. Since coming to town the Bowers have been living in an apartment over the garage.

No. They worked and cropped their remaining crop acreage more thoroughly and the increased yields per acre more than compensated for the acreage of sub-marginal land taken out of production. In short, whether or not lower prices come in 1950, let's do some culling in our herds and our fields—we believe it to be sound bus-

Georgetown and Weston in Tost Cup-Finals

GEORGETOWN, 1 — OAKVILLE, 1
WESTON, 5 — ACTON, 4

The semi-finals in the Sheeney Tost Memorial Cup league started last Thursday with both games ending in close scores. In a cleanly played game which was free of penalties, Weston came from behind twice and finally won 5-4 from the mighty Acton Tanners.

With Oakville playing good hockey, Georgetown had to come from behind in the last period with a goal by Leigh Bradbury to tie the score at 1-1. Alcumbreck scored for Oakville half way through the second frame. Raiders were unable to click on some of their plays and the Oakville goalie proved unbeatable on what chances they did get. The game was cleanly played with only two penalties, both for Oakville. Georgetown used Clem Dwyer in goal for the first period and he played very well.

Georgetown — Lever, Dwyer, goal; Patterson, Nash, defence; Storey, Currie, M. Bradbury, forwards; L. Bradbury, J. Kemshead, J. Beaumont, D. Beaumont, N. Ferri, H. Chappel.

Oakville — Leger, goal; McNally, Walsh, defence; Speck, Sutton, Galbraith, forwards; Kennedy, Woodall, Duz, Cameron, Glatt, Alcumbreck.

GEORGETOWN, 7—OAKVILLE, 4
WESTON, 7 — ACTON, 3

The semi-finals ended last night, with Weston and Georgetown winning. The two teams will play a best 3 of 5 series for the championship, the first game scheduled for tomorrow night at 8:30.

The Georgetown-Oakville match ended in the visitors forfeiting the game after an argument in the last period. Georgetown was leading 7-4 when Thomas of Oakville was handed a 2-minute interference penalty. Thomas refused the penalty and coach Ted Fear called his team from the ice. Referees Max Hackett and Eddie Hodgson gave them 2 minutes to ice a team, and when this was not complied with, awarded the game to Georgetown.

Weston outplayed Acton and took an easy victory, 7-3, to make it two straight in their series.

Raiders Lose 10-5 to Collingwood Shipbuilders

Georgetown Raiders travelled to Collingwood on Saturday to help open the hockey season in the new arena which has been built in the Georgian Bay town. The Shipbuilders pleased the home fans with a 10-5 win in a game which was marred by slushy ice due to a breakdown in the refrigeration system in the second period.

Raiders opened the scoring and led 2-0 at the end of the first. Scotty Patterson had to retire from the game with a knee injury in the second and the locals felt his loss as Collingwood took advantage of the weakened defence and peppered shots at Lever that he just couldn't handle.

The Shipbuilders were not as finished performers as the visitors, but took advantage of the breaks they received. Storey and Currie both missed several chances, Collingwood dressed 18 men and 3 goalies while Raiders were short Ferri and Melanson.

TOWN DRUGGIST SPEAKS TO NORVAL JUNIORS

E. V. MacCormack, local druggist, was guest speaker at the December meeting of the Norval Juniors, which was held last Tuesday at the home of Jean Chester. Mr. MacCormack spoke on "Looking Forward to the New Year."

Ed Woodley of Milton was speaker at the boys' meeting, while at the girls' meeting, one of the members, Mildred Little, gave hints on Christmas decorations. The Juniors decided to undertake a play as part of their winter program this year.

What Council Did ..

ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 20th

Met for the last regular meeting of the year, to conclude a total of 34 regular and special meetings this year.

Amended the parking by-law to provide that no motor vehicle shall be parked in any area used as a laneway or driveway and designated as such.

(1st reading moved by Davidson and McCumber; 2nd and 3rd readings by Armstrong and Herbert)

When it was learned that Mrs. M. Tost was resigning the position at the end of the year, advertised for a caretaker for the Municipal Building.

(Moved by Whitmee and Davidson)

Will give turkeys as a Christmas present to all town employees.

(Moved by Goodlet and Armstrong)

Will write the CNR and Provincial Paper Ltd., asking that St. Michael Street be left at the same width as formerly when the new siding at the paper mill is installed.

Cr. Goodlet asked if permission had been given for the planting of evergreens on town property across from Berwick Hall. Mayor Gibbons said that W. F. Bradley, who planted the trees along the roadway had mentioned it to him and he had given permission, but that if there was objection or if there were creating a traffic hazard he was sure Mr. Bradley would have them removed.

Applications of four local people for admittance to the Brampton House of Refuge were discussed. One case is particularly urgent, but Reeve Maclaren said he could see little hope of early admittance as the institution was overcrowded. Mr. Maclaren said the set-up left much to be desired and that every municipality should exert strong pressure on the governing body to provide more and better accommodation for old people.

Filed a letter from A. L. Noble, Norval, offering to let the town dump clean fill or ashes on his property. Cr. Whitmee said he did not think anyone had a clear deed to the property adjoining the present town dump and that there was no need at present of a new location.

A letter from Town Solicitor K. M. Langdon gave the opinion that the sewerage contract with Scott, Jackson allowed a total of \$4300 for repairing and replacing damaged concrete pavements and walks, and that if repairs materially exceeded this, they would be extras.

Wrote off taxes on Jim Schofield's store and a building formerly owned by Henry Shepherd, when it was found that both buildings had been sold and moved from town early in the year.

(Moved by McCumber and Davidson)

Cr. Goodlet asked if the water by-law was asked for third reading. When told no, he said that the matter had been discussed and thrashed out by this council and shouldn't be left over for next year's council. Reeve Maclaren said he would contact the Dept. of Health the next day and if it could be got through in time asked for a special meeting to deal with it.

Reeve Maclaren asked about the use of the Arena on Sundays and why outsiders were coming here for hockey practices. He had been told that they had been shut out of other places because it was illegal. Cr. Herbert said that he didn't think Sunday observance was bothering those who protested that that a small group were trying to "wet blanket" the Arena. He had heard no objections from people living in the vicinity of the building. Deputy-Reeve Arm-

strong said he believed they were coming here because no ice was available elsewhere. Cr. Goodlet said the Arena Board had no doubt checked the legality, and Cr. Whitmee said that unless information was laid, the Lord's Day Alliance took no action on such matters. When he said that he appreciated the Reeve's opinion, Mr. Maclaren said he had not been expressing his own opinion but had introduced the subject because it had been brought to his attention. Cr. McCumber said people went swimming and played golf on Sundays and he could see no objection to hockey. Mayor Gibbons said people should be informed that the Board of Park Management was the proper place to take any such complaints.

Motions of appreciation were passed to the mayor for his efficient handling of meetings this year, and to Reeve Maclaren and Cr. Whitmee, retiring members, for their loyal service on council. The Reeve said that he was retaining an interest in two things, reforestation and the county home and had asked that he be included on these two county boards. Cr. Whitmee said that he was leaving council realizing the difficulties of the men who sit on council and that he wouldn't be one to knock them from the outside. He said he hoped to run as a candidate again next year in Ward 3.

Following the meeting, council members, the town foreman and the press reporter were invited to the Reeve's home for a social hour. Reeve Maclaren announced his intention of forming a ratepayers' association with the idea of several small groups meetings from time to time to discuss municipal matters.

CHURCH NEWS

St. George's Church
Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson,
Rector

CHRISTMAS:
Choral Midnight Eucharist beginning at 11:30 on Christmas Eve.
Holy Communion
on Christmas morning at 9:00 o'clock.

First Sunday after Christmas:
Holy Communion — 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School — 10:00 a.m.
Matins and Holy Baptism — 11 a.m.
Evensong — 7:00 p.m.

St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams
CHRISTMAS:
Holy Communion — 9:30 a.m.
First Sunday After Christmas:
Sunday School — 2:00 p.m.
Evensong — 3:00 p.m.

Georgetown United Church
Rev. John M. Smith, Minister
Miss Lynda Stewart, Organist
Sunday School — 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m. — Reception of members. "United in Worship" — Lesson Luke 2:8-17. Matt. 2:1-11.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.—Candlelight service conducted by the Canadian Girls in Training.
Young People Union each Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Wolf Cubs (boys 8-11) each Friday 4 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S FATHER DEES

Leonard Lambert, father of J. Leonard Lambert, Georgetown High School principal, died in Toronto General Hospital on Monday after a short illness. Mr. Lambert, who lived near Ballinfad, was in his 88th year. Predeceased last year by his wife, Barbara Frederick, he leaves a family of five children, Leonard of Georgetown, Mrs. Frank Jefferson (Hilda) of Brampton, Miss Eva Lambert at home, Herbert of Guelph and George of Georgetown, West Virginia.

The funeral service was held this afternoon from the Johnston and Rumley Funeral Home in Acton, with interment in Rockwood Cemetery.