

News and Views For Halton Farmers

MILTON AGRICULTURAL SOC. ANNOUNCES CROP AWARDS

Secretary Chas. Laundon of the Halton Agricultural Society announced the awards in the Field Crop competition in oats which plots were recently judged by Alex Davidson of York County. Some fifteen farmers of the district entered in the competition with Registered Beaver Oats. The ten top scoring fields are as follows:
W. E. Ford; Trafalgar; Ralph Ford, Trafalgar; J. Lloyd Chisholm, Nassagaweya; John Pickett, Trafalgar; A. M. Sherwood, Nelson; J. H. Webb, Trafalgar; Dr. Wm. James Esqueising, J. Allen Dixon, V. J. Lawrence, and Geo. S. Atkins, of Trafalgar.

GRAIN SPROUTING IN FIELDS

Not only is the wheat sprouting in the stacks but in many fields of standing grain left for the combine the wheat is germinating in the heads. It is some years since the latter condition previously occurred. Some fields of oats in the stack are also sprouting it is reported. Considerable of the wheat will be unfit for milling, however, with milling wheat at present prices it is worth more for feed in any event. While farmers generally would welcome clear dry weather for the next two or three weeks the rains to date have been far from an un-mixed evil. Pastures and second crop hay have benefited immensely. In addition, land which has been plowed for wheat now has adequate moisture.

SOME WHEAT BAD WITH SMUT

We are rather surprised to find that quite a number of Halton wheat growers have wheat which is unfit for milling purposes due to ball or stinking smut. Apparently there is quite a percentage who do not think it necessary to treat their grain for smut. Frankly we do not think there is much excuse in this day and age for having smutty wheat. The ethyl mercuric dusts such as Ceresan or Ceresan M will control this at little cost for either material or labour. The fact that you have not smut in your fields this year does not give you any assurance that it isn't necessary to bother this fall. True weather conditions are a factor and no one can foretell weather conditions very far in advance consequently it is well to remember that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

HIGHLIGHTS HERE AND THERE

Vern McArthur, President of the Halton Crop Improvement Association has one of the best fields of oats we have seen in the southern half of Halton County for some years. Good drainage coupled with good soil preparation and plenty of commercial fertilizer has paid off according to Vern.

J. Allen Dixon, President of the Halton Agricultural Society, cooperated with the Halton Crop Improvement Association by laying down one of their fertilizer demonstrations this past spring. While Allen is a strong believer in commercial fertilizer particularly on his fall wheat and pastures he did not think that the fields he was putting into spring grain required any commercial fertilizer. However, on one acre he applied 50 lbs. of ammonium Nitrate plus 100 lbs. of 45 per cent Superphosphate. After seeing the results Allen states, "I guess I should have applied commercial fertilizer over the whole field."

Allen Bush, also of Trafalgar Township, is more than satisfied with the results he got from his commercial fertilizer. He has 70 acres of Montcalm barley in one block and last spring applied 75 lbs. per acre of 45 per cent Superphosphate. In brief, he has one of the most promising crops of barley we have seen in Halton in some years. Montcalm variety of barley by the way, is the one and only smooth awned variety suitable for malting.

Wheat fields here and there reveal the following: (1) Wheat after wheat doesn't pay in a year such as 1950; (2) Late seeding doesn't pay in a year such as we have experienced this past twelve months. (3) That maximum results from commercial fertilizer can only be secured by drilling it in with the grain. (4) It doesn't pay to slip up when it comes to treating grain for smut!

THIRD HALTON D.H.I.A. GROUP UNDER WAY

The third group of dairymen in Halton under Dairy Herd Improvement work got under way on August 1st. This third group has as their Supervisor, David Pelletier, who recently returned from Great Britain where he was one of the four Ontario Junior Farmers representing this province in the Junior Farmer Judging Competitions at Paisley, Scotland and Oxford, England. The first two groups, with Frank Chisholm of Hornby

and Geo. MacCormack of Freeman as supervisors, commenced operation on May 1st of 1949. This makes a total of 78 Halton dairymen participating under D.H.I.A. work. In short, Halton has more groups in action than any other county in the Province. Incidentally, figures for the first year of operation will be released shortly, states W. P. Watson, Ontario Live Stock Commissioner.

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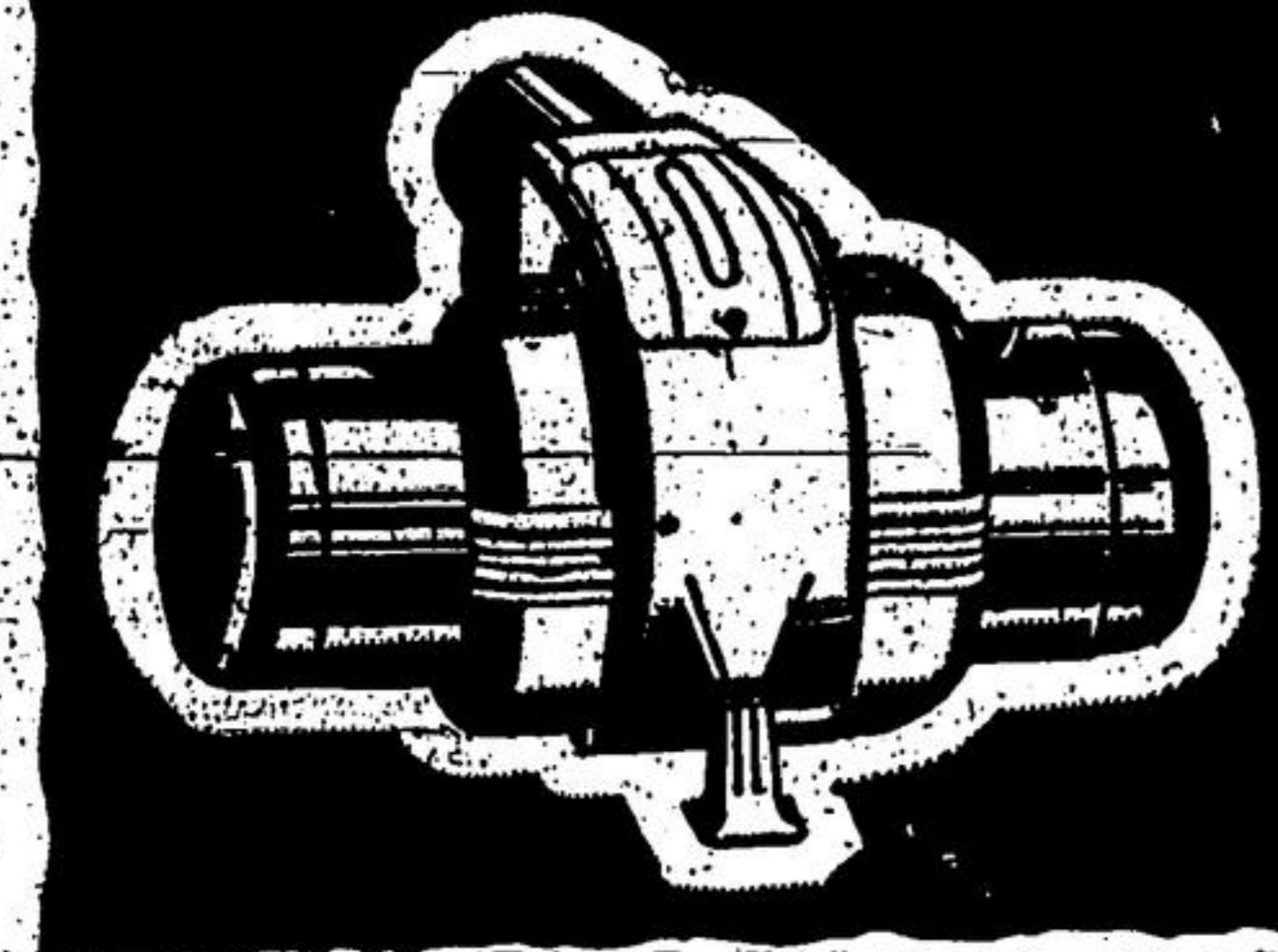
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