

## News and Views For Halton Farmers

### C. F. PICKET TOPS FIFTY BUS. WINTER WHEAT CLUB

Winter Wheat is them ost important crop in the mixed farming area of Halton County. In view of this the Halton Crop Improvement Association has, for several years sponsored a Fifty Bushel Winter Wheat Competition. Inasmuch as the regulations necessitate the competitors using high class seed, the primary objective of the competition is to have a sufficient number of growers using high class seed so that they in turn may serve as a source of good seed for others in the county requiring seed. Twenty competitors participated in the 1949-50 Competition. The awards are based on field score, plus the yield multiplied by two.

While the yields based on small plots cut in each competitor's field will run somewhat higher than the field average, it is interesting to note that the yields announced by the Department of Field Husbandry at the OAC range from a low of 40 bus. to 80.4 bus. The sixty bushel yield was secured from the field of Miller Bros., Georgetown. However, the awards based on the combined score are as follows:

Name	Field Score	Yield	Total
C. F. Picket	83	59.2	201.4
Georgetown			
Robt. Alexander	85	56.9	198.8
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Miller Bros.	75	60.4	195.8
Georgetown			
Gordon Leslie	87	53.7	194.4
Acton			
John Y. McNabb	77	56.5	190.
Georgetown			
W. R. Hume	89	49.4	187.8
Milton			
J. H. Willmott	82	48.2	178.4
Milton			
M. T. McNabb	76	50.6	177.2
Georgetown			
Howard Bros.	78	49.	176.
Milton			
Allan Clements	72	51.8	175.6
Milton			
Wm. Booth	82	46.3	174.6
Milton			
Ross Segsworth	79	45.5	170.
Milton			

It is also interesting to note that the first eleven awards were won by the variety Cornell 595. We understand from V. E. McArthur, president of the Halton Crop Improvement Association, that entries are now being accepted at the Agricultural Office, Milton for the 1950-51 Competition.

### GUERNSEY BREEDERS PLAN CLUB SALE

The Halton Peel Guernsey Club is sponsoring a Club Sale at Hays Arena, Trafalgar, on October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. D.S.T. We understand from President Art Spencer of Lazy Pat Farms, Palermo that 4n the Sale will be 50 fully accredited, vaccinated females and 3 bulls.

### WHY HORNS ON CATTLE?

The Ontario Guernsey Breeders' Club is launching a programme to remove horns from their cattle. Here is what Bruce Hodgins, Secretary of the Ontario Guernsey Club has to say about the matter.

"Horns on cattle are as necessary in this present age, as wings on a pig! The beef cattle industry has been religiously trying to educate breeders and feeders to take the horns off their cattle or to breed non horned varieties in order to save themselves millions of dollars yearly by sending a better product to the packers. They reason that packers pay a lower price for cattle with horns because there is bound to be damaged portions of the carcasses which have to be cut out and sold at lower prices. It's about time the dairy cattle people woke up and realized that there is nothing to gain and everything to lose by leaving the horns on their females. There is no breed of dairy cattle so docile that there is absolutely no possibility of injury being inflicted by one another, and if there is a breed of dairy cattle so dependent upon the shape and size of a horn that it is considered necessary in order to properly evaluate breed character or to give the animals style or to make them saleable, it's about time for that breed to either revise its standards or face extinction. To beln with the horns on about 99 per cent of the cattle that are shown or sold in sales are only a shadow of what they originally were. Many have had the shells removed, have had the ends cut off, have had a heavy application of sand paper and file, and some have even been subjected to horn trainers. What a farce! What a lot of unnecessary work! And they are still as good as ever and immediately ready to inflict a damaging blow to the udders of a stable mate or frighten her through a fence or against a post or tree resulting in a knocked down hip or something worse. It is true that breeders who still have horns on their cattle would hesitate to buy a dehorned animal. It is also true that those who have dehorned cattle would hesitate to

buy cattle with horns. It is also true that, in our breed, the large majority of new breeders are farmer-breeders who are not so much interested in where their cattle will place in the show ring as they are in how much milk they will give, and how long they will continue to give them good calves and a good flow of milk. They are not prepared to face the possibility of ruined udders and the financial loss involved as they should, as a result, be looking for dehorned cattle which will be more profitable for them. More than one large breeding establishment has already dehorned all their mature females and are dehorning the calves as they arrive. They also report an active demand for their stock and they have not been penalized in the show ring. Why labour any longer under a false impression? Why suffer the financial loss caused by horned cattle? Let us look at the problem realistically and let us be one of the first dairy breeders to actively encourage the removal of horns from all females."

### PROF. WEALL TO ADDRESS MILTON GARDEN CLUB

"Mighty oaks from little acorns grow" is an old and much eaten slogan, nevertheless it seems very apropos with respect to the Milton Garden Club. This organization came into being last spring at the Limestone School, near Lowville. Their membership is made up of both rural and urban citizens and on Monday evening, October 2nd they are holding a meeting in the High School, Milton, to which the general public is invited. Professor J. A. Weall of the staff of the Dept. of Horticulture at the OAC, is to be the guest speaker. Those who have heard Prof. Weall on former occasions have been highly delighted with his able and practical presentation on flowers, shrubs, and landscaping.

Incidentally, the Milton Garden Club is staging a display of flowers at the Milton Fair. In conjunction with this we understand from Mrs. Velma Norris, president of the club, that they hope to sponsor a sale of bulbs in conjunction with their exhibit. The ultimate objective of the Garden Club is the organization of a Horticultural Society for Milton and district. Such an organization with good leadership should fill a long felt need in this district.

### GEORGE CURRIE NEW VICE PRES. OF O.C.R.A. ZONE NO. 2

The annual meeting of zone 2 of the Ontario Reforestation and Conservation Association was held at St. George's on Friday of last week. This organization is made up of representatives of the county agricultural and reforestation committees of the counties of Halton, Wentworth, Lincoln, Welland, Haldimand, Brant and Waterloo counties, and others interested in conservation. Herb Richardson, director of the Conservation Branch of the Department of Planning and Development of the Ontario Government was the guest speaker at the noon day luncheon. To date, stated Mr. Richardson, 14 authorities have been set up and five others are in the formative stage.

In Eastern Ontario there is the South Nation Authority which covers some fifteen hundred square miles, and here the prevention of flooding is the primary objective. Next is the Napanee authority, where the primary objective is to maintain a summer flow of water. Such a programme entails the erection of dams near the head waters of the various small streams in the district. The Moyra Authority centres around Belleville, where the prevention of flooding is again the first problem to be solved.

The Ganaraki was one of the smaller authorities, and includes only six municipalities. Here a vigorous reforestation programme is under way and it is our understanding that they are undertaking to plant about five thousand acres each year for a period of five years.

In Central Ontario there are the Humber and Don Authorities and the control of pollution and the providing of recreation are the initial problems or steps in their programme.

In the case of the Etobicoke authority, the control of flooding is their objective at the moment. This stream which flows through Brampton it will be recalled resulted in a half million dollar loss to the merchants of that town some two years ago. At the moment they are diverting this stream around Brampton, at a cost of some \$780,000. Then comes the Grand Valley authority which resulted in the erection of the Shand dam near Fergus, and a second dam to be built near Luther.

Passing on westward we come to the Thames Valley authority, where already they have done a great deal of channelling of the river basin near Ingersoll. They have also made plans for the erection of the Farnshaw dam which we understand has a possible cost of some four and one-half million dollars. Along with this programme of straightening out the river basin

## Saturday Newlyweds will Honeymoon in the Bahamas

Amid a setting of colourful glad-loll and candelabra with white tapered lights, a pretty autumn wedding was solemnized on Saturday, September 16th in St. John's United Church when Grace Isabel Burt, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Burt became the bride of Rupert Ross McConnell, Toronto. Officiating at the double ring ceremony was Rev. T. J. Rees, Elora.

An organ prelude, as guests arrived, was played by Mrs. W. F. Bradley, who was at the organ for the processional and to accompany Miss Isabel Archdekin, Brampton, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" prior to the ceremony and "Because" during the signing of the register. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of imported slipper satin fashioned with a mus-

lin and the erection of a dam, is included the programme of reforestation.

The Big Creek authority centres in Simcoe County, and here reforestation would seem to be the solution to their immediate problem. Near Aylmer is located the Catfish authority, where ground water studies are being undertaken.

Near Grand Bend is another authority, which has as its objective flood control. Here in Halton, the lack of moisture at critical periods of the year and the conservation of water would appear to be a matter deserving of study and action. This matter was raised at the meeting of St. George by Mr. Paul Fisher who was the guest speaker at the evening banquet. It is the contention of those interested in conservation work in Halton, that most of the springs and streams have their head waters on the escarpment, which passes through this County. In the brief prepared by the Conservation Committee and presented to the Select Committee of the Ontario Legislature, it was recommended that competent engineers make a study of the escarpment, and if the contention of the local leaders is correct, that all strategic points on the escarpment be taken over by the Province as a state forest.

There is a strong possibility that the Halton Conservation Committee will in the immediate future give some consideration to the advisability of setting up an authority in this district so that the best advice possible may be secured from qualified engineers.

The new officers approved at this annual meeting for the coming year are as follows:

President: Mr. Emery, County engineer, Waterloo County.  
1st Vice Pres: George Currie, Georgetown.  
2nd Vice Pres: Mr. Reppholt, Wentworth County.  
Sec.-Treas: Roger Lee, County Engineer, Brant County.

ded bodice and nylon yoke trimmed with French embroidered lace studded with rhinestones. The bouffant skirt flowed into a circular scalloped train. A full length veil of French illusion and chantilly lace fell from a tiara of rhinestones and seed pearls. She carried a cascade of American Beauty roses and stephanotis.

Bridal attendants were similarly attired in gowns fashioned after that of the bride. Mrs. W. S. Stephenson, London, sister of the groom, as matron of honour was in pink moire tulle. Miss Dorothy Holloway and Mrs. Robert Puckering, Toronto as bridesmaids were in lime and orchid moire tulle. All wore coloured plumes to complement their gowns and carried contrasting bouquets of gladioli. Little Lois Morrow gowned in yellow nylon as flower girl, scattered rose petals along the bridal carpet and Master Bobby Stephenson, nephew of the groom acted as page boy.

Gifts to the bridal attendants and soloist were rhinestone necklaces with matching earrings and to the flower girl and page boy, rings. The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful silver tea service.

Mr. Duncan Pollard, Toronto, was groomsmen and the ushers were Mr. Gordon Delaney, cousin of the bride and Mr. Robert Claire, Toronto. Each received appropriate gifts from the groom.

At a reception held in St. John's Memorial Hall, the bride's mother received in fuchsia velvet with gray accessories and corsage of yellow roses, assisted by the groom's mother in blue velvet with navy accessories and corsage of red roses.

The bride and groom left amid showers of confetti and good wishes on a honeymoon trip by motor to Miami, Florida, and thence by plane to Nassau in the Bahamas. The bride wore a navy blue gabardine suit with matching accessories and corsage of red roses. After their return they will take up residence in their new home on Armour Boulevard, Toronto.

Friends were present from Burlington, London, Toronto, Detroit, Hillsburg, Brampton, Belleville, Thornhill and Stirling.

### Guelph Band Featured Acton Fair Arena Show

With Georgetown enjoying a perfect day for their annual fair on Saturday, directors of Acton Fair are casting anxious eyes on the weather reports and hoping for the same luck next Saturday.

Acton has planned a well-balanced two day program. Featured the first night in the arena is the 11th Field Regiment Band from Guelph, a prize winning band noted for its fancy drill. The Nickling Brothers are on the program too with their bar and trampoline act.

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