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News and Views For Halton Farmers

HALTON PRODUCERS MAKE GOOD SHOWING AT SWINE FIELD DAY

Recently some data was released which will be of interest to Halton hog producers and particularly to those who entered hogs for the swine field day held at Essex Packers in Hamilton some weeks ago. In all 90 hogs were entered from the six counties in the district. Of this number 28 were entered from Halton, 24 from Haldimand, 21 from Norfolk, and 9 and 8 respectively from Wentworth and Lincoln counties. What is even more interesting is to note that from the standpoint of quality, Halton is again at the top with 80 per cent A's; Wentworth 65 per cent; Haldimand 50 per cent; Lincoln 37 per cent; and Norfolk 33 per cent. Another 33 per cent of the Halton hogs entered were B-1's, which in most cases could have been A's too, had they been marketed at the proper weights.

TRASH FARMING IN HALTON

During recent years a great deal has been said and written on trash farming. "Plowmen's Folly" by Faulkner stirred up quite a controversy — then followed a number of books, articles and addresses by the one and only Louis Bromfield. He too, is an advocate of trash farming. Those of us who had an opportunity of visiting Malabar Farm last June have to admit he has converted a veritable desert into a very productive farm. We could not help but note that his mouldboard plows stand rusty and unused in the driving shed. Mr. Bromfield, aside from being a great booster of alfalfa, ladino and bromegrass, is a real enthusiast for the Graham Plow. This is a modified hydraulically operated stiff toothed cultivator with teeth approximately a foot apart which, according to Mr. Bromfield can, if put over a field several times, be put down to 18 or 20 inches. The seventy-five members of our party were impressed, but not convinced that such methods would be satisfactory on the heavy clay loams of Halton. Conditions at Malabar are entirely different from here in Halton, they argued. In the first place the soil at Malabar is a deep gravelly loam. Secondly, they get 35" to 40 inches of rainfall in that section of Ohio, in contrast to 25 or 30 inches in this section of Ontario. Others pointed out that 25 to 30 inches of moisture is ample if we could get sufficient at the critical growing period during May and June. With that we are inclined to agree and our solution in part at least would appear to be a question of conserving our moisture by building up in the humus content of our soils. True, that is easier said than done under the adverse growing periods of the past two or three years. It may necessitate us discarding or modifying some of the methods which we have considered sound on even our best farms. Frankly, we must admit we don't know the answer. However, we were impressed to learn a few days ago that some of those who took the trip to Ohio last June are quietly proceeding to try out some of these new ideas. Up in the Ashgrove district of Esqueping Township, Nurse Bros. have procured a Graham plow and instead of fall plowing some of their stubble and sod fields they put this new implement over the fields a couple of times. Instead of getting it down 18 to 20 inches as suggested by Mr. Bromfield, the best they could do under their soil conditions and power available was 8 to 10 inches and they used a lot of power too. The only observation Nurse Bros. can make to date, is that the moisture has gone down and there has been little or no run-off. They are indeed to be commended for their initiative and their experience will be followed with interest. Recently we were talking to a prominent fruit grower in Halton, and he is a great advocate of mulching. Under his orchard conditions this practice gives results. There can be no ar-

Sing Carols, Visit Aged Cedarvale Girls Christmas

The girls of Cedarvale School had an even finer Christmas than usual this year, when they learned a lesson in how enjoyable it can be to give to others.

On Thursday the whole school went to the Peel-Halton Home in Brampton where they presented a concert for the elderly residents there, topped with Christmas presents and a personal card for each which the girls had made themselves.

Christmas Eve, the whole school, 32 strong, accompanied by Mrs. Iva Margeson and Miss Paula Arthur went carol singing through the town, stopping before several homes of members of St. John's Church. Their singing was exceptionally fine and brought joy to all who heard them. When they returned to the school Mrs. O. Hodgson had prepared lunch for them to end a wonderful evening.

BALLINAPAT

DANCE FOLLOWS BLUE MOUNTAIN CONCERT

Blue Mountain School held their concert in the hall Thursday evening under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. John Lawson. A most enjoyable program was given by the pupils followed by a visit from a well beloved Christmas personality. Lunch was served and dancing was enjoyed to music supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKay, Mr. Harding Price was chairman for the proceedings and Miss Doris Harding was accompanist in the absence of the music teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Gear Sinclair and family of Milton spent Christmas day with the Kirkwoods.

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Briery of St. Thomas were Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibb.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Allan were in Toronto for Christmas, with Mr. and Mrs. Russel Taylor.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kennedy and Cheryl of Lansing were guests on Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Herrington.

A family dinner on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wyatt included Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wyatt, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wyatt, Hamilton, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wyatt and Lynn. Mrs. Wyatt and Lynn left today for Trenton where Bob, who is stationed there with the RCAF has rented an apartment.

argument that a heavy shower on our clay loams does create a hard surface with consequent loss of moisture by run-off, whereas a mulch of cut straw or manure does break up the rain drops and results in the moisture soaking in with little run-off and the soil remains loose and friable. Needless to say, the soil under such a mulch does retain its moisture too during dry periods. The point is, can we apply this principle to grain and other cultivated crops. The practice on many of our better farms in recent years, where manure is available for the plowed fields, is to spread it on top and disc it in. Under normal conditions this is good practice but in the dry springs of 1948 and 1949 it has resulted in opening up the soil and greater loss of moisture — at least that has been our observation.

We wonder if there isn't someone in the mixed farming of the county who is prepared to be a guinea pig if you like — someone who has part of a stack of old straw which has been through a shredder — some surplus cut straw or some manure, who would be prepared to spread it after seeding over a portion of one of their fields, which have been sown to grain and seeded down. It may be a new fangled idea but in an area where we run short of moisture in May and early June, and where we have difficulty getting satisfactory catches of small seeds, it should be worthy of a trial.

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