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

**HALTON JUNIORS WIN
 CHAMPIONSHIP AT WESTERN
 ONTARIO FIELD DAY**

The Ontario Agricultural College was the scene of the annual Western Ontario Junior Farmer Field Day on Friday last. The big campus and athletic field was a beehive of activity from 9:00 a.m. until dark when star athletes from Ontario County on the east, Bruce on the north, and Oxford on the west, vied in soft-ball games, track, and field events.

Each County was limited to two entries in each of the track and field events plus a boys' softball team. Halton's delegation had been selected at the Halton Junior Farmer Field Day at the Halton Community Park, Lowville, the previous Saturday. This event was run off under the joint leadership of Cameron Wilson and James Kéan, past and present presidents of Halton Juniors. The winners at Lowville were as follows:

Boys' Events:
 100 yard dash — 1st Harold Robson, Acton; 2nd Edwin Tyrrell, Palermo; 200 yard dash — 1st Frank Pope, Palermo; 2nd Edwin Tyrrell, Palermo; 12 lb. Shot Put — 1st Fyfe Somerville, Acton; 2nd Lloyd Vivian, Palermo; Running Broad Jump — 1st, Bill Vivian, Palermo; 2nd Edwin Tyrrell, Palermo; High Jump — 1st Edwin Tyrrell, Palermo; 2nd Bill Vivian, Palermo; Relay Race — Fyfe Somerville, Harold Robson, Edwin Tyrrell, and Frank Pope; Softball, won by Palermo.

Girls' Events:
 75 yard Dash — 1st Joan Somerville, Acton; 2nd Eileen Tyrrell, Palermo; Running Broad Jump — 1st Eileen Tyrrell, Palermo; 2nd Audrey Wickson, Palermo; High Jump — 1st Joan Somerville, Acton; 2nd Eileen Tyrrell, Palermo; Softball Throw — 1st Audrey Wickson, Palermo; 2nd Doreen Patterson, Palermo; Relay Race — Evelyn Pelletterio, Eria Wendover, Eileen Tyrrell, and Doreen Patterson; Softball — Palermo.

This band of athletes augmented by Jean Patterson and Pete Sutton of Palermo, who were unable to be present at Lowville, carried the banner for Halton at Guelph. And did they carry it — when the day's events concluded the Halton group had won the trophy emblematic of the day's championship. A few of the highlights were as follows:

The Halton Girls' Softball team after eliminating the Oxford team by 10 to 8; Lincoln by 8 to 7, Haldimand by 10 to 7, lost out on the finals to Perth by 14 to 10.

The Halton Girls' Relay Team of Eileen Tyrrell, Evelyn Pelletterio, Jean Patterson, and Joan Somerville, won the Girls' Relay Race and established the track record.

In the girls' 75 yard dash, Joan Somerville was second, while Eileen Tyrrell won third in the girls' running broad jump.

In the boys' events Pete Sutton was first and Harold Robson third in the 100 yard finals; Robson, Tyrrell, Somerville, and Sutton, won the inter-County relay by a wide margin; Bill Vivian was third in the running high jump; Lloyd Vivian was third in the Shot put; Frank Pope was third in the half-mile, while Pete Sutton and Bill Vivian placed first and second in the running broad jump. In short, it was a great day for the Halton athletes and they gave their supporters plenty of opportunity to cheer.

**CROP SITUATION CRITICAL
 IN HALTON**

Crop prospects in Halton on May 1st never looked better. However, since April 1st in the Hornby-Milton area there has been a total of 1.57 inches of rainfall up to June 25th. During the same period in 1948 there was approximately 7 1/2 inches. The remarkable thing is that the grain crops despite the lack of moisture continued to hold a healthy colour. That can only be attributed to the fact that the soil never worked better than last spring and the mulch on top has helped to conserve what little moisture was available. On Tuesday last the area along the front of the County from Mt. Nemo in a line to Palermo and Oakville received a 3 hour rain which materially helped that section. Nearly all farmers are short of hay. Haying operations are well advanced and it is questionable if over 30 per cent of normal crop of hay will be taken off. 1948 seedlings for the most part have hardly been worth cutting. The old standby, Alfalfa plus Orchard Grass, Brome and Reed Canary Grass have been the life savers. Pasture has just about gone existent on many farms and in some cases the odd oat field is being sacrificed as pasture. One could go on and on but what is the use of writing something which isn't news to our readers. We might just as well comfort ourselves by remembering that seldom if ever do things turn out as badly as we are inclined to anticipate. The situation is bad, very bad, but there is no use getting panicky. A good heavy

rain in the course of the next few days could still help a lot. True, we're very short of hay but the pastures could be popped up — the remainder of the corn could be sown and with favorable conditions from now on we may still get a good corn crop. Yes, even if some of the spring grain is only about knee high to a grasshopper in height, moisture would help to fill the grain. Perhaps with one election over, things may cool down a little and we'll get the much needed moisture — here's hoping anyway.

**ODELLELLOWS CONVENE
 IN TORONTO**

District officers of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows and Rebekah Assembly of Ontario were elected last week as 1,100 delegates from all sections of the province gathered at the Royal York Hotel for the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly, Grand Encampment, and Department Council of Patriarchs Militant.

Elected for the Credit district as Deputy Grand Master of the IOOF, was Mr. E. Dapev of Orangeville. He has jurisdiction over lodges at Orangeville, Milton, Brampton, Georgetown and Alton.

For the Toronto Centre district, Mrs. Sadie Rice of Toronto, was elected District Deputy President of the Rebekah Assembly.

The convention was one of the busiest and largest in Oddfellows history. Wm. E. Knox, Toronto, presided during the IOOF sessions, and Mrs. Aetna Burnstead, of Masford, was in charge of Rebekah Assembly meetings.

Aside from general fraternal business which indicated a steady growth of the associated Oddfellows groups, special emphasis was placed at this year's sessions on the public service objective of the I.O.O.F. Two outstanding examples which are benefitting worthy causes throughout the Provinces are the Cancer, Poliomyleitis and Tuberculosis Fund, and the hospital bed program.


The first phase of irrigation on the prairies took place 80 years ago when some ranchers tried to grow winter food by diverting water from small streams to irrigate native meadow lands.

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