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FARM NEWS

Fred Nurse, Calvin Aitken Top Seed Fair Competition

Forty-seven exhibitors brought out a nice entry to the Nineteenth Annual Seed Fair sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association. This popular event was held on Saturday, March 13th, in the Milton Town Hall.

The oat classes were well filled, with twenty one in the single bushel classes and eleven entries in the 10 bushel class. The awards were made by Prof. R. Keegan, of the Field Husbandry Dept. at the Ont. Agricultural College. The Grand Champion award for the best exhibit in the open show was won by Fred Nurse, of Georgetown, R. R. 2, on his bushel of Larch Oats, with the reserve going to Calvin Aitken, of Acton on his entry of Timothy seed. Mr. Aitken also won the special award to the exhibitor bringing out the most entries.

The auction sale of ten bushel lots of oats brought prices ranging from \$1.40 to \$1.80 per bushel, the latter being the price paid for Fred Nurse's first prize lot of ten bushel Larches. Only five 10 bushel lots of barley were out, and here prices ranged from \$1.90 to \$2.25 per bushel. Auctioneer J. A. Elliott was in charge of this feature of the show.

Royal Bank Special

The Junior section was lighter than normal. However, competition was keen with Earl Wilson of Norval repeating his triumph of a year ago, by again winning the most points in this section, and the Norval Club won the Halton Juniors Special for the club getting out the most entries.

Milton Club Top Display

Four Junior Farmer Clubs competed in the section for inter-club educational displays. A. E. Fahl, of the Public Relations Dept. at the Ontario Agricultural College was the official judge here, and gave the top award to the Milton Club, with Palermo in second place.

Don Johnson Wins

Twenty-two Junior Farmers participated in the Judging competition held in conjunction with the Seed Fair, under the direction of Art Bennett, associate agricultural representative. The young men judged a total of eight classes, and gave oral reasons on four. The top contestant in the Junior Section was Lyne Coultter, Campbellville. Paul Johnson of Milton was the top in the Intermediate Section, and his brother Don was top senior, and also the high contestant of the day, winning the T. Eaton Co. Special.

The Halton Seed Growers trophy for the high score in Grain classes was won by Fraser McNabb, Howson Riddell was the high contestant in judging Potatoes and Hay and won the Halton Cream & Butter Co. trophy while Don Johnson had the high score in Small Seeds and Identification of Weeds and Forage Plants and consequently took the Strathcona Orchards trophy.

Awards in Open Show

Class 1. Early Oats (7 entries) — 1st Fred Nurse; 2nd and 3rd Calvin Aitken; 4th and 6th C. E. Beaty; 5th Woodlands Orchards.

Class 2. Medium Oats (11 entries) — 1st Robert Marshall; 2nd Gordon Leslie; 3rd Calvin Aitken; 4th Stan Robinson; 5th E. R. Pasmore; 6th H. Craig Reid.

Class 3. Late Oats (3 entries) —

1st Woodlands Orchards Ltd.; 2nd Harold Hurren; 3rd H. Craig Reid.

Class 4. Barley 6-Rowed (4 entries) — 1st and 2nd Calvin Aitken; 3rd Erwin Gunby and Sons; 4th Don Matthews.

Class 5. 10 Bushel Oats (11 entries) — 1st Fred Nurse; 2nd Calvin Aitken; 3rd Gordon Leslie; 4th John M. Bird; 5th Harold Hurren; 6th E. R. Pasmore.

Class 6. 10 Bushels Barley (5 entries) — 1st T. J. Brownridge; 2nd Calvin Aitken; 3rd Erwin Gunby; 4th Don Matthews; 5th H. B. Burdholder.

Class 10. Red Clover (4 entries) — 1st Harold Hurren; 2nd G. Howland; 3rd Clare Smoke; 4th J. J. Brownridge.

Class 14. Timothy — 1st Calvin Aitken; 2nd J. H. Willmott.

Class 15. Late Potatoes — 1st and 2nd Calvin Aitken.

Class 16. Early Potatoes — 1st Calvin Aitken.

Class 17. 10 Ears Corn — 1st R. A. Lurren & Son; 2nd Brock Harris.

Class 18. Bale of Hay (8 entries) — 1st Earl Wilson; 2nd R. A. Hurren & Sons; 3rd J. C. Bell & Son; 4th and 6th J. L. Chisholm; 5th E. R. Pasmore.

Class 19 — Bushel Field Chopped Hay — 1st R. A. Hurren & Sons; 2nd Brock Harris.

Junior Farmers Section

Oats — 1st Collin Marshall; 2nd Earl Wilson; 3rd Merle Gunby; 4th Don Taylor; 5th Earl Snow; 6th Fraser McNabb.

Barley — 1st Allen Brownridge; 2nd Earl Wilson; 3rd Don Matthews; 4th Angus McNabb; 5th Fraser McNabb.

Wheat — 1st Don Taylor; 2nd Earl Wilson; 3rd Don Matthews.

Some two hundred were in attendance for the Saturday afternoon programme, where Fred Nurse president of the Halton Soil & Crop Improvement Association, was the chairman. Here Dr. H. L. Patterson of the Farm Economics Branch, Toronto, presented a most interesting and thought-provoking address on 'Cost Problems in Beef and Dairy Production.' The second speaker, A. Gordon Skinner, agricultural representative for Haldimand County gave an excellent outline of the Soil & Crop program being conducted in Haldimand County.

Legion Notes

A great many fanciers of sea foods will no doubt be on hand to help look after the "oyster fry" this Thursday night, tomorrow, that is. We think the committee in charge has just about thought of everything and the night promises to be a real success. We understand the oysters are in 'prime' shape, and for the lads whose tastes do not run to them, there is going to be lots of other food, including, we understand, hot dogs.

The meeting will be kept as short as possible and will start at 7:30 sharp. It is hoped that by combining the two events, plus the meeting, that the auditorium will be the scene of one of the biggest gatherings of members we have had there in a long time. All the members seem keen on the whole idea, and we know that the committee has done everything humanly possible to ensure its success.

Oh, yes, and we have had a number enquire if it's open to the members' wives, but we're sorry, girls, this is one event that is strictly "STAG."

The films to be shown are those of the Grey Cup, we believe, and are mooted to be one of the best sports films ever shown.

Not only have we a good night coming up from the food standpoint — but the entertainment that is lined up should be terrific. That night, for instance, Joe Marchmont and his banjo-playing partner, Roy Lovequist, are on CBL television and on their return from that engagement are going to drop in to play for the boys. Likewise, that well known Brampton artist, Vince Mountford, is rehearsing a musical show that evening in the flower town and will arrive to entertain the Branch members around 10 p.m. So no matter whether you go for "de ursters" or not, come along for a first rate evening . . . as Vince put it to us last Friday when we were making final arrangements with him . . . "a large evening of fun, foolishness and food!"

"With spring approaching we are beginning to hear faint murmurs of football in the air — last year the Legion team did not function — but the equipment is still stored — and personally we would like to see it in use again this year. We'd be the first to agree, of course, that some of the lads are becoming a bit ancient for the game, however, who knows, maybe they might have one good season left in them?" . . . It's worth a thought, anyway, so boys, what do you think? Maybe if enough of you approached your former coach 'Fat-Boy' Patterson, you might be able to work something out. Denny Wright and he have both been wondering about the possibilities of a house league, among all the members — better get your heads together with the sports chairmen and thresh it out.

A zone sports meeting was held here last Sunday, with the zone chairman, Bruce Smith in charge. There was a good turnout, with a good crowd of representatives from other towns. Lunch was served by entertainment chairman Herb Arnold.

Hornby Group at Derry West Degree Ceremony

On Tuesday, March 16th, twenty-two members of Hornby District Royal Scarlet Chapter visited with the Companions of Derry West Chapter in the Orange Hall, Brampton. Led by the Worshipful Commander, James McLennan, the officers and members of the Chapter were paraded into the crowded hall. Among the Companions present were the Deputy Commander, Bob Brownridge, the chaplain, Tom Warnes and the scribe, Ernie Rawson. County Master Jack Fox and District Master Ernie Wilson were present along with other members from Acton, Milton, Hornby, Stewartown and Georgetown.

The Royal Scarlet Degree was exemplified on two members of Derry West Orange Lodges, the new Sir Knight Companions being Bro. Harry Worms of LOL 163, Port Credit, and Bro. the Rev. John Herbison of LOL 263, Streetsville. The degree was put on in a most impressive manner by some Companions from Toronto assisting the Derry West members.

The main speaker of the evening was W. Bro. Dominic Di Stasi, county master of Toronto County LOL. W. Bro. Di Stasi, one of the best speakers in the order, urged members to take the positive and not the negative view of the Christian faith. He impressed on his listeners the main principles of the Bible, Justification by Faith and the Priesthood of all True Believers. His talk was one of the best and most informative 30 minutes that many had heard in a long time, and it made a deep impression on the listeners.

The Derry West Chapter elected and installed its officers for 1954, and finished off the evening with a lunch in the basement.

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