

Whooping Cough Claims Victims Among Infants

Whooping cough will claim more victims this year than last, according to the U. S. public health service. The communicable disease probably will be more severe than for any other year since 1943. In recent years mortality from this cause has vied with that from meningococcus meningitis, measles, diphtheria and poliomyelitis; but of these diseases whooping cough takes the largest proportionate toll of life in infants under one year of age and in children under five. In 1944 and 1945, 71 per cent of the deaths from whooping cough were in infants under one, and 97 per cent in children under five, emphasizing the importance of early immunization and the proper care of young patients to prevent complications, of which pneumonia is the most common and most serious. Approximately four times as much whooping cough has been reported for 1947 as was reported in 1946, and nearly twice the number of deaths were recorded. Whooping cough immunization for prevention of disease and deaths should be given to young infants.

Three Hungarian Towns Ceded to Czechoslovakia

The three Hungarian towns of Hortva, Orszov and Dunacsun, transferred to Czechoslovakia by the Czech-Hungarian peace treaty, lie along the Danube at the point where the great river makes one of its striking shifts in personality. Near the eastern border of Austria, notes National Geographic society, the Danube turns into the lofty, rocky defile known as the "Hungarian Gates." It is beyond this gorge that the river takes on its new character as a broad, mature stream meandering through the fertile plains of northwest Hungary. The former Hungarian area is a tiny finger of land covering about 35 square miles. Its transfer, however, spreads Czechoslovakian territory along both sides of the Danube at the spot where Czechoslovakia, Austria and Hungary meet. All these towns are small. Their total population is about 10,000. The region in which they are situated, however, is important not only because of the trade but also because of the traffic artery of the Danube.

Power on the Farm

Rural electrification has come into widespread use since 1935, when only 4,763 farms in South Carolina had high-line electric service, according to a report of Clemson Agricultural college. By 1945 the number of farms receiving this type of electric service, mostly through rural electrification cooperatives, had increased to 52,101, or 11 times. Along with rural electrification had gone the use of electric lights for farm homes, poultry houses and other farm buildings, electric refrigerator, running water, freezer-locker plants, cooking stoves, radios, washing machines, hotbeds for plant production, brooding for baby chicks and pigs, motors and other electrical equipment for reducing the drudgery and increasing the efficiency of farm and home operations.

Calcium Helps Apples

Experiments at New York State agricultural experiment station, Geneva, have shown that calcium helps retain the original firmness of apples during canning and freezing. Food scientists also have found that calcium-treated apples retain their shape better in pies than do apple slices which were not treated. When apples are soft due to advanced ripening, the calcium treatment is very useful in making the tissue firmer before canning or freezing. Apples should be treated before they are packed into the container in which they are preserved. For canning, the scientists found that adding 0.1 per cent calcium chloride to the salt water in which the apples usually are soaked before steam blanching will do the job. The treatment was successful when 0.5 per cent calcium chloride was simply added to the water in which the apples were blanched before freezing.

Dog Tags for Children

If children wore identification discs similar to those of the armed forces there would be fewer lost children and better and quicker emergency treatment would be possible in many cases of accidental injury. Dr. Edward Press of the U. S. children's bureau recommended to American Medical Association information on the tag as to the child's blood type, bleeding tendency, serum sensitivity and whether immunized against lockjaw, would facilitate emergency treatment and might well save the child's life in case of accident.

Sets Up Crime Lab

Wisconsin has set up a state crime laboratory with \$100,000 appropriated by the legislature, the Council of State Governments reports. The laboratory will serve as a clearing house for technical and scientific aid to police officers throughout the state, operating probably from University of Wisconsin. Officials also hope to set up roving laboratories on wheels to give on-the-spot aid to crime investigators.

NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HALTON FARMERS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ARTIFICIAL UNIT PLEASING TO MEMBERS

The Maple Cattle Breeders' Ass'n. over the past two years has developed into "big business". This artificial unit which services 1467 members in eight counties, now has assets totalling over \$67,000.00 and their 1948 financial statement showed a profit of \$5400.00 on the year's business. In all, this unit bred 15011 cows in 1948, of which number 2058 were Halton cows. One of the Halton members in congratulating the officers and technicians stated, "I have been connected with a good many farm organizations in the past 30 years and this is the first one in my experience which has been able to show a profit." Frank Stark, of Milton, Halton director on the Maple Ass'n was in charge of the meeting. Speakers included Norman Porter, President of the Maple Association; Andrew Snider, treasurer; G. W. Keffer, Secretary-Manager; and C. C. Morrow of the Ontario Live Stock Branch. Mr. Morrow in outlining the new Dairy Herd Improvement Policy, stated that in New York State, Dairy Herd Improvement associations had in the past three years increased from an enrolment of 52848 cows in 1945 to 96977 cows in 1948, which represents a total of 3562 herds. It was also interesting to learn that while the average production of New York State's dairy cattle population is 6190 lbs. of milk and 235 lbs. of butterfat, the 3562 herds in the Dairy Herd Improvement Associations of the State have an average production of 8968 lbs. milk and 340 lbs. Butterfat.

Under the Dairy Herd Improvement Association policy as reviewed by Mr. Morrow, the herd owners do not do any weighing or keeping of records. A supervisor will be supplied by the Ontario Live Stock Branch for each group of 25 members. Members will be visited once each month by the supervisor, at which time the production of each cow in pounds of milk is determined. Official certificates will be issued on all cows enrolled that produce over the minimum requirement. In addition, each herd owner will be given data on the cost of producing milk in his own herd.

Incidentally, the Ontario Dairy Herd Improvement Association policy is open only to the owners of grade or mixed herds. We understand that already more than sufficient are signed up in Halton to start the first Association. As a matter of fact, Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock anticipates getting at least two such organizations under way in Halton during the next few weeks. Messrs. F. G. Stark, Milton; L. DeVries, Georgetown; M. T. Watson, Freeman; John Chapman, Milton and F. D. Charles, Georgetown, were appointed the local committee to represent Halton members of the Maple Unit.

HALTON JERSEY CLUB MAKES PLANS FOR 1949

The Halton Jersey Club at a recent meeting with president Gerald Graham in charge, made plans for an active programme during 1949. The first activity will be a barn meeting at the farm of M. C. Beaty, well known and prominent

Jersey breeder of Trafalgar Township, on Thursday afternoon, March 17th. The Club is planning to join with their fellow Jersey breeders of Peel in holding a joint field day at the Ontario Agricultural College, on June 11th. Their annual County Show is to be at Milton on September 24th, when the "official judge" is to be John W. Pawley, well known manager of Caledon Farms. The Halton Club is also out to stimulate more interest in Jersey Calf Club work among Halton boys and girls between 12 and 20 years of age. To this end the following committee was appointed to enrol members in their respective Townships — Esqueping, Ken Elie, Trafalgar, W. H. Devlin; Nelson, Frank Dewhurst; Nassagaweya, Duncan Moffat; Erin and Eramosa, W. J. Hatch.

N. J. THOMAS SPECIAL SPEAKER FOR GUERNSEY BARN MEETING

Under the leadership of J. Lloyd Chisholm and Wm. G. Booth, president and secretary respectively of the Halton and Peel Guernsey Club, a barn meeting is to be held at Lazy Pat Farms, Palermo, this month. N. J. Thomas, Soil and Pasture Specialist of the Ontario Agricultural College, is to be the guest speaker. We understand that plans are also under way to duplicate the big Guernsey Show held at Milton last fall.

HARRY LEE NEW PRESIDENT TRAFALGAR FED. OF AGRIC.

The Trafalgar Township branch of the Halton Federation of Agriculture had their best Annual Meeting in some years, on Wednesday evening of last week. President A. T. Woodley was in charge of the evening programme which included address by Paul Fisher, County President, R. S. Featherington, county secretary, and Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock. Harry Lee, of Streetsville, is the new president, and his fellow officers and directors are as follows: Vice president, Fred Neary; Secretary, Clarence Ford; Director, A. T. Woodley; Walter Rogler, Elton McLean, Emerson Ford, Ed Fish, E. E. Greenstone, Ernest Bell and Geo. Brownbridge.

EXCELLENT PRIZE LIST FOR HALTON SEED FAIR AND BACON SHOW

Vernon McArthur and Bruce Reid, president of the Halton Crop Improvement Association and the Halton Hog Producers Ass'n, respectively, are predicting a record turnout for Halton's annual Seed Fair and Bacon Show at the Milton Town Hall, this month. Their 1949 prize list includes some most attractive specials. We understand that those requiring seed grain would be well advised to be on hand by 1:00 p.m. in order to secure their requirements before the afternoon programme gets under way at 2:00 p.m.

The committee has been successful in securing Prof. H. G. Knox, Head of the Animal Husbandry Dept. at the OAC, as their chief speaker. The programme will also include a brief address by W. S. McMullen of the Federal Production Service; an Auction Sale of ten bushel lots of oats and barley, with J. A. Elliott, well known and popular local auctioneer in charge, and

HALTON FARM FORUM

(by Lillian Collier Gray) Halton now has twenty-three forums making reports. Unfortunately, this correspondent is not able to make weekly reports due to some unaccountable hitch whereby the reports do not get back on time to get reported on time. The last three weeks have produced interesting reports, none of which got here in time to be shared with readers of this column.

"Render unto Caesar" proved to be an interesting topic. The general opinion was that we can't have a high standard of living without paying for it through taxes. But, as many forums pointed out, "Let the Government cut the cost of administration." It was suggested that the government might adopt the plan of keeping accounts which was suggested for farmers and the results might surprise them.

Of all the suggested improvements those pertaining to social services topped the list. This included family allowance, old age pensions, medical services, hospitalization, and dental clinics in the schools. Next on the list was roads. Omagh suggested also "All farmers should have soil tested. Make hydro available to all. Have more travelling libraries. Allow farmer's wife wages, deducted from income tax." Mr. Pleasant added a few more suggestions: "Cut out duplication of public services. Taxes should be equalized. Higher education should be free to everyone. Family allowance should continue until child is through school. There should be more doctors in rural areas. Forbid all dumping on our lovely country roads. Lower salaries of members of Parliament. Exclude income tax on working farmer until his farm is paid for. Heavier tax on manufacturers."

Other forums had ideas as to how to raise needed money for further expenditure. S.S. No. 7, Nassagaweya said, "Increase tax on liquor sports, theatres, amusements." S.S. No. 1, Nassagaweya points out "Probably some of the large business companies could pay more taxes on their profits." Concerning agricultural services, Zimmerman said "there should be more scientific research into practical methods for more efficient farming in a modern world. Take cue from American Department of Agriculture," they suggested.

also a film entitled "The Life of The Soil" will be screened. Those who have seen this film state it is the best agricultural film produced to date.

Gracie Guelph Memorial Gardens FIELDS IN PERSON Friday, March 18th at 8.30 RESERVED SEATS \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 Send all mail orders to Guelph Memorial Gardens and make cheques payable to Guelph Y's Men's Club. Enclose stamped self-addressed envelope. MAIL ORDERS FILLED. SPONSORED BY Y'S MEN'S CLUB

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