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FARM NEWS

HESSIAN FLY OUTBREAK SERIOUS

Halton's winter wheat crop would appear to be badly infested by an outbreak of Hessian Fly. We base that statement on the comments of many of our farmer friends and inspection which we personally made of ten fields on July 3rd. Prof. H. W. Goble, Provincial Entomologist, accompanied us on the tour and a cursory inspection of the ten fields indicated an outbreak from a lot of 2 or 3 per cent in the odd field, to as high as 50 per cent in others. In brief it would appear on the average as if 15 to 20 per cent of the crop is infested with Hessian fly and broken off at or near the first joint. The insect is now in the pupa or flax seed stage. In some talks as high as nine pupae were found. Needless to add, nothing can be done to assist this year's crop. In our last week's column we outlined the control measures recommended by our entomologists on this continent. In brief it is recommended that sowing be delayed as late as is safe and still get a good stand before winter. We are beginning to wonder however, if the Hessian flies have read the control measures which have been recommended. In any event, there is plenty of damage done in some of the fields that were sown the last week in September. Some of our wheat growers are in a bit of quandary as to whether or not to plant wheat this fall. Whether or not Hessian fly will be serious in 1952 no one knows. In so far as we can ascertain weather conditions will be the determining factor. Personally, we don't think our 1951 experience with Hessian fly should scare one out of the fall wheat business.

Housing For The Aged

By James M. Mather, M.D., D.P.H., Director and Medical Officer of Health Halton County Health Unit, Milton, Ontario.

Canada, in common with other countries where the standard of living has risen and where industrialization has taken place, faces a new and ever-increasing problem. A falling birth rate coupled with giant strides in preventive medicine has resulted in a steadily growing proportion of the older age groups in our population. Many more children are living to maturity and on into old age. The expectation of life has been markedly increased. The battle against cancer and the degenerative diseases goes continuously forward.

Certainly no one would wish the situation to be other than it is. These older citizens have a definite contribution to make to our national economy. However we must face the fact that this increase in the older age groups creates new and, in some cases, as yet unsolved problems. There is the integration of the older employee in industry, provision of special medical care, financial help through some form of social security, special recreational facilities and many other factors to allow these people to live normal lives and to give them the opportunity to contribute to the maximum of their ability to the life of our country. Not the least of the problems we face is the provision of special housing facilities.

Not too many years ago, grandnie and grandpa were welcome additions to our households. They were happy, useful members of the family. In the last generation the whole picture has changed. Our cost of living has steadily increased. We have tended to become urban dwellers with smaller houses. Many of us are now living in apartments. Housing has become increasingly difficult to obtain, many of us have had to accept makeshift unsatisfactory housing.

Few of us, by our own efforts, have been able to provide financial security for our old age. Most of us would still welcome our older relatives in our homes, but in many cases, it is not a practical possibility. Increasingly, the responsibility of housing the older citizen has been shifted to the state.

At least three types of housing must be provided. There must be best care for those who are no longer able to look after themselves. There must be institutional housing for those who are still able to be up and about, but can no longer maintain a self-contained domestic establishment. Lastly, but by no means least important, there must be special provision for those who, although they can no longer maintain a house, are quite capable of looking after an apartment-type unit.

The efforts of Halton County and the town of Burlington to supply a solution for the latter two problems may be of interest and point the way for other municipalities in Canada. Halton County is a small county with a population of about 41,000. It lies on the shore of Lake Ontario between Toronto and Hamilton. From a densely populated suburban belt along the lake it stretches back to comparatively sparsely settled rural areas.

There are five towns and four rural townships. The towns are quite heavily industrialized. It has long been settled but the growth of population since the war has been large. Burlington is a town of 6,000 situated in a corner of the shore of Lake Ontario near Hamilton. It is primarily a residential town but has considerable industry. It is surrounded by a rich farming area which is rapidly increasing in population.

For many years, Halton county has shared a home for the aged with Peel county at Brampton. Recently, when it became apparent that considerable additional accommodation was needed, Halton county decided to build its own home. This is now under construction. The new building has several important departures from tradition. It is situated adjacent to the town of Milton, within easy walking distance for old people. It is served by municipal water and sewerage. The accommodation for the older citizens is confined to one floor.

Eventually, cottages for the reception of aged couples will be constructed but, even in the first unit to be built, there will be provision for couples. There will be none of the barracks-type of living quarters. Rather, all rooms will have small numbers of occupants. There will be no farm or farm buildings in connection with the home. With this type of housing available, those persons needing institutional care but still able to care in part for themselves will have an opportunity to live out happy lives. The town of Burlington has been a pioneer in the provision of low-cost apartment housing for old couples. In March, 1948, an apart-

ISLEY REUNION HELD IN WEST

Mr. Henry Isley, who returned home last week after visiting with relatives in Alberta for several weeks attended a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Whitlock of Triangle while there. The reunion was on May 27th, and it was Mr. Isley's 74th birthday as well as the 80th birthday of his brother John.

Present were forty-five children and grandchildren, with John Isley, his wife and Belle Isley coming from Wetaskiwin for the occasion. The main attraction of the day was a three-tiered birthday cake bearing eighty candles which made a very pretty sight when the candles were all lit.

Mr. and Mrs. Isley were presented with a well-filled purse to be used as they wish, also a hand painted glass cake tray. Mr. Henry Isley received numerous gifts as well. The various presentations were made by the youngest son Everett and the youngest daughter Mildred, Mrs. Mahan Hill. Uncle Henry Isley fittingly thanked each who had presented him with gifts, and Dad Isley thanked the family as a body, ending his appreciation by repeating the 23rd psalm. He finished by saying that little do we realize that God's promise is true until we have perfect faith in Him. The party closed with Mrs. Mahan Hill leading in the singing of "God be with you till we meet again."

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ment block was officially opened; a second unit has since been built and a third is contemplated. This housing development represents a cooperative effort on the part of the town of Burlington, civic organizations and the federal government. The town, the Lions Club, the Canadian Legion and private citizens provided 10 per cent of the cost. Through Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation, the federal government provided the remaining 90 per cent by way of a mortgage over a period of 47 years at a low rate of interest. The apartments rent for \$18.00 and \$21.00 a month. The revenue is sufficient for maintenance and to retire the mortgage. Old age pensioners, widows or mothers' allowances and certain war pensioners are eligible to rent these apartments. A board representing the town and interested civic organizations administers the property. The apartments are modern in every respect and the buildings are situated on a pleasant street in the heart of town.

Here, then, is how a small county and a town in southern Ontario have attempted to solve the problem of housing the aged. Their accomplishments should serve as an inspiration to other municipalities facing the same difficulties.

ANNOUNCE DATES FOR FALL FAIRS IN ONTARIO

Here are some dates that will be of interest to people in the district. They are the dates for some of the Fall Fairs being held in Ontario this year. First up is the Georgetown Fall Fair from September 14 to 15th. Others are: Bolton, September 28, 29; Brampton, October 4, 5, 6; Caledon, September 28, 29; Cookstown, October 2, 3; Cooksville, September 14, 15; Dundalk, September 13, 14; Erin, October 6 and 8; Fergus, September 14, 15 or 21, 22; Galt, September 20, 21, 22; Acton, September 21, 22; Grand Valley, October 5, 6; Markham, October 4, 5 and 6; Markdale, October 8, 9; Milton, September 28, 29; Orsewen, September 21, 22; Orangeville, September 18, 19; Streetsville, September 21, 22; Woodbridge, October 6 and 8.

The International Plowing Match will be held at Woodstock, Oxford County, October 9, 10, 11, 12. A complete list of Fall Fairs in Ontario may be obtained by writing to: Agricultural Societies Branch, Dept. of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

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