

OFFICERS ELECTED BY ST. GEORGE'S LAYMEN

Jack Armstrong was elected president of St. George's Laymen's Association at the annual meeting held last Wednesday. Fred W. Chapman is vice-president and Norman Smith secretary-treasurer. The retiring president, A. E. Dawson, was elected honorary president. Future activities were discussed and an early get-together, with a speaker, was left in the hands of the executive.

News and Views For Halton Farmers

HALTON TO EXPERIMENT IN CONSERVING WATER

Halton Conservation Committee since early in the year has been, with the cooperation of the Department of Agricultural Engineering at the OAC, and the Conservation Branch of the Department of Planning and Development, investigating the possibilities of establishing a few dam sites. Falling wells and dwindling springs and streams is getting to be an old story in Halton. It is the opinion of many leaders in Halton that from a long time viewpoint the solution is the reforesting of areas where the headwaters of our streams arise; the building up of the organic matter content of our soils to prevent run-off and increase the water holding capacity of our soils and proper land utilization. However, the immediate solution would appear to be the conserving of our present water supply. It is therefore of interest to learn that at the last session of the Halton County Council, action was taken to establish a pond on the escarpment on the Paul Fisher property which lies North Side of the No. 5 Highway, west of Nelson. This will necessitate the construction of an earthen dam of considerable proportions. This will form a catch basin which will cover several acres. Numerous springs arise below this area and it is the hope and opinion of the Halton Conservation Committee, that a pond established above the springs on the escarpment will strengthen and increase the flow of water. The Ontario Department of Agriculture is supporting the experiment to the extent of furnishing financial aid to the amount of \$1.00 for each \$1.00 raised locally to a maximum of \$1000. Halton County Council has adopted the principle of furnishing the \$1.00 for each \$1.00 supplied by the property owner. In the case of the Fisher property the grant by the County Council is not to exceed \$250, which if all utilized will mean an equal expenditure by Mr. Fisher and \$500 from the Ontario Department of Agriculture. It is anticipated that this dam site will be completed in 1949 and there is a strong possibility that a few others may be established at strategic points, in 1950.

HALTON MEN SELECTED AS OFFICIAL JUDGES FOR THE ROYAL

T. J. Brownridge, well known Tamworth breeder, of Esquesing Township, has been selected as the official judge for the Tamworth and Berkshire Swine classes at the Royal Winter Fair, the judging taking place on November 19th. J. H. Willmott, prominent Hampshire breeder, of Trafalgar Township, will officiate on the classes of Hampshire and Suffolk sheep to be judged during the first week of the big show.

In the inter-county live stock judging competition open to teams of three young men under 26 years of age, who had not previously represented their County, Halton will be represented by Don Holmes, Trafalgar Township; Fraser McNabb, of Esquesing Township; and David Pelletterio of Nelson Township. They will judge and give oral reasons for their placing on ten classes of livestock (two in dairy cattle; two in beef; two in swine; two in sheep, and two in heavy horses). Thirty-seven teams from as many different counties in Ontario, will be in action for the Jeffrey Bull Memorial Trophy.

Halton will be well and worthily represented at the 1949 Royal. While we have not a complete list of the Halton exhibitors, here are a few who have made entries—Belgian horses, Ernest Armstrong of Esquesing Township; Clydesdales, Valley Crest Farms; Jerseys, M. C. Bealy, Featherstone Bros. of Trafalgar Township; Holsteins, F. Pelletterio & Sons and Ross Segsworth, of Nelson Township; Grain, W. E. Breckon, Freeman; Miller Bros., Georgetown, and M. T. Sherwood of Freeman; Shorthorns—S. G. Bennett, Georgetown; H. W. Merry, Oakville, T. C. Amos, and Grant Campbell of Moffat; while in the King's Guinea class, open to club members with Baby Beeves, Halton will be represented by Judy Merry, Duncan Campbell, Garnet and Clifford Norrish, Alex Buchanan, John McKinnon, John Okumura, Evelyn McCann, and John Willmott.

SHEEP POPULATION AT LOW EBB

Most of our successful farmers have followed the practice of running when the other fellows walk and walking when the other fellows run. During recent years many Canadian farmers have been running to get out of the sheep business, with the result that this once great industry is now in the walking stage.

The Sheep population of Canada has declined from three and three quarter million in 1944, to two and one quarter million head in 1948. Ontario now has less than 500,000 sheep; as compared with

Halton Farm Forum

(by Lillian C Gray)

At the fall meeting of Halton Farm Forum committee, Lillian C. Gray was re-appointed County press correspondent. Representatives from different points in the county expressed their appreciation for the cooperation of Halton county papers that use this column and find space to publish the county news and findings during the present season.

R. S. Heatherington continues as chairman of the County Committee, and Bob Howard has been elected Vice chairman. The secretary is Mrs. Roy Ellenton. Bob Howard is a member of Zimmerman Forum and Mrs. Ellenton belongs to the pioneer forum of Limestone. The meeting was an enthusiastic one; and the outlook for Farm Forum this season looks

over a million at the beginning of the present century. While Canadians are notoriously small consumers of lamb, current production provides for less than three pounds per capita. It would therefore appear that this industry could be expanded without fear of creating any serious marketing problem.

MILTON JERSEYS COMPLETE RECORDS

Two Jersey cows in the herd of Maurice C. Bealy of Milton, Ontario, have recently completed records. Lindale Basil Rosebay—169,111, has completed a record in 365 days of 8,640 lbs. of milk and 488 lbs. of fat with a test of 5.65%. She is one of the good daughters of Mr. Bealy's superior sire, Brampton Basil Ward 107304. Second cow is Lindale Lady Basilua—162620—that as a senior three-year-old in 330 days produced 8,099 lbs. of milk and 431 lbs. of fat with a test of 5.32%. Lady Basilua is a daughter of the superior sire, Brampton Pinnacle, Basil—104635, from the high producing daughter of Brampton Basileus. Lindale Basilua, grand champion several years at Milton.

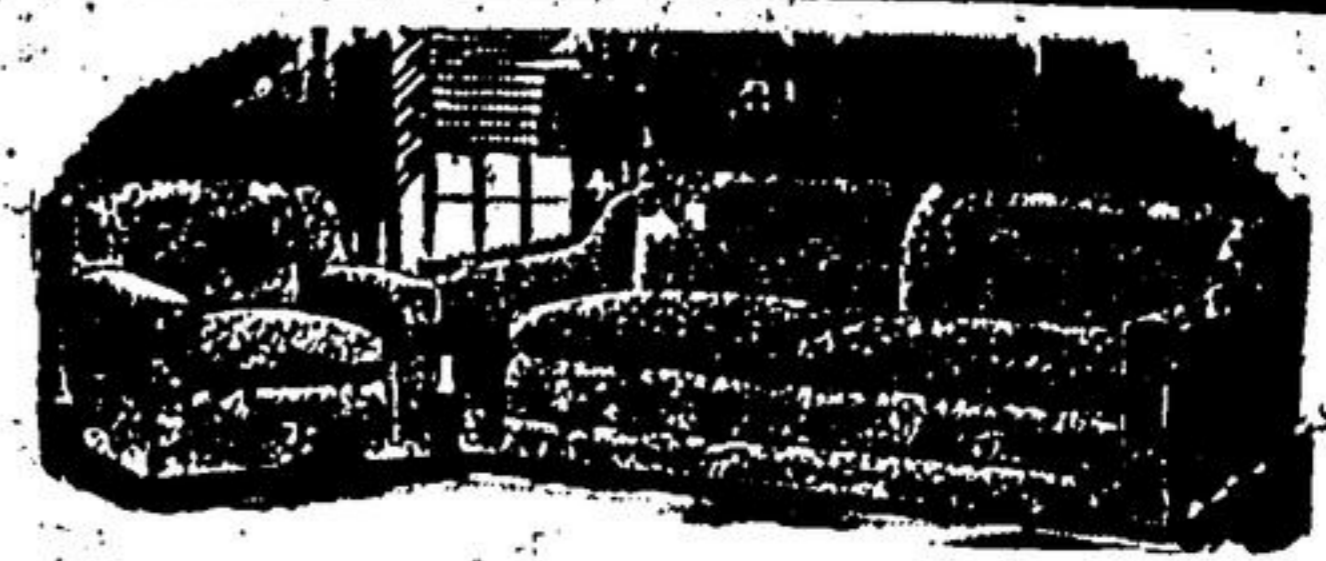
most promising. The forums are getting ready for their fall rally; several projects are to be undertaken; and there will be participation in CHML radio broadcasts. As the programs planned for the national broadcast promise to be very fine, it is expected the discussion will be interesting. Forums are planning this year to concentrate more on discussion and, in some cases, a little less on the social side.

The number of forums meeting the first night, October 31st, cannot be accurately reported, for the press correspondent has received only five reports. These came from Limestone, Zimmerman, Bannockburn, S. S. 4, Esquesing, and Boyne, the last named being new this year. The topic "Wanted, a chance for experience", drew thoughtful conclusions as to the best ways of developing young people as future farm leaders. Bannockburn believes "The older folk in the community have a definite responsibility in the development of young people as future farm leaders," and also that "Farm Forum, Women's Institutes, Junior Farmers and departments of agriculture and education should assist in this work." They think, too, the social side should not be neglected. To this thought, Boyne adds "Young farmers, although busy getting a start, should take time to take an interest in farm organization work." S. S. 4, Esquesing, suggests: "If the young people are given some responsibility, they will be more interested." Limestone says: "We think it a good idea to have a separate discussion group for young people, and get their ideas," Zimmerman states, "Young people are interested in farm organization activities. But too many young people are afraid to voice their opinions in front of older people." Zimmerman also believes in training for leadership.

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