

FARM NEWS

Seed Drill Survey Reveals Improvement

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The seed survey made by county weed inspector Thomas Bradley last spring, reveals continued improvement in the quality of seed being sown by Halton farmers. Mr. Bradley collected a total of 75 samples direct from the seed drills. Two thirds of these were cereal grains and one-third was in the form of small seeds. The analysis of the samples was made by the Plant Products Division of the Canada Department of Agriculture. Here is the picture revealed for 1955 and also comparative figures for the years 1952 and 1947.

Year	No 1	No 2	No 3	Reject
1955	83%	12%	4%	21%
1952	55%	10%	10%	25%
1947	38%	11%	20%	31%

88% Where Cleaned
It is interesting to note that of the cereal grain samples cleaned at home, only 50 per cent were No. 1 in contrast to 88 per cent where the grain has been cleaned at central cleaning plant. In the case of small seeds, those which had been purchased from a seed dealer certainly were of higher quality than those grown on the home farm. 86 per cent of those purchased from seed dealers made No. 1 Grade and the other 14 per cent were No. 2; with none going No. 3 or rejected. In the farm grown group only 33 per cent made No. 1; 22 per cent were No. 2; 12 per cent No. 3, and 33 per cent graded rejected.

It is also gratifying to note an increase in the percentage who are treating their grain for control of smut. The 1955 survey reveals that 76 per cent had been treated in contrast to 68 per cent in 1952.

While there is still plenty of room for improvement it is nevertheless gratifying to note the improvement over a similar survey made in 1947.

Local Farm Operators

A more complete report on Halton's seed drill survey of 1955 will be made by county weed inspector Tom Bradley, at the annual meeting of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association on December 28th, in the Milton Town Hall. Local farm operators who will also present brief reports at the morning session of this live organization will include Clebert McDowell, of Hornby, who will relate his experience in seeding alfalfa and brome on winter wheat in the fall; Harvey Nurse of Ashgrove, on his experience with "Loose Housing and a Milking Parlour"; John W. Pickett of Hornby, on "The 1955 Soils and Lands Use Tour"; Fyfe Somerville of Acton, and eKn Ella of Hornby, on their respective "Long Term Pasture Demonstration Plots," etc.

The ladies of the Scotch Block Women's Institute have again agreed to serve one of those appetizing lunches for which they have gained an enviable reputation. We also understand from president Rosa Segsworth, that there will be lucky door prizes — 1st, for those on deck at 10.30 when the meeting commences; second, for those on time who have never previously attended one of Halton's former Soil and Crop Annuals; and finally to the farm operator bring the largest ear load of "first timers". Numerous inquiries are being received at the Milton office of the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture as to "who won the Gold Watch donated by the Milton Milling Co. for the top yield in the Halton Grain Corn competition?" That too, will be revealed at this popular annual meeting — in fact, the winner will reveal how he secured his 114 bush yield.

These and other features all point to a record crowd being out to hear Professor Tom Lane on Soils, Tillage, Power and Crop Yields, and their relationship to one another.

Two Hundred Children In St. John's Concert

A cast of two hundred excited children directed by eighteen (just as excited) teachers combined to tell the story of Christmas in the good old Sunday School concert held in the Memorial Hall of St. John's United Church on Friday.

For two and a half hours a capacity audience heard and saw the great story in a great many ways.

The Beginners' class under Mrs. Robert Darou, Mrs. Chester DeForest, Florida Alcott and Toni Lee opened the concert with songs and flannel-graph story of Christmas. Gail King's class of six and seven years a sweet Merry Christmas number and Judy Prouse sang a solo. Mrs. Jack Bailey's class of eight years did a group recitation of the Christmas Scripture and Mrs. H. Chappell's class of eight years did a clever Merry Christmas number. Cecil McNamara's class under the direction of Mrs. Vern McCumber did a skit "To Light the Way" and Bobby McCumber of this group sang a solo "Xmas Long Ago." Fran Deans class did a series of recitations about Christmas. Mrs. Gordon King's class gave a play "The Christmas Angels." Kay McCumber's class did a play "The Shepherds Who Slept." Boys from Jack Runham's class: Wayne Fiebig, Robert Wrighlesworth, Peter. Forgrave played Christmas music on their hand instruments and David Kidney and Hubert Kux sang two duets. Mrs. Jack Watson's class gave an interesting rendition of "The Bible Tells Me So." Mrs. Bob Souther's class had a play "Suzette Goes Christmas." Rev. Morgan McFarlane's class under the direction and assistance of

final play "No Room at the Inn." Santa arrived just as the last number was ended and settled himself down to have a word with each child and to present them with a gift.

Nine Lessons, Carols in St. George's Candlelight

A carol service which originated in King's College, Cambridge, was presented here for the first time Sunday evening, as a special Christmas attraction at St. George's Anglican Church.

Familiar carols were interspersed between the reading of scripture and which traced the mighty acts of God from creation to redemption. The senior and junior choirs led by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harding and Thomas Warnes, blended their voices with organ and violin accompaniment by Mrs. W. F. Bradley and Mrs. J. R. Staines in special anthems. Mr. Warnes sang "O Holy Night" prior to the processional, and Glenna Doherty sang "Gesu Bambino." Different phases of church life contributed to the lesson reading. Billy Engloby represented the boy choristers; Fred Helson, senior chorister; Paul Armstrong, servers; Edwin Wilson, lay readers; Sam Penrice, lay delegates; Wilfred Mingo, Sunday School staff; Jim Sargent, Brotherhood of

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Provincial Employees Entertain Their Families

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ion Hall last Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. There was a brightly lighted Christmas tree and Santa to distribute presents to each one. A program of cartoon films were enjoyed before the arrival of Santa Claus.

Also during the afternoon there was a lucky draw for turkeys and chickens. Those who won turkeys were: Larry Maughan, George Sargent, Jack Kerr, Tom Herbert and Andy Hunter. Winners of chickens included: Ed McDermott, Wib Bradley, Kees Van Liere, Mrs. Harvey Chappel and Rocco Lorruso.



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