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**Soil, Crop Projects Planned in Halton**

J. E. W.

Despite the cold, backward spring the officers of the Halton Soil & Crop Improvement Association are still looking forward to initiating the projects planned for 1956. These include the following:

**Vernal Alfalfa and Climax Timothy vs. Common Sorts**

This project involves a test comparing Vernal Alfalfa, Climax Timothy and Bromo, with one composed of Common Alfalfa, Common Timothy and Bromo. This test is being laid down in co-operation with Fred Nurse, of Ashgrove. Vernal is a new variety developed in Wisconsin and according to Dr. W. E. Tossell of the Department of Field Husbandry and other authorities, has more winter resistance, is somewhat higher yielding and harder than our Grimm and Ontario Variegated strains. Climax Timothy is a strain developed at Ottawa, and is much superior to the common timothy.

**Variety Tests with Oats**

On the farms of Brock Harris, Lowville; Mac Alexander, Norval; and W. H. Biggar & Sons, Trafalgar township, one-half acre blocks of each of the following varieties of Oats will be tested side by side—Garry, Rodney, Simcoe and Beaver.

**Fertilizer Test on Winter Wheat**

This test was laid down last fall on the farm of Brock Harris, Lowville. The purpose of this test is to demonstrate the economics of various rates of fertilizer application. Acre blocks at 0-160 lbs., 240 lbs. and 320 lbs. rates were laid down side by side. Yields will be determined by a combine, during July.

**Methods of Seeding**

Laid down a year ago, on the farm of A. T. Woodley, the test involves some 10 or 12 different methods of sowing small seeds. According to the popular "Add", the plots varied materially both last fall and this spring. He is planning to cut and bale each plot separately in order to secure definite data on the method of seeding which produced the most hay.

**Long Term Pasture Demonstration**

Another five acre block of an improved "Long Term Pasture" is being planned for the farm of J. C. Marshall, in the Omagh district. This will be very similar to the demonstration laid down with Geo. R. Somerville & Son of Acton in 1954 and with Ken Ella & Sons of Hornby in 1955. Data relative to the carrying capacity—and the amount of milk produced on each of the two latter pastures will be determined by the respective co-operators.

**4-H Grain Clubs**

The Association is sponsoring three 4-H Grain Clubs, and all will be trying out that highly recommended new variety, Garry. The Second Year Club will be checking Garry against Rodney. In all 42 4-H's have enrolled in the project, and we understand there is still seed of the Garry variety available for three more lads or lassies between the ages of 12 and 20 years inclusive.

**Cherokee Potatoes**

This is a newly licensed variety of early potatoes. It is reported to be a much smoother variety than the old reliable Irish Cobbler, and also more resistant to scab. The test is also being run as a 4-H Club Project with some ten members. Each club member is being supplied with a bag of fertilizer by the Crop Association.

**Grain Corn Competition**

The Halton Association is also sponsoring another grain corn competition. In short the competitors will be out to beat Fred Nurse's record yield of 114 bus. per acre of 1955. Each competitor will be required to grow a minimum of three acres, and is at liberty to plant any variety and use any fertility programme desired. The top award will again be a gold watch, donated by the Milton Milling Company. In addition, there will be \$70 in cash awards plus some bushel lots of seed corn of the DeKalb, Funks, and Pioneer varieties, donated by Messrs. John C. Richardson, Spencer Wilson and Rayner Bros.

**Wild Carrot Control**

Like the weed, Wild Carrot, we are persistent and we are going to take another whirl at trying to kill wild carrot on our roadsides. This year Dr. C. H. Switzer, of the Botany Department at the O.A.C., will be co-operating with the project.

**Bus Trip**

All being well, there will be an other one day Bus Trip again, in early June. Just where and when has not as yet been determined, but we have every expectation that it will include some farms in Western Ontario where there is something to learn. As in former years, the bus trip is open to all members of the Halton association.

**Birdsfoot Trefoil**

This legume continues to get a lot of favourable publicity from the Lambton County and the North-Eastern States. We note the Doane Agricultural Service recommends it for permanent pastures in the North-eastern states. According to them, it is not as productive as alfalfa but it will grow on land too wet for alfalfa and maintain a stand longer than ladino. They further state that bloat has never been reported in animals grazing birdsfoot trefoil—maintains a good stand for many years even when heavily grazed—its winter hardy and survives heat and drought very well, etc. They admit one problem with trefoil is that its hard to get a stand started. This has been our experience to date. The Halton Association co-operated on two tests

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**Silver's**

a year ago. These were laid down with E. Ross Seaworth near Appleby, and Tom Ramshaw at Lowville. Neither test looked very good last fall, but we'll hope for the best. The Doane people recommend inoculation with a few other ideas so if you are trying out Birdsfoot Trefoil, perhaps it would be well to contact the Agricultural Office in Milton first.

**Bell Telephone Seeks Georgetown Rate Jump**

In conformity with the regulations of the Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada, The Bell Telephone Company of Canada has reported to the board that the Georgetown local calling area has outgrown its present telephone rate group.

If on the basis of this growth the board directs that the Georgetown local calling area be reclassified into the next higher rate group, Georgetown telephone rates would be increased slightly to make them the same as those now paid in other centres with a similar number of telephones in their local calling area. L. G. Denty, Bell manager for this region, explained. For example, the monthly charge for two-party residence service would be increased by 10 cents and individual residence service by 20 cents.

Telephone rates for any exchange are governed by the number of telephones in its local calling area, as established by the board on the principle that the service increases in value as the number of telephones within the local calling area increases. The company is required to report to the board, twice yearly, the status of exchanges whose total telephones have increased or decreased more than five per cent beyond the limits of their group.

The Georgetown area has expanded steadily in recent years and its progress has been accompanied by a parallel growth in the number of telephones. Telephone customers served by the Georgetown exchange now have 2350 telephone in their local calling area.

| Residence Service        | Present Group No. 3 | Proposed Group No. 4 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Individual Line          | \$ 3.45             | \$ 3.65              |
| 2-Party Line             | 2.85                | 2.95                 |
| Multi-Party (rural) Line | 2.75                | 2.85                 |
| Business Service         | 5.85                | 6.50                 |
| Individual Line          | 4.85                | 5.40                 |
| 2-Party Line             | 4.85                | 5.40                 |
| Multi-Party (rural) Line | 3.85                | 4.10                 |

**Local Ladies Attend City Baha'i Congress**

Three local ladies were among a large group who attended a public congress in Toronto Saturday, which was part of the 9th national convention of Baha'i in Canada.

It was held in the theatre at the Royal Ontario Museum, and featured speakers included Hartwell Bowsfield, Mrs. E. L. Frost and Frederick Graham.

Mrs. Gordon Cousens, Mrs. Joe Emmerson and Mrs. George Barber, Sr. attended from Georgetown.

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