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TREMENDOUS CROWD ATTENDS YORK SOIL AND CROP MEETING

For many years we have heard glowing reports of the York County Soil and Crop Improvement Association annual meeting. This year, we received an invitation to participate operators who are having trouble. in their programme. It seemed like an excellent opportunity to go and see for ourselves, so on Wednesday last, accompanied by M. C. Beaty, 1st vice president of the Halton Association, we headed the car for Newmarket. As in Halton, the York county people commence their meeting sharp at 10.30 a.m. The main difference between the Halton and York meetings lay in the attendance. Some 400 farm operators packed the town hall in Newmarket, and the great majority were there at 10.30 when the meeting commence. The programme, in our opinion, while good was no better than our own. At the morning session, instead of short reports by local farm operators, they had a panel discussion, in which we are privileged to participate. Personally we like to listen to the short snappy reports from practical farmers - however, it is perhaps a matter of opinion.

FARM NEWS

Barberry and Buckthorn Campaign

The highlight of the morning session, in our opinion, was the brief illustrated report by the York County "Agric. Rep." - "Moff" Cockburn, on their barberry and buckthorn campaign. In York they have a few areas where oats are a failure due to rust -- hence the reason for their campaign against barberry and buckthorn, the host plants for crown and stew rust of oats. Bees were organized and crews with axes and sprayers went through woodlots and fence rows, stump spraying. Many fields of oats had been almost a complete loss. Certainly the York County farmers are enthusiastic about the new varieties, Garry and Rodney - these two varieties withstood the rust ravages while other varieties like Larain, Beaver, and Ajax were almost a total loss. In those areas, several York County farmers stated: "It is either Garry or Rodney for me this year." So if Halton County farmers want to try out either of these varieties this year, they had better move fast, because

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supplies of both are limited. Perchance, there are areas in Halton too, where the oats went down badly with rust - if there were we would be glad to hear from some of the farm

Named Legume Varieties

Recommended At the afternoon session Prof. C. G. E. Downing, head of the Dept. of Agricultural Engineering, and Dr. W. E. Tossell, of the Dept. of Field Husbandry, were the chief speakers. Both were excellent, unfortunately we can not reproduce their addresses. Tossell recommended that in 1956 farm operators purchase La Salle Red Clover, Vernal Alfalfa and Climax Timothy. All three varieties are reported to be available. While the price may be slightly higher for these new varieties than for the old standbys, Dr. Tossell is of the opinion that they will be worth the difference. La-Salle red clover was stated to be more persistent over the second year. Vernal alfalfa is more winter hardy than Ontario Variegated or Grimm. Climax Timothy is very much leafier, and a little later.

New Technique

Dr. Tossell is also recommending seed mixture for early cut hay, general hay average, and finally for the field or fields which are to be cut late. For the field to be cut early, either for hay or grass silage, he suggests 7 lbs. Vernal Alfalfa, 3 lbs. La Salle red clover; 5 lbs. Climex Timo-

thy; and 3 lbs. of Orchard Grass. For the general hay crop, he suggests, 7 lbs. Vernal alfalfa; 3 lbs. La Salle red clover; 5 lbs. Climax Timothy and 7 lbs, of Brome. For the late crop (early July) there is nothing better than 10 lbs. alfalfa; and 10 lbs. of brome. Dr. Tossell also suggests different seed mixtures for pasture. A new pamphlet on the subject will be available shortly. Copies will be sent to all members of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, as sson as they are available. Others may secure copies on request from the Agricultural Office, in Milton.

Civil Defence Seeks Recruits in Halton

A course of instruction, leading to membership in the civil defence and disaster auxiliary police, is being offered to county men in Milton beginning on January 19th.

The school, operated by the Ontario government, is seeking recruits in all parts of the county. It comprises a series of ten-hour lectures which will be given by OPP officers, judges and others who can offer specialized services. Such subjects as traffic control, law, duties of wardens, first aid and the atom bomb and its effects are covered in the instruction courses.

The course is designed to have trained men ready in case of national or natural emergency, and in Halton'at least 87 men are needed to form a civil defence company. Similar courses have been held in Simcoe, Grimsby, Delhi and Waterdown. One is starting this month in Kitchener.

District men who are interest may contact Police Chief Roy Haley in town or F. W. Johnson, Pearl Street, Milton, or Lt. Col. John R. Barber who is local civil defence director.

LEGION NOTES by Les Clark

This week, being the second week in the New Year, we think that the entire branch could do just a little thinking about the past year, and also what is to come in the future. But first, we think that there should be a little plain talk and possibly a little

soul-searching.

First, before we forget such an extremely important matter, the New Year's party held a year ago, was also one where admission was paid, and it further had been brought up on the floor of a meeting and discussed thoroughly before a decision was made. This we know for fact, because at the time we occupied the president's chair, and brought it up, to help defray what was becoming a very unreasonably heavy expenditure for the branch. And we still maintain, that at any affair where only part of your membership is present, that there should be at least a token charge, to help defray the expenses of the evening. After all, common sense should tell us that the entire branch should NOT have to be assessed completely for an affair where possibly only 30 per cent of the members and friends

We do not think for one moment that the people who raised the fuss about it were too serious, after all there was hardly that much money involved to bother any one. However, we do think the whole thing left an extremely bad taste in the mouths of 99 per cent of the members, who seemed quite happy about the whole af-

And while we're on the subject,

let's right now say that some of the silliest, most nonsensical complaints about the general operation of the branch have been advanced in the last few weeks. A new member brought it to our attention, and we explained what most old members know, that it is merely a severe case of what is (or could be) termed "Januaryitis," or "pre-electionitis." This is a rare and dread malady that is contracted each year by a number just before the election. Strangely enough, it is quite possible to have this disease more than once, in fact we know of people who have been getting it every year for ten years that we can look back upon. It is a strange disease, as it is more painful to those who come in contact with the sufferer, than to himself, because no matter what the listener's opinions are, he is subjected to a constant string of complaints about the actions of the executive their many obvious and grave shortcoming and their obvious inability to handle the job. For instance, the other night we heard from one source, the airconditioning was too expensive he knew where it could be done for a third of the money - the back room should never have been changed and CERTAINLY there was no need to paint the place! We might point out the', the disease has almost spent itself for another year, and while it will continue, possibly in violent form for another two weeks, will finally burn itself out on Sunday, January 29th, . . . election day. Oh, yes, the disease ridden gent also asked how come so-and-so got himself elected to the executive . . . well, we will just tell you chum, it's a very democratic process that has been working quite well for a number of years, whereby the fellow members of your organization have a chance to vote to elect the person of their choice the way to get elected is to have the most votes, so it necessarily follows that in the vast majority of cases the people who don't get elected are those who just do NOT receive a big

enough vote. Simple, isn't it? Seriously, we hope that once again this year each member will take his duties seriously and be present that Sunday to vote for the person of his choice. 5That is democracy at its best, and we hope that every member will spare the necessary time to come out and ensure the branch of a really big, well contested election.

It only takes a couple of hours, and certainly there is no one so busy as not to be able to come out once a Remember to be on hand, fel-

lows. We thought the New Year's party was just about the best that has ever been held in the Legion. That floor show was particularly good and we hope that the branch will have many more of them. The food was excellent, and we like it served at the tables much better than the old buffet style. The Debonnaires played their usual fine brand of music for the dancing. The crowd was just about as large as you could conceivably get in

the hall. We see Mr. Zero around the branch only occasionally. The manager and coach tell us he's gone in strict training for bigger and better shutouts . Glad to see a number of members

from a distance on hand for New Year's . . . Stew Starr was in from Toronto, married now, incidentally . . . also saw a stranger some of the oldtimers might remember Haven't seen him around the branch in a long time, namely Chubby Stapleton . . . Si Lang tells us that he had an interesting new rug in his kitchen on New Year's eve. Says every time you stepped on it it 'gave' . . . Strangely enough it was more or less of a gift, and while rather long and narrow, he says it is just perfect for kitchen use . . . Congratulations to Charlie Day for a tough job well done, in getting the Christmas presents delivered to those who were not present that evening at the Tree . . . This is always a big job and Charlie deserves credit for doing

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