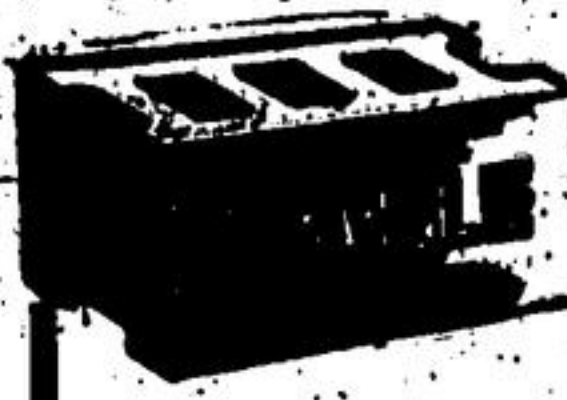


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**News and Views
For Halton Farmers**

STANLEY L. HALL, MPP, APPOINTED ON BOARD OF ONTARIO FLOWMEN

Halton plowmen will be delighted to learn that at the recent annual meeting of the Ontario Plowmen in Toronto, Stanley L. Hall, MPP for Halton, was appointed a director of that organization.

Mr. Hall is a past president of the Halton association and for many years has played a leading part in building up the Halton Annual Match to a point where it is now recognized as one of the top County Matches in Ontario.

BEEF BREEDERS TO HOLD SHOW AND SALE

The Royal Winter Fair Building Toronto, is to be the scene of a Beef Bull Show and Sale next month. This is being sponsored by the Ontario Beef Cattle Improvement Association, of which W. P. Watson, Ontario Live Stock Commissioner is the Secretary. The Show is to be held on Tuesday, March 21st, commencing at 12.30 noon. A total of 209 bulls have been entered. All bulls must pass a Culling Committee on the morning of March 21st. Any animals rejected will be removed to another portion of the building before the Show commences. The Sale will get underway at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22nd. Every Ontario purchaser will be eligible for financial assistance equal to one-third of the purchase price but not exceeding \$150 grant on any one animal. Incidentally, the Herefords sell first, followed by the Short-horns, and Aberdeen Angus. This should be an excellent place for those in need of a beef herd sire to secure their requirements.

HALTON JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

The Halton Junior Farmer choral group is proving to be an outstanding success. Forty-six have enrolled and the average attendance at the weekly practices being held in the Milton High School under the leadership of Mr. Alex Pudwell has been 40. Plans for the County Church Service have also been completed. This event is to be held in the Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton, on Sunday, March 19th at 8.00 p.m. We understand that Jack Hargreaves of Belleville, Ontario, is the guest speaker on this occasion. Mr. Hargreaves was the winner of the Public Speaking Contest sponsored by the same church Association of the same county in 1949.

The Halton Junior Farmers Debating Society is holding its 1950-51 season. The first event is to be held on March 18th at 8.00 p.m. in the Milton High School. The topics for debate are: "The present legislation in Ontario should be amended to permit increased sport and open theaters on Sunday." Other features of the evening's programme will include musical entertainment by the Acton, Brookville and Milton Clubs, and will conclude with a dance to music supplied by Alex Near and His Orchestra.

The Annual Judging Competition in Grain and Seeds, open to Halton Junior Farmers, is to be held in conjunction with the Halton Seed Fair and Bacon Show at Milton on March 18th. In addition, they are again sponsoring a special Junior Farmer Section with classes in Oats, Barley and Wheat. Entries in this section do not have to be backed up with grain for sale nor grade.

CHICK SALES FALL OFF

In conversation with one of Halton's prominent hatcherymen recently we learned that to date his chick sales are down one third in comparison to the same period in 1949. We were also informed that 50 per cent of Ontario hatcheries had not sold a chick at the end of January. The poultry industry had a mushroom growth during the war years and with the export market for eggs cut off, a reduction of approximately 15 per cent in our laying flocks seems to be the only solution. However, if the chick sales to date is any criterion of what is going to happen during February and March, it points to a shortage of eggs during the late summer and early fall. Unless there are a lot more eggs going into storage than we think it would look like a strong egg market at the period referred to. It is only our opinion, but it would seem to us that the average farmer with flocks ranging from 100 to 200 birds might be well advised to put in the usual number providing they secure them during February or March.

RUN-OFF PLOTS DISCLOSE AMAZING FIGURES

In 1948 the Soils Dept. at the OAC in cooperation with several Waterloo organizations established run-off plots bordering the No. 7 Highway near New Hamburg.

SLIDING ALONG THE BOARDS

by Diner

Ambling along to work one morning, I was approached by a hockey fan and received one of the greatest tongue lashings you could expect. I wasn't put out by this, for a sports writer can expect this now and then. But as I ambled on my way another fan cornered me and started to call me up and down, forwards and backwards. After this second outbreak I began to think it possible that something was wrong. Both fans had complained of my choice of stars in such and such a game. I'm not trying to say I'm an expert but I put down the notes and pick them out as I see them.

After clearing my head and getting my nerves back into shape, an idea struck me. This will be so simple. All I have to do is ask a few hockey spectators their views, and there I have it, the stars and standouts for the evenings. Next game everything is going along fine, so near the end I pick out my subjects, people from all walks of life, to get my reports. I ask one person and receive one name, a second gives me another name, a third still another choice, and so on. By the end of the game I had asked nine spectators, and what do you think—fine opinions. So there I was, right back where I started. The moral of the story— "Don't amble along to work! Run!"

Getting back to more serious things, we find the Raiders have eliminated Dixie, and are standing by pending orders from OHA headquarters. Dixie defaulted the fourth game after a thorough trouncing in the first three.

Looking over the record in the playoffs, we have compiled some records which will be of interest. The Raiders chalked up 26 goals to Dixie's 8. Dixie led the penalty parade with 44 minutes in the sun to Raiders' 26. Player standing for the series follows:

	GP	G	A	Pts.	Pen.
Ferra	3	2	7	9	2
Martin	3	7	0	7	2
Kenshead	3	4	2	6	
M. Bradbury	3	3	2	5	
Chappel	2	3	2	5	2
J. Beaman	2	2	2	4	10
L. Bradbury	2	2	2	4	
Hague	2	1	1	2	
Ferguson	1	1	1	2	
M. Beaman	1	0	3	0	
Scott	1	0	1	0	
Nash	1	0	1	0	
Winton	1	0	1	0	
H. B.	1	0	1	0	

African monkeys ran wild on Gibraltar rocks.

The plots were visited last May by 45 Halton farmers during their two day tour. To say the least the Halton group was both interested and amazed at the results recorded to date. The plots have been established on a 6 per cent slope which is not a steep slope by any means. Eight plots had been established each one one hundredth of an acre in area. In the spring of 1948 two plots were sown with oats, one on the contour and the other drilled up and down the slope. The same policy was followed two plots planted to corn, two in summer fallow and the two in hay. On the corn plot cultivated up and down the slope 11.2 per cent of the fall was lost as run-off in comparison to 1.45 per cent when cultivated on the contour. The soil loss during 1948 from the plot in corn cultivated up and down was 1378.29 lbs. per acre in contrast to 45.08 lbs. per acre on the contour plot. On the summer fallow plot the contour plot showed a loss of 98.62 lbs. of soil per acre against 1260.01 lbs. per acre on the plot cultivated up and down the slope. These figures would appear to indicate that we are losing a lot more top soil than we realize when we plow and cultivate up and down the slopes.

GRASSLANDS IN OTHER LANDS

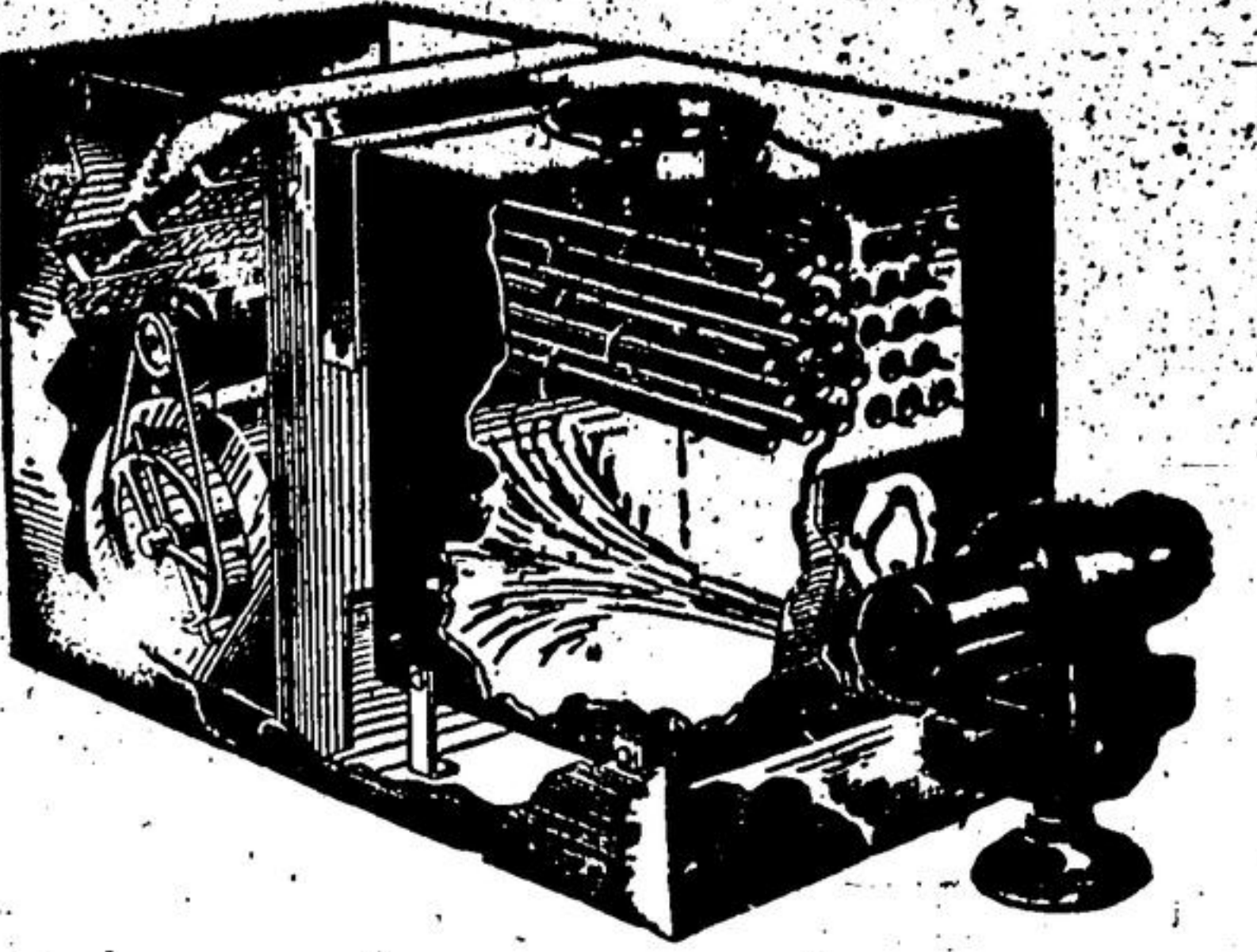
This is the title of an illustrated address to be delivered by Dr. Kohl Weir, Forage Crop Specialist, at the OAC, on Friday, February 24, in the Farmers' Building, Milton, at 2.00 p.m.

Dr. Weir spent some months visiting and studying grass land methods in several European countries in 1949. The programme provides opportunity for discussion on hay, pasture and general crop problems, and the Halton Crop Improvement Association extends an invitation to all Halton farmers.

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