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### News and Views For Halton Farmers

#### GOOD SEEDS IN SHORT SUPPLY

Local supplies of good seed grain have been pretty well cleaned up. As a matter of fact considerable seed grain in addition to small seeds has had to be brought in from outside points and still the demand goes on. Judging by the appearance of some of the meadows and wheat fields more seed is going to be required than was anticipated. The meadows on the heavy land for the most part have been a seed bearing and the bulk of the alfalfa and red clover is on top of the ground or badly heaved. On the higher, loamier fields where excess water goes away readily the meadows still appear to be in good shape. Fall wheat fields vary from excellent to a complete freeze-out. We have seen fields which would fit under both categories.

A few Haltonites were on the land the odd day last week, and some grain is reported as sown. In general however, the fields for the most part were not fit at the end of the week. A few warm showers and higher temperatures would help materially to get growth really started.

#### MAPLE STRONG ON RANSOM BREEDING

The Maple Cattle Breeders artificial breeding unit which branched out with Guernseys last fall to make the fourth dairy breed have recently added a battery of Shorthorn bulls at the request of the beef producers lying outside of the more concentrated dairy area of the Toronto Milk Shed.

The committee, after deciding on the Ransom line of breeding was fortunate in securing two bulls that have been used by the Ontario Agricultural College, one a six year old bull, Ransom 135 that has done such a grand job at the New Liskeard Demonstration Farm, and the two year old Ransom 23A that has been so popular at the Ontario Agricultural College.

Two other Ontario Agricultural bulls were purchased at the recent Toronto Bull Sale, the highest priced Shorthorn which carried the richest Ransom breeding in the sale, OAC Ransom 12C, and the other, OAC Royal 15C, from one of their best Ransom dams and sired by the imported bull Uppermill Royal. A third bull purchased at the sale was Glenburn Outlaw, a Deacon-bred grandson of Robinwood Colonel which was placed first in a class of fifteen in the

#### TRACTOR MAINTENANCE CLUB ORGANIZED

The organization meeting of the Halton Tractor Maintenance Club was held in the Farmers' Bldg. on Thursday evening of last week. Messrs. Gregg and Ford of the Extension staff of the Department of Agricultural Engineering at the OAC assisted by Arnold McDuffie, local leader, of Milton, were in charge of the meeting. The officers elected were as follows:

President, Bruce Bowden, vice president, Glen Gumbo, secretary, Bruce Alfow, all of Nelson Township.

Between 15 and 20 young men between the ages of 16 and 20 years have already signed up as members and are most enthusiastic about the project in question.

#### Spokane Doctor Was High School Graduate

A graduate of Georgetown High School, Dr. Peter Reid, M.D., died recently in Spokane, Washington, in his 68th year.

He was born in Erin Township, a son of the late John Reid and Mary McLean and after attending Peacock and Erin Schools, he completed his high school education in Georgetown. He graduated in 1907 from the University of Toronto, then started practice in Spokane. He served with the U.S. Medical Corps during the first Great War.

Surviving are his wife the former Jean Ballantyne, one son John, who is a medical student at the University of Toronto and a daughter, Dr. Mary Reid of Spokane. He also leaves a brother and three sisters, Archie of Erin, Marion of Spokane, Mrs. Peter Johnson (Janet) and Mrs. W. T. Scott (Annie) of Erin.

#### Niagara Synod Plans Seventy-Fifth Session

The Synod of Niagara (Church of England) will meet for its seventy-fifth session on Monday, May 1st, opening with a great service of witness in Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton at 8:00 p.m. The clergy, lay delegates, churchwardens, lay readers, servers and divinity students meet at Hamilton Armouries and march in procession to the Cathedral for the service.

The lay delegates of this parish are Jack Armstrong, Lindley Beaumont and Paul Barber with Irwin Noble as substitute. Any members of the congregations are welcome at the service. The preacher will be the Most Reverend G. F. Kingston, Primate of all Canada.

#### BLASTING DEMONSTRATION IS BEING PLANNED

The Department of Agricultural Engineering at the OAC in cooperation with the Halton Crop Improvement Association is planning to stage a demonstration in blasting stone, stumps and a ditch on the farm of W. R. G. Johnson, Lot 2, Concession 6, Nagsaweya Township. Prof. Jim Scott will be in charge of the demonstrations, which will commence at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 28th. We understand the field where the demonstrations are to be given is directly across the road from the Jim Robertson farm on the Kelso road.

#### HALTON JUNIOR HONOURED

David Pelletterio, popular Halton Junior Farmer has been invited to be one of four Junior Farmers in Ontario to represent the Province at two judging competitions in Great Britain this coming summer. The first competition is to be held at Paisley, Scotland, on June 21st, where the Ontario team will participate in the Royal Highland Beef Cattle Competition. On July 4th the Ontario team will compete at Oxford, England at the Royal Dairy Judging Competition. A. M. Barr, Associate Director of Extension for the Ontario Department of Agriculture will be in charge of the Ontario team.

It is indeed no small honour to be selected as one of the Ontario team, and heartfelt congratulations are extended to Dave on behalf of his many friends.

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# Around the Home ...

**TOM GARD'S NOTE BOOK**



You do not need a half acre of land to grow flowers! One of the most enthusiastic gardeners I know applies her talents successfully to four window boxes, two hanging baskets and a few old lard pails. The lack of suitable location for annual and perennial beds in no way curbs her desire for bright color at the front of the house. No one can pass that way without noticing the beauty of these miniature "gardens".

It's catching, too! Just since she moved there three years ago others have been paying more attention to the beauty of their property. Soon the whole district will reflect a brighter, more cheerful appearance.

**Double Its Worth**

Are you an auction sale fan? I could be after the fun I had when I stopped to see why all the cars were parked around a farm house down Oshawa way. I found myself caught in a surging crowd and evidently nodded my head at the wrong time only to find myself the owner of a small square table! Thank goodness the auctioneer didn't have a lumber wagon under his gavel! However, it gave me an opportunity to try out an idea seen in a magazine. Now there are two half tables, each performing valiant service, one in the upper and one in the lower hallway. It worked so well I'm passing the idea along to you.

**Gay Bottles**

Nothing can add color to a window ledge or shelf like gaily decorated bottles. I have often admired their odd shapes and sizes in other people's homes, but never thought of making them. Just last week I saw a large collection displayed in the window of a small village store and learned from the proprietor that he made his own. After one easy lesson I'm right in the business myself!

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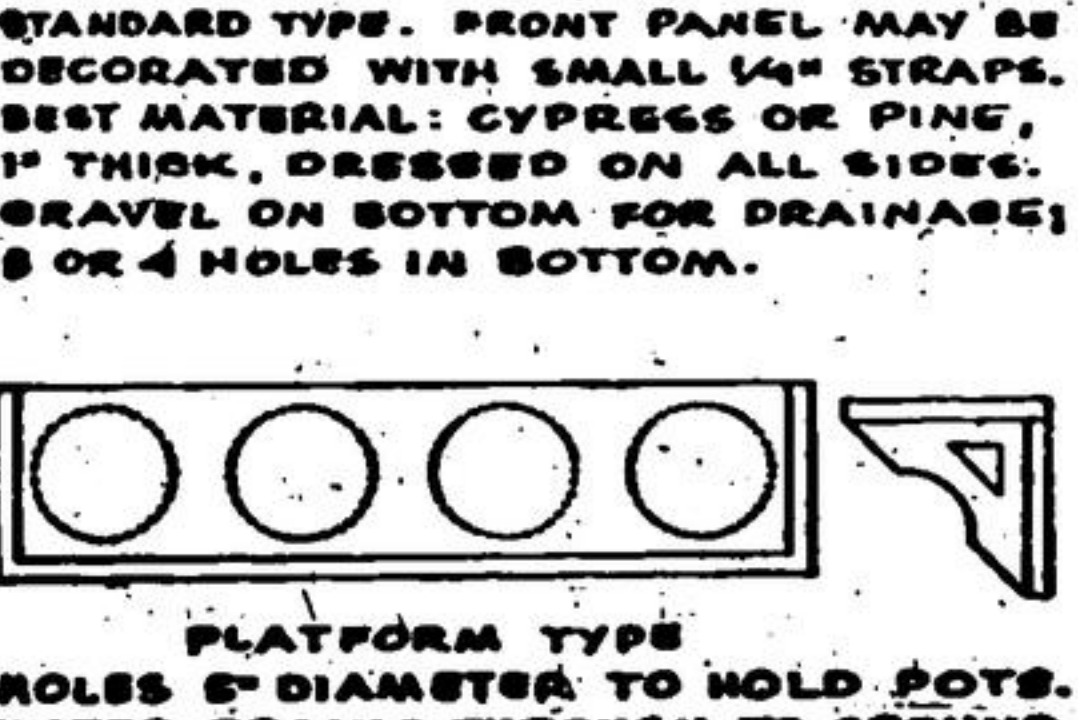
**WINDOW BOXES**

STANDARD TYPE. FRONT PANEL MAY BE DECORATED WITH SMALL 1/4" STRIPS. BEST MATERIAL: CYPRESS OR PINE, 1" THICK, DRESSED ON ALL SIDES. GRAVEL ON BOTTOM FOR DRAINAGE; 3 OR 4 HOLES IN BOTTOM.



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