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News and Views For Halton Farmers

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE AT HALTON CROP ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Halton Crop Improvement Association held on Saturday afternoon of last week had its usual excellent attendance which nearly filled the Court Room at Milton to capacity. President V. E. McArthur was the able chairman of the afternoon. The secretary's report revealed a wide range of projects conducted during the past year. Included among these were the following:

1. County Seed Fair.
2. Two Day Bus Trip
3. Three Soil Building Competitions.
4. 50 Bus. Winter Wheat Club.
5. Survey of Factors Affecting Yield of Winter Wheat.
6. Replicated variety tests with Oats and Barley.
7. Replicated variety tests with Husking Corn.
8. Sub-soiling Demonstration.
9. Liming Tests.
10. Alfalfa Top Dressing Experiment.
11. Tillage Machinery Experiment

The Soil Building Competitions in which some thirty of Halton's best farmers participated revealed two or three weaknesses, according to Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock — 1st. Faulty Seed mixtures lacking in sufficient legumes, particularly alfalfa, and also in improved grasses; 2nd Faulty rotations, too many grain crops in succession. "The greatest single weakness in Halton's soils is lack of sufficient organic matter," stated Mr. Whitlock. This condition, he added, can be corrected by shorter rotations and greater use of legumes such as alfalfa and sweet clover, coupled with liming on the acid soils, greater use of legume cultures and more attention on the acid soils, greater use of legume cultures and more attention to the method of seeding.

Halton's Winter Wheat Survey made on some 41 farms in 1947 and 1948 resulted in considerable data being collected. This material was recently analyzed by Dr. H. L. Patterson of the Cost Studies Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. A few of the most important factors revealed by Dr. Patterson's report were — (1) Variety, (2) Fertilizer and manurial treatment, (3) Length of time between plowing and seeding (4) Number of times the field was cultivated (5) Time of Seeding.

If the question of variety is eliminated, perhaps the most surprising factor was the third listed, namely, the length of time between plowing and seeding. It has generally been accepted that land for wheat should be plowed at least 30 days before planting. The data collected by the Halton Association indicates that a period of 50 days between plowing and seeding is even better.

Jack Bennett of Kilbride, gave an excellent report on his experience in following a Soil Specialist's advice. The fields in question were sandy loam, one was plowed very shallow, cultipacked heavily, fertilized and sown to fall wheat and grasses in the fall of 1948. In the spring the legumes and additional nitrogen were drilled in. Mr. Bennett reported an outstanding crop of wheat from this blow sand field and a good catch of seeds considering the year. On another stoney field which was in sod, following Mr. N. J. Thomas, advice, he one-way disked the field, kept the trash and mulch on top, and seeded to spring grain, again with splendid results.

Other interesting reports were presented by W. E. Breckon and C. L. S. Palmer of Freeman, relative to their experience with chemical weed killers. Mr. Palmer reported excellent results from spraying with 2-4D an 18 acre field heavily infested with chicory. It was the opinion of both speakers that success was due, first to the spray being applied in early June when the chicory was in the rapid growing stage, and secondly, to the proper amount of 2-4D acid being applied per acre.

W. E. Breckon reported on the seed situation on behalf of the Seed Marketing Committee of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association. Mr. Breckon pointed out that U.S. authorities are planning to take 20 million acres-out of cultivation in 1950 and consequently the demand for grasses and clovers is in keen demand in addition to being in short supply. This speaker urged local farmers to secure their requirements at the earliest possible date. He further intimated he would not be surprised to see timothy sold at 40 cents per lb. next spring. The meeting was also advised that seed oats were likely to sell next spring at \$1.35 to \$1.50 per bushel with 25 cents per bus. additional for registered seed, while the suggested prices for seed barley were \$2.10 to \$2.25 per bushel plus 25 cents addition per bushel for registered seed.

However, the highlight of the afternoon's excellent program was the address by Mr. Paul Fisher, on his visit to Malabar Farm, owned and operated by Louis Bromfield in the State of Ohio. This farm, consisting of several hundred acres

was taken over by Mr. Bromfield some eight years ago. Mr. Fisher described it as a veritable "Garden of Eden", built out of a wilderness of weeds and badly run down soil. "It was the best farm I have ever seen," stated Mr. Fisher, "and I don't believe half of what I saw." He related that Malabar Farm is largely in sod — no corn being grown and only a comparatively small acreage of grain. Forty-two hundred bus. of fall wheat were reported to have been harvested this year from 70 acres. Due to the increased organic matter and fertility of Malabar farms it has been possible to reduce the rate of seeding by one third. Today Mr. Bromfield's mixture is 8 lbs. alfalfa, 5 lbs. of broom, and half a pound of Ladino clover per acre. Mr. Fisher stated the main equipment being used at Malabar Farm were the one-way disc, the Seaman Tiller, and a hydraulic stiff-tooth cultivator which stirs the soil to a depth of twelve inches. In short, it was an amazing and an astounding story which Mr. Fisher presented to his keenly interested audience. It was announced at the meeting that Louis Bromfield is to address the annual banquet of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association, in Toronto, on January 19th. Tickets are already in keen demand and any of our readers who are interested in hearing this noted author and farmer would be well advised to place their order immediately at the Agricultural Office, in Milton.

Dr. Ford Stinson, recently appointed head of the Department of Soils at the Ontario Agricultural College, was an unexpected visitor to the Halton meeting. In his brief address Dr. Stinson congratulated the Halton association on having the most active and comprehensive soil building programme of any County in Ontario — "bar none."

The election of the directorate for 1950 resulted as follows:

Trafalgar Township, Frank Hall, Streetsville; J. H. Willmott, Milton; C. H. Lawrence, Sheridant; Wm. G. Booth, Milton.

Esqueping Township — Robt. Miller, Georgetown; T. J. Brownridge, John Bird, C. F. Pickett, all of Georgetown.

Nelson Township — V. E. McArthur, Milton; W. E. Breckon, Freeman; C. L. S. Palmer, Freeman.


Nassagaweya Twp. — Arthur Diamond, Rockwood; Lloyd Crawford, Campbellville; Jack McPhail, Campbellville.

Erin and Eramosa — Wallace Swackhamer, Acton.

Auditor — H. C. Morris, Milton.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS AWAIT ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE MADE AT DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

It is to be hoped that the Dominion Provincial Agricultural Conference which went into session on Monday of this week will result in some definite announcement concerning British contracts for Canadian Agricultural Produce in 1950. Perhaps by the time this appears in print those announcements will have been made and the air cleared.



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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Stephen Saxe, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Saxe, Market Street, celebrated his fifth birthday with a party last Friday afternoon, December 9th. His little guests included Lynne, Monty and Pat Hyde, Barbara and John Finlay, Jocelyn Bell, David McNally, and Christine and Mary-Jo Sargent, and his sister, Catharine.

Celebrating her eighth birthday on Saturday, December 10th, Paulene Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watson, Charles Street, had as her guests: Judy Bonathan, Brenda Bell, Barbara Finlay, Carolyn Blehn, Joyce and Virginia Barber.

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BAPTIST HIGHLIGHTS

"The Question of a Repenting Sinner" based on a chapter from Acts was Rev. C. R. Gower's sermon subject Sunday morning. He told of Saul who became Paul, a great apostle whose labours reached from Asia to Europe and through whose ministry thousands heard of Christ. Before he entered upon his ministry, he had to become a new man, and his conversion was a special act of God. It seems today

that ignorance and resentment of the world can only be removed by a visitation on High. The evening message was "Friendship of Jesus" and was based on a passage from St. John's Gospel — "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." Jesus came into the world to be our friend and his love was so great that He was willing to give His life for lost humanity. If burdened with sin and distress his friendship is there for all to share.