

FARM NEWS

Crop Association Plans Bus Tour

Plans are now under way, states C. F. Picket, president of the Halton Crop Improvement Association, to sponsor a three or four day bus trip to eastern Ontario. Similar tours taken the past two years have been so popular that secretary J. E. Whitelock has been almost deluged with inquiries as to when and where of the 1951 trip. Tentative plans call for the Halton tour to leave early the week of June 10th. While plans are not by any means complete, those responsible for planning the programme have in mind such points as the Artificial Unit at Belleville; Old Fort Henry at Kingston; the Kemptonville Agricultural School; the eastern Ontario Artificial Unit at Kemptonville; the Dominion Experimental Farm at Ottawa; the Ottawa Dairy Farm where they have made a specialty of grass silage in recent years; the City of Ottawa, and other points of interest in eastern and Central Ontario. It will be recalled the Halton Association sponsored a two day tour to western Ontario in 1949, and a four day trip to the State of Ohio in 1950. We understand that while these annual tours are sponsored by the Crop Improvement Association, any Halton farmer may participate providing those interested make application to the Milton office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture before the quota is filled.

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Hay, Pasture Crops Look Promising

Prospects for hay and pasture look promising in all sections of Halton. Nevertheless as a result of poor catches of seed during the past two years and the consequent shortage of hay and pasture, many Halton farmers are planning to sow a few acres of annual hay or pasture crops this year. Sudan grass or sudan and oats are the most popular animal pasture crops grown in this section of Ontario. These should be sown at corn planting time which roughly means between May 24th and by the end of the first week in June. Sudan grass like corn is a hot weather plant and while it takes about eight weeks before it is ready to pasture, it will produce large quantities of palatable pasture until frost. The rate of seeding is 25 to 30 lbs. per acre and a drill set at two pecks of wheat will normally sow the latter amount. The normal mixture of oats and sudan grass is two bushels of the former and twenty pounds of sudan grass. This mixture will be ready to pasture in about six weeks but in our experience will not produce as much total pasture throughout the season as straight sudan. The popular practice on many farms is to sow half the area to sudan and oats and the other half to straight sudan. Then if an electric fence is used to divide the area a maximum of pasture can be produced providing fertility of the fields and weather conditions are favourable. Sudan Grass can also be used for hay, but it is rather coarse for this purpose and difficult to cure. The only other annual hay crop which occurs to us to be practicable at this late date is millet. This crop can be planted almost any time during June and under favorable conditions will produce a fairly heavy tonnage of roughage of somewhat similar feeding value to timothy hay.

WIDOW RECEIVES \$950 KENTNER FUND TOTAL

The sum of \$950 has been turned over to Mrs. Jack Kentner, Jr., widow of a young Acton sports star who lost his life in a truck accident this spring.

Bulk of the money, \$755 came from a benefit hockey game played between Georgetown and Milton in the Georgetown Arena last month. Kentner was a star performer with the Milton Co-ops this year. The remainder of the fund was donated by organizations and individuals.

business, is going to take a little getting used to. "Dick and Tina" as they are known to the great majority, were very popular merchants, and no matter how busy or rushed they were, always had time for a joke or a pleasant word, to make the shopping chore that much more enjoyable. We're all going to miss them, that's for sure, but we do wish them lots of happiness in their new life of freedom from the ties of business. Mr. and Mrs. Licata are planning to live in the apartment in Berwick Hall presently occupied by Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Chamberlain. In the near future Dr. and Mrs. J. Chamberlain and small daughter Janet will be moving into a new house on Edith Street, owned by Mrs. L. W. Danh. The house is one which has been completely renovated, with the work being done by McNally Construction. Formerly of white frame construction, it is now a very attractive brick residence.

Chatting . . .

With M.H.B.

AN EVENT which proved fascinating to a great number of people from town, and from a distance, was the late Nancy Teeter's auction sale on Saturday afternoon. We think most people were amazed, as we were; at the number of dishes she and her mother had accumulated over the years, and the brand-new linens stored away in trunks. There was lively bidding, between antique-dealers, some of whom had come from as far away as Paris (Ont. of course.) Nancy and her mother had lived very much upon themselves, in a way, and the auction sale was a sort of revelation of furniture, bric-a-brac, pictures and household utensils of the last century. We would judge that nothing that had even the faintest possibility of usefulness was ever thrown away, and that included a huge old hand spinning wheel, still with a thick coating of dust upon it. The house and property was also up for auction and was bought by Mr. Dave Hurren who has recently moved from his farm to a house on Queen Street.

THE CATERPILLAR nuisance in our northland is receiving a lot of publicity these days in the daily papers. We mentioned it last week in Chatting saying that the Dept. of Lands and Forests was trying to combat the destructive hordes with chemicals sprayed from planes. The implication was that the Department was doing it as a Government project, but we learned from a cottager in

the Muskoka district, that you must pay the Dept. so many dollars per acre to have your property so treated, and they cannot spray under five acres. So, even tho the summer home property in question is much less than five acres (worth a small fortune in that district), the spraying was contracted for, and neighbouring cottagers with the five acres boundary are the luck ones. They will have their caterpillars exterminated. . . we hope for free.

TURNING TO a more pleasant topic. We're looking right now, at a lusciously beautiful picture on a post card sent us from California by Miss Jessie Leavitt. Perhaps you think those are two odd adjectives to use together, but they are the only ones to adequately describe the sight of a California orange orchard fenced by roses. The oranges hang temptingly within reach, and we can quite believe Miss Leavitt when she writes "we can pick our breakfast off the trees." That would be a thrill we'd like to experience ourselves sometime. . . Miss Leavitt is spending three weeks in the "Sunshine State".

MRS. TRYGVE WOLD has her sister, Mrs. Guri Malon and 11-year-old son Christian, of Oslo, Norway, visiting with her and Mr. Wold at their lovely home on Maple Avenue. Mrs. Malon and young Christian started on their trip to Canada aboard a small freighter last March, arriving in Georgetown a little over a week ago. They made numerous stopovers en route to visit in England, Ireland, Scotland, as well as Europe. In Europe they were behind "the iron curtain", and we hope to have a chat with Mrs. Malon a little later on because we're sure she will have many interesting things to tell us about her journey. Mrs. Wold tells us that Christian enjoyed seeing the 24th of May celebrated here with fireworks. The Wolds intend that their guests will see as many places of interest in Ontario as possible during their weeks here. Last weekend they took them to Niagara Falls, and since Christian is most anxious to see real honest-to-goodness Indians so that he may tell his school-mates back in Oslo, Mr. and Mrs. Wold plan to take them up to Parry Sound later on, so that they can see the Indians on the reservation in that district. On occasion, the Indians put on quite a show for the tourists in the summer, dressed in native costume and so on. Perhaps the Wolds and their visitors from Norway will strike a lucky time and so give the little boy from Norway a real story to tell his friends.

TALKING ABOUT stories, this one comes under the category of "believe it or not". Don Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ford, has a small tractor which he puts to good use in earning that bit of extra pocket money very necessary to a lad his age. One of the things the tractor does very well is plow gardens (there's a free ad, Don). Don had contracted to do several recently, for Normandy Blvd. residents. The work was duly done, but on arriving home afterwards, Don found he had lost his wallet, containing a considerable sum of money. It seemed certain that Don had ploughed it under in one of the gardens, but which one? To make matters worse, it rained all that night. But nothing daunted, Don decided to take a look for the wallet the next day, anyway. It seemed reasonable to start with the last garden he had ploughed and work backwards. He was in the midst of ploughing the second furrow in that garden when he turned up his soaking wet but otherwise intact, wallet. How's that for a stroke of luck?

A NEW FAMILY have moved to town, in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Goar and five-year-old son Brian. Mr. Goar is employed at Provincial Paper Limited, and he and his wife and son formerly lived at Port Elgin. They are living on King Street, in the house where Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robinson lived, next to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dawson. The Robinsons have moved to Mitchell.

IT IS MUCH pleasanter to tell you of new families coming to town, rather than families moving away. So to make the second pleasant item in a row, we can also tell you of another new family which has just arrived in town. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jaap and young son, recently arrived from England, are living in the Cordara apartment on Charles Street, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Caldwell. Mr. Jaap is employed at Alliance Paper Mills Ltd. as Finishing Room foreman. Before going to England the Jaaps lived in South Africa.

THE LATEST business change, on Georgetown Main Street, whereby Mr. and Mrs. Dick Licata sold their fruit and vegetable

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