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News and Views For Halton Farmers

LARGE DAIRY ENTRY FOR MILTON FAIR

Entries for the Halton Dairy Show to be held at Milton on Sept. 24 have been rolling in to the Agricultural Office during the past week. On Friday evening of last week, Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock stated that prospects point to approximately 300 head of Halton's finest Guernseys, Holsteins, and Jerseys being on display. The official judges will be as follows: Holsteins — E. A. Innes, of Brantford; Jerseys — J. W. Pawley of Cheltenham; and Guernseys — Wm. Brooks, of Paris. Incidentally, all three officials are prominent breeders of the breed on which they will adjudicate.

HALTON CALF AND SWINE CLUB MEMBERS PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES TO THEIR EXHIBITS

Scattered over the County, 76 Calf and Swine Club members are making final preparations for their Achievement Day at Milton on Sept. 24th. The Calf Clubs show has for many years been a highlight of the Milton Fair. This year 64 Club members will have their calves on display for A. M. Barr, Assoc. Director of Extension for the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture. In the Swine Club ring, where W. P. Watson, Live Stock Commissioner for Ontario will adjudicate, 24 Yorkshire gilts will parade for inspection. Fine weather prevailing it is going to be a big day for Halton Juniors and also for their parents and friends who always constitute an interested and crowded ringside.

PLOWMEN SELECT SITE NEAR NORVAL

The farm of James Russell at Norval is to be the site of Halton's big annual Plowing Match, on Thursday, October 27th, states C. F. Picket, President of the Halton Plowmen. Two excellent sod fields are available and plans are now under way to surpass the big Match held a year ago on the farm of Erwin Gunby at Tansley. Special classes are being provided for local plowboys.

SUB SOILING DEMONSTRATION HELD AT M. C. BEATY FARM

A goodly number of interested spectators followed the demonstration in sub soiling staged by R. McDuffee & Sons, John Deere, agents of Milton, in cooperation with David Wendover of Palermo, on the M. C. Beaty farm, Trafalgar Township, on Monday afternoon of last week. Professors Downing and Webb of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, and N. J. Thomas of the Soils Dept. at the O.A.C. were on hand to supervise the laying down of the test. Two subsoilers were in action. Despite the very dry condition of the soil both machines penetrated to depths of 18 to 20 inches. Eight different lands were sub soiled—some at 30 inch intervals, others at 5 and 10 ft. respectively. The field will be followed with interest not only in 1950 but also in succeeding years, to determine the effectiveness of the practice on Halton's heavy clay loams.

HALTON DAIRYMAN INSTALS LOAFING STABLE

During the past year or two American papers have featured a new practice in dairy cattle stabling. In order to determine for himself the practicability of the so-called "Loafing Barn", A. T. Woodley, prominent Holstein

breeder of Milton district, is now converting his stable over to test out the idea. Incidentally, a "Loafing Barn" is a stable where the dairy cow, not its owner, does the loafing. In short, instead of being tied in stalls for some seven months of the year, they will be loose in a very large box, well equipped with feeding racks and watering devices. The only time they go into stalls is for milking when they will receive their grain ration, and then only four at a time. The advantage of the "Loafing Stable", as we understand it, lies in its greater comfort to the occupants; improved health; less udder trouble, etc. The idea would certainly appear to have real possibilities because we have often wondered that our dairy cattle tied up in the conventional way, by the neck for a period of nearly seven months, stand up under it as well as they do. In any event we're very glad that the idea is going to receive a fair trial in Halton. Mr. Woodley's many friends will follow his experiments with keen interest.

MILTON JERSEY GETS SILVER MEDAL

Lindale Basil D Flash, 166361 — one of the outstanding young cows in the herd of Maurice Beaty, Milton, Ontario, has been awarded a silver medal certificate by the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club. Flash went on test as a senior-three-year-old and in 305 days produced 8,000 lbs. of milk, 534 lbs. of fat, with a test of 5.93 per cent. She is a daughter of Mr. Beaty's grand champion bull Brampton. Basil Ward whose offspring have won so many prizes in the showing.

DANGER WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN!!!

It's back-to-school time — the most dangerous and deadly time of the year for Ontario's children. In the steadily increasing traffic on streets and highways, this is the period of greatest danger.

Last September, more children were killed and injured by motor cars in Ontario than in any other month. Always, at this time of the year, the number of tragic child accidents in traffic begins to soar. But this is as needless as many of the accidents were needless which killed 132 children, and injured 2,000 others in Ontario last year.

The provincial traffic safety campaign, sponsored by the Department of Highways, and now supported by the press, radio, and many official and public agencies, shows clear evidence of success in reducing traffic accidents generally. But where children are concerned teaching the rules of traffic safety and giving parental advice is not enough. All the safety measures and laws we can devise will never relieve the motorist of this responsibility. Many of the accidents involving children are no doubt the children's fault, legally; but that does not relieve the motorist of moral blame. The onus is always on the motorist to look out for children. Only the motorist's personal caution and driving care can lessen the toll.

While driving, every motorist should arm himself with these personal admonitions and cautions:

1. I'll consider every child I see on the street as a human danger signal.
2. In school zones or residential areas, I'll slow down, I'll come to the alert.
3. Wherever I suspect children may be playing, I'll drive with extra care.
4. I'll sweep clear of bicycles. The youthful riders may know the rules, but even when they violate them I must watch out for them.
5. I'll be particularly careful when I see children on roller skates, with a ball, with tricycles, scooters, or coaster wagons.



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