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CAMPAIGN CHUCKLE is provoked by former Ontario Agricultural Minister Tom Kenney (left) as he chats with Sybil Bennett, Progressive Conservative candidate in Halton. Also in the yarn are Mac Sprowl (right) Acton fall fair president and Stan Hall, MPP, Halton's provincial member. Col. Kennedy and Mr. Hall spoke on behalf of Miss Bennett at a euchre and dance in Acton.

FARM NEWS

Fred Nurse Farm Among County's Best

A most interesting farm meeting was held by the Halton 4H Forage club at the farm of Fred Nurse, Equestrian Township, on Friday evening. Due to the fine haying season the attendance was somewhat disappointing but the Club Members and the older folks who were present were more than repaid for the effort they made.

Following the business session presided over by president Jamie Cunningham, an interesting tour of numerous points of interest was made, under the joint leadership of Art Bennett, assistant agricultural representative and the genial host of the evening, Fred Nurse. The first stop was a four acre pasture of orchard grass and ladino clover seeded in 1951.

This four acres has been carrying some 27 head of Jerseys (14 or 15 of which are cows) for approximately 8 weeks since the beginning of the season. "Orchard grass is the No. 1 grass for pasture and grass silage," stated Mr. Nurse — "It does, however, take more management in that clipping is a necessity," he added. One has only to see the Nurse farm to realize that the operator is a good mechanic.

Handy Unloading Device

The chassis of an old mower had been mounted on a two wheeled cart and has seen seven years service. This is also true of the home made wagon with the moveable front, which is one of the conveyances used for transporting grass silage, cut hay or straw from the field to the barn or silo, as the case may be.

Electric Debeaking Machine

As the group headed into the barn someone spied a piece of equipment which was on the barn driveway. This, advised Mr. Nurse, is an electric De-Beaking Machine — they had just finished a day or two ago the debeaking of some 950 January hatched pullets as they were placed in the laying pens. This practice stated Mr. Nurse, prevents feather pulling, pick-outs, and egg eating by the birds, and is well worth the time involved. High-Line poultry which are true hybrids have been a specialty on the Nurse farm for some years, and in Mr. Nurse's opinion the additional cost of approximately 30 cents per bird is more than compensated by their egg laying ability. Eighty per cent production for the greater part of the winter months is normal at the Nurse farm. Their 1952 flock when sold to another poultryman two or three weeks ago was still

giving 60 per cent production.

Cement Floors in Granary

Another interesting and new feature to most of the group was the cement floors in the granaries and mows. This was put in a few years ago by Mr. Nurse and not only helps to keep out mice but prevents dirt and dust sifting down into the stable.

The group also had an opportunity of viewing the hay drier installed by Mr. Nurse two or three years ago and which incidentally is operated by a second hand one-cylinder gas engine.

Pit Silo

A Pit Silo, approximately 100 ft. long, 8 ft. deep, and 16 ft. across at the top and 10 to 12 ft. at the bottom was the next point visited. This pit was filled in June with approximately 250 tons of 22 acres. First used in 1952, the pit floor has been cemented the entire length and both sides for some fifty feet before the commencement of the 1953 season. Some 3 1/2 tons of barley meal had been used as preservative — incidentally the silage was covered with a layer of sawdust. While there is a stave silo on the Nurse farm, the owner prefers the pit for grass silage and according to Mr. Nurse costs only about one fifth as much to construct, as a cement tower silo would today if it were to hold the same amount of silage.

Hogs Another Sideline

Ten brood sows are also carried on this 150 acre farm. Anyone who knows anything about pigs, could not help but be impressed by the quality and type of this swine herd. All hogs are finished on the farm — as we recall there were some 70 market hogs in addition to two, or three thrifty new born litters scattered through the barn. We were surprised to learn that up until a month ago, no feed except for the poultry had been purchased — needless to state concentrate to balance the rations for both cattle and hogs is purchased throughout the year. Incidentally, the wheat crop is fed on the farm.

Attractive Home and Lawns

One has only to drive into the Nurse farm lane, to realize that the operator and his wife must like farm life — the lawns, and they are sizeable, are neatly trimmed — the borders are a picture — along with this, the whole setup looks like a "going concern" and that means ability on the part of both Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nurse, not only to get over a tremendous amount of work, but outstanding managerial ability as well. Every member of the group must have marvelled as we have on numerous occasions, how one man, even though he has an efficient

helpmate and one hired man (when such can be obtained) can find it possible to operate such a business and keep smiling.

No Forty Hour Week

We are confident that not only farm folks but urban dwellers too would be impressed by Nurseland Farm. It isn't necessary to advise our rural dwellers but perhaps it wouldn't be amiss to point out to our urban readers that this business is not operated on a forty hour week.

It is when we visit farms such as this, and we have quite a large number of them scattered over the county of Halton, that we get inspiration to try and do a little better job personally. We also wonder, too, why we organize bus trips to various sections of Western and Eastern Ontario, to Ohio, and Michigan, when right here at home in Halton we have a goodly number of farm layouts at least the equal of anything seen anywhere. However "Far away fields look green," and as long as men of the calibre of Fred Nurse and many others, who might be mentioned, can find time to get away — and as long as they feel that such tours give them ideas which help them — then such tours will likely be continued.

The article would not be complete if we did not apologize to our host and hostess of Friday evening for taking advantage of their hospitality. We know very well that had Fred and Mrs. Nurse known this article was going to be written, they would never have consented to the Halton 4H Forage Club meeting at Nurseland Farm. However, we hope it will be interpreted as a well deserved tribute not only to them but to the many other high-class operators of farm and home in Halton. Such businesses take not only a lot of energy but tremendous amount of "know how." That is why we have always rated the top farm operators a little higher than the top men in any other profession. However, we don't want to start an argument about that, and we also hope this article won't result in us being shut out of Nurseland Farm nor of being "shot at sunrise."

FARM NEWS

SAYS WEED SPRAYER TOP FARM EQUIPMENT

"Do you know the best piece of equipment we have bought to date?" was the question asked us recently by J. H. Willmott, prominent Trafalgar Township farmer. Knowing that Mr. Willmott has recently purchased a pick-up baler, we figured this was what he had in mind and said so — but no the piece of equipment he had in mind was a "Weed Sprayer." Mr. Willmott was enthusiastic about the results he has been getting from spraying the fence bottoms and flats on the Willmott farm. "Another year or so and we'll have them clean," he stated.

In referring to Canada Thisle, he stated that by using 20 to 24 ounces of 2-4D acid per acre, he was getting a complete kill. This was good news to us, because we have always been under the impression that while 2-4D would prevent this particular weed going to seed, it wouldn't kill it. That of course is true under field conditions where it is necessary to keep the amount of acid down to 8 ounces per acre (depending on whether or not the field is seeded down) in order not to injure the grain.

Another enthusiast encountered recently was N. J. Thomas, Soils Specialist at the OAC. Mr. Thomas too, has added a weed sprayer to the equipment on his farm. He, like Mr. Willmott, is confident that two or three years will clean up his fence rows.

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