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Lykle DeVries Awarded Soil Building Championship

Early last spring the officers of the Halton Crop Improvement Association announced their intention of sponsoring a Soil Building Competition. With the cooperation of the Agricultural Societies at Acton, Georgetown and Milton, three such competitions were undertaken, and between thirty and forty entries were received. It will be readily realized that little or no appreciable improvement can be made in one season. Consequently the awards were based on the farm operator's present programme from a soil building standpoint. Needless to add, it took into consideration the entire farm programme, keeping in mind such factors as (1) numbers of livestock in relation to farm acreage; (2) acreage in cultivated crops vs. acreage in hay and pasture; (3) crop rotation or rotations; (4) seed mixtures and rate of seeding; (5) manurial and fertilizer treatments; (6) liming; (7) tillage practices; (8) woodlot management; (9) diversion ditches; etc., etc. In short, a rather comprehensive survey was made of each farm business.

N. J. Thomas, of the Soils Dept. at the Ontario Agricultural College was the official judge. While Mr. Thomas has not as yet submitted his complete report, some of his comments will be of interest. "All can be considered good farmers but not perfect. Some fell down on seed mixtures, others on rotations, others on cropping balance, others on fertilizer practice (i.e., rates and mixtures), and others appear to be overstocked, hence

shortages, and still others are understocked, hence abundance."

In a year such as 1949, crop yields had to be pretty well ignored, but as we intimated previously, a more detailed and complete report will be available later, so in the meantime, here are the awards:

Acton Agricultural Society Group — S. E. Griffin & Son; Chester Allen; Arthur Swackhamer; J. Stewart; Gord Leslie; R. N. Brown; Wallace Swackhamer; R. L. Davidson.
Esqueping Agricultural Society Group — Lykle DeVries; John-M. Bird; Fred Nurse; Harvey Nurse; W. H. Reid & Sons; Robt. Alexander; M. T. McNabb & Sons; Miller Bros.

Halton Agricultural Society Group — Ross Segsworth; J. H. Willmott; Featherstone Bros.; Wm. G. Booth; A. T. Woodley; W. E. Breckon; Geo. Lucas; Vernon McArthur.
 The high score for the three groups were awarded to the Soil Building programme being carried on by Lykle DeVries, of Georgetown R. R. No. 3.

HALTON JUNIORS SPONSOR PUBLIC SPEAKING AND AMATEUR ENTERTAINMENTS

The auditorium of Milton High School last Friday evening was the scene of the Annual Public Speaking and Amateur Entertainment Contests sponsored by Halton Junior Farmers. In the Public Speaking, Norval was represented by Eleanor Stark; Milton by Vera May, and Stuart McFadden; and Palermo by Jean Patterson, Wm. Vivian, and Chas. Watt. All six competitors made a most commendable effort both in their prepared and impromptu addresses. In the Amateur Entertainment Competition there were two entries, namely from Milton and Palermo Clubs, both of which were enthusiastically received by the large audience. Miss Isney Kean, President of the Halton Juniors was the able chairman of the evening, and the adjudicators were Miss E. Carson, of the Milton High School staff, and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Skuce, of Milton. The awards were as follows:

Public Speaking, Girls — Vera May of Hornby, who in her prepared address spoke on "Yea, Rural Life", and in her impromptu effort, on the Ontario Junior Farmer leadership Training Camp, at Lake Couchiching.

Boys — Stuart McFadden, of Milton, the subject of whose prepared address was "Choosing a Career," and in his impromptu ad-

dress spoke on "Ontario's Northland."

Palermo's skit entitled "In a Kentucky Farmyard", in which ten of their members participated, was the winner in the Amateur Entertainment Contest.

These winning entries will now represent Halton in the District Competition to be held in the Watertown High School, on Friday, November 18th, at 8:00 p.m. During the course of the evening Miss Kean announced that Halton Juniors are planning to organize a County Choir, practices for which will commence early in January.

The Annual Rally of the Halton Juniors is scheduled for the Milton High School, on Friday, January 20th, when the guest speaker will be Rev. W. A. Young, Chaplain at the Ontario Agricultural College.

Another feature of the program is to be the presentation of the new Junior Farmer Film recently prepared with the cooperation of Imperial Oil Ltd.

HORNBY

Almost scared out of our wits; that's what we were, as spooks of various kinds and sizes floated up and down our roads, buzzed our door buzzers, and waited into our kitchens and living rooms on Halloween. We totted, not grasping the full significance of the weird night, seemed startled at the peculiar costumes and antics of their larger and older conferees; and there were some who didn't want us to miss finding out who they were. Our Hornby homes held open house as twenty or more of the younger members of our community visited back and forth, brightening up our evening. And the moon, too, seemed to catch the spirit of the time and shone out its light, as it gaily floated in the sky above us.

Some things that are ordinarily expected to remain put, moved about somewhat, to the consternation of those who found additions to their houses, and those who enjoy the missed facilities of more or less importance. Outhouses took quite a drop and could be had for the taking. Logs moved out from behind buildings to the shoulder of the road and waited secretly for some unwary motorist, some small boxes toppled, while strange, friendly creatures, possessed of human bodies, wandered about.

One or two parties were staged in the community at different hours to psychologically dissipate destructive inclinations and energy. One apparent mother, of the Hubbard type, trailed a troupe of children through the houses of the village; she being black, while her children were of assorted varieties. A Chinaman appeared with a Canadian made pigtail. Plastic faces covered grins and grimaces as we tried to make them talk and laugh. Shopping bags were brought along to be filled with cookies, candy, peanuts and fruit. But each and everyone was as polite as could be. There was no apparent evil intent in the mind of anyone. Expectant people with plenty of stuff loose about the place, need have had no fears. Hornby was good on Halloween.

To make the life of our United Church minister more interesting, somebody, perhaps with his tongue in his cheek, started the rumour that the minister is going to retire to the house he is purchasing, at the end of June of 1950, on account of ill health. To what extent the story has snowballed by now no one can tell just off hand, for, while the story is being told, fresher editions of it come off the tongue. However, the minister assures us that it is all bunk, and quite premature.

The W.A. and W.M.S. of the Bethel United Church met at the home of Mrs. Delbert Downs on Wednesday afternoon, November 2nd. A Potluck Supper — Bazaar Table — Christmas program was planned for December 9th, to be held in the Sunday School room. A splendid program of both Stewardship and Temperance was given, and a Mr. and Mrs. Club talked about. Tea was served at the close.

CHURCH GUILD MEETS AT NORVAL RECTORY

Further details in connection with the December bazaar were arranged at a meeting of St. Paul's Guild last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. E. Maxwell. Interesting discussions took place on youth work in the deanery of Halton, led by Miss Prairie Maguire. Members were assigned their various duties in connection with the bazaar. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Maxwell to the large number of members present.

JACK TARZWELL WINS SECOND UNIVERSITY PRIZE

For the second year in a row, Jack Tarzwell of Acton, engineering student at Queen's University, has won a \$100 university prize for proficiency. Jack, who is married to the former Marjorie McDonald of Georgetown, is in third year mining engineering. The couple make their home at Portsmouth near Kingston.

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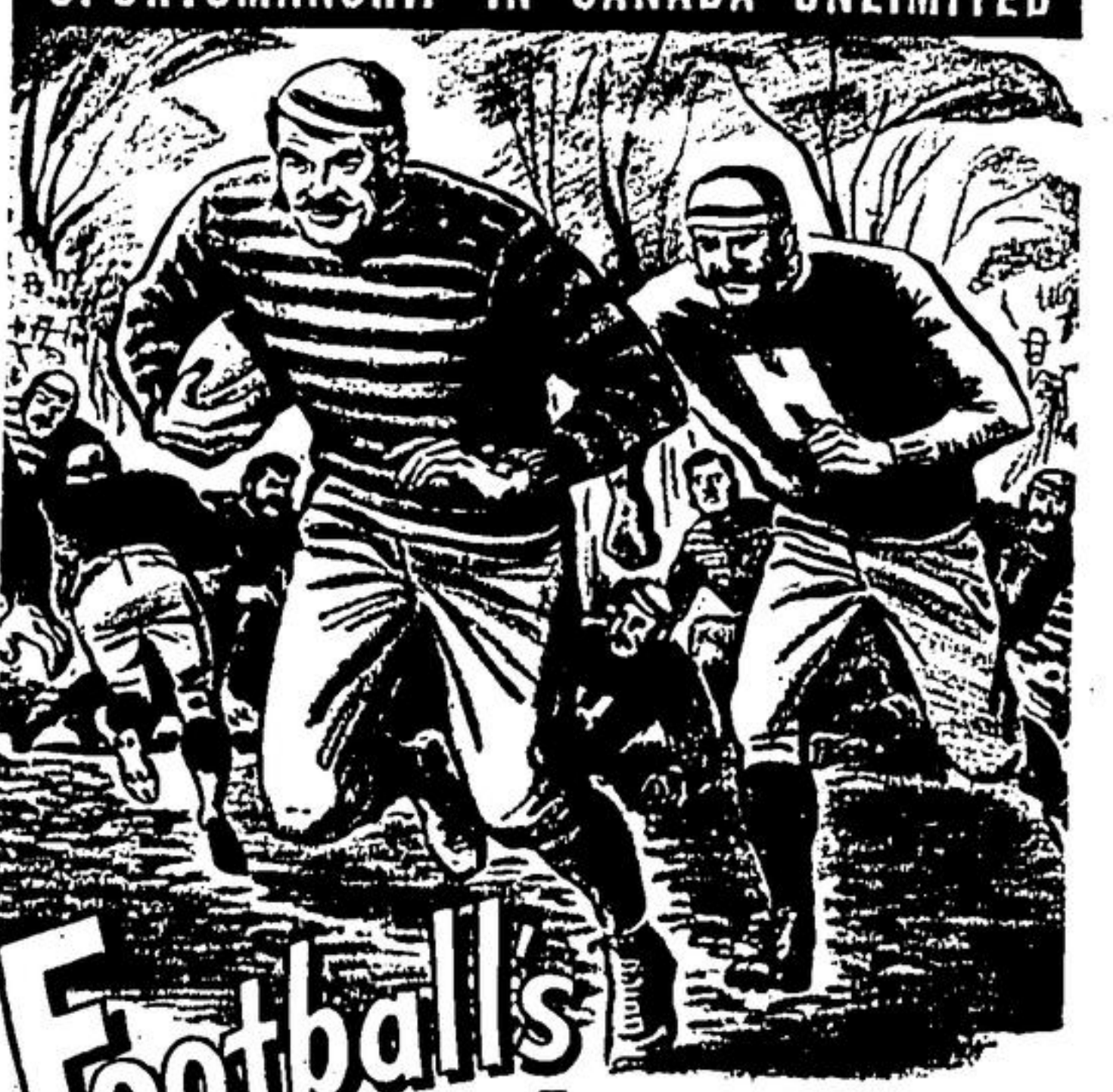
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of William Henry Barth, late of the Township of Esqueping, in the County of Halton, Farmer, deceased.

The creditors of William Henry Barth, late of the Township of Esqueping, in the County of Halton, Farmer, deceased, who died on or about the 20th day of October, 1949, and all others having claims against his estate are hereby notified to send by post, prepaid or otherwise, to Messrs. Langdon & Aylsworth, Georgetown, Ontario, Solicitors for the undersigned executor of the estate of William Henry Barth, Farmer, deceased, on or before the first day of December, 1949, their names, addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them, and that immediately after the first day of December, 1949, the executor will proceed to distribute the estate of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the executor shall then have notice.

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