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**Halton Farms Visited
Soils, Land Use Group**
J. E. W.

Last week saw a group of some 30 odd young men on the fourth annual Junior Farmer Soils and Land Use Tour paying a visit to some twelve farms in Halton, Peel, and York counties. The group was made up of one delegate from each county, with Calvin Sprowl of Aetion R. R. 4, as Halton's 1956 delegate.

T. R. Hilliard, Associate Director of Extension for the Ontario Department of Agriculture, was in charge of the group and program. Other officials accompanying the group were Prof. M. W. Staples, of the Animal Husbandry Department at the Ontario Agricultural College; Dr. W. E. Tossell of the Field Husbandry Dept., and Dr. Bert Matthews of the Soils Dept.

Halton Farms Impress
The first stop in Halton was the Lindale farm of Maurice C. Beaty, of Trafalgar Township. This 200 acre well kept farmstead with its 100 head of outstanding pure bred Jerseys, as always had much of interest for a visiting group. All crops with the exception of the corn crop had been harvested - however, the well filled mows and granary testified to the productivity of the Lindale farm unit. Out in the fields, Mr. Beaty was plied with innumerable questions pertaining to his rotations, seed mixtures, fertility programs, etc. Incidentally, the group also took advantage of the opportunity to see some of the animals in this internationally known herd which contain ten "excellent" females. It will also be of interest to our readers to learn that ten animals have been selected from the Lindale string to compete at the national dairy show at Chicago in October.

By the way, a 15 acre field of Rodney oats, yielded between 80 and 90 bus. to the acre this year, in contrast to 40 odd bushels to the acre from the Beaver variety.

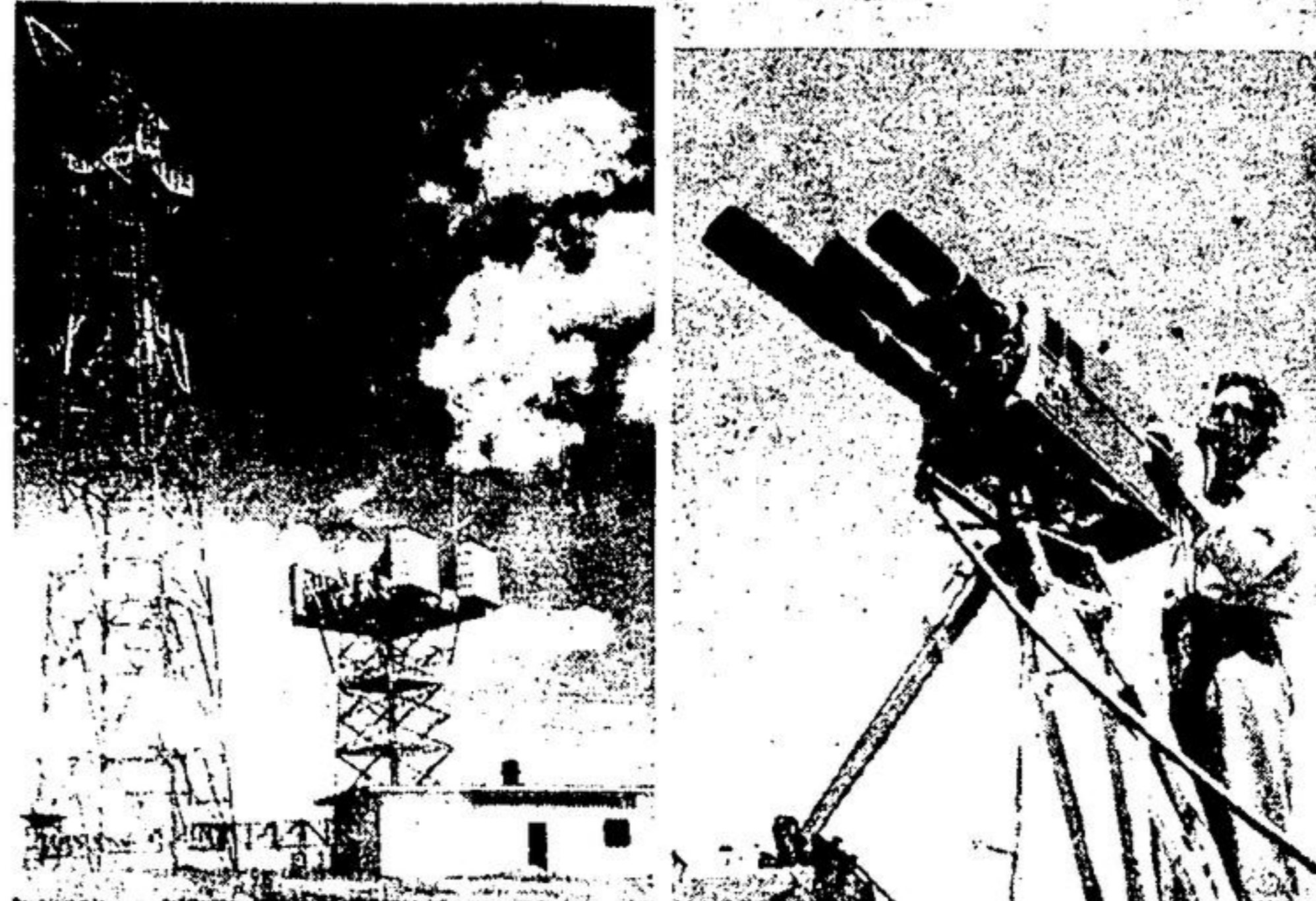
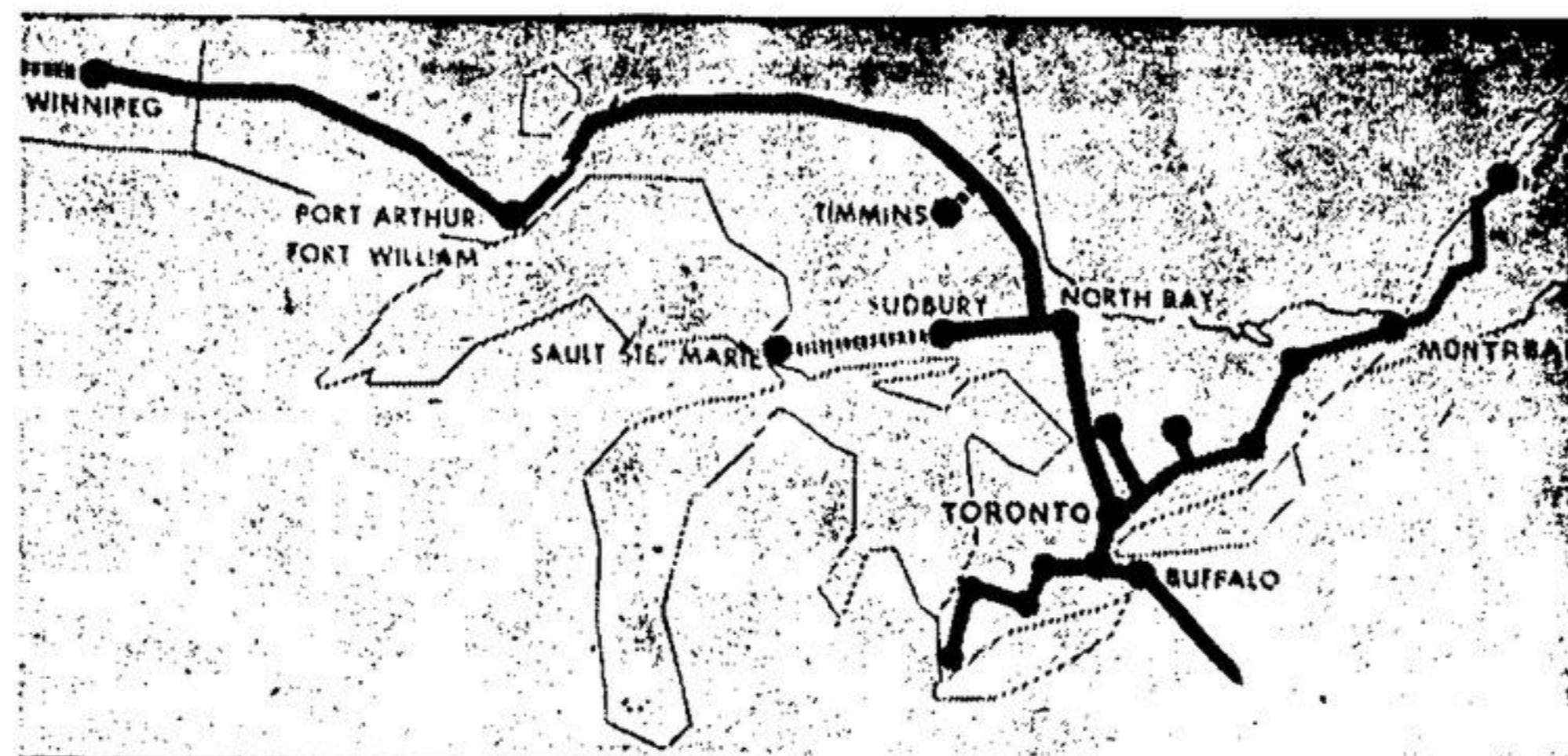
Proper Land Use
The 155 acre Madden farm of Dr. W. F. James, near Hornby, was the next point of call. Here the primary purpose of the visit was to see the job of reclaiming some 30 odd acres of flats, which has been done by the energetic and capable manager, Jim McKay. To see that 30 acre flats with its stream of spring water and lush pasture, is always an inspiration. However, to really appreciate the transformation, one would have to have seen it as it was originally when Jim McKay came to the farm - thorn trees everywhere and a worn out blue grass pasture which wouldn't carry many cattle for more than a few weeks in May and June. An axe backed by a strong heart and arms, aided by brushkill over several winters eliminated the thorn trees. Then followed the use of a Kilifer Disc - fertilization, and a good seed mixture. Today it carries over 60 head of Aberdeen Angus throughout the season. And speaking of the livestock, the young men took time out to see some of the animals in this noted herd, including their champion herd sire.

Farm Management Stressed
One has only to visit the 150 acre Nurseland Farm of Fred Nurse, near Ashgrove, to realize that here is another Halton farmer who is a top farm manager. The farm business comprises some 65 head of

purebred Jerseys, a laying flock of 1400 hens, plus hogs. As in the case of the visit to Lindale farm, Mr. Nurse was literally besieged with questions pertaining to his rotation, his seed mixtures, fertility programme, not to mention his 200 ton pit silo, farm pond, farm work shop, Multiflora rose hedge, etc. and etc. How Mr. Nurse proposes to adjust his farm business to meet the ultimatum of a bull tank was also the source of further inquiries and discussion.

Farm Woodlot Profitable

The final call in Halton was a visit to the 25 acre farm wood lot on the farm of Duncan Moffat, Nasagaweya Township, near Rockwood. The group learned that over the past 50 years, this woodlot has produced an average of 150 gals. of maple syrup annually. On the advice of zone forester C. R. Groves, some 25,000 feet of mature Maple was sold from this woodlot this past winter. Further thinning will be made this coming winter. Officials of the Dept. of Lands and



MICROWAVE NETWORK PUSHES WESTWARD... A new, 1,200 mile Trans-Canada Telephone microwave link between Toronto and Winnipeg will go into service on Sunday, September 30th, bringing live television programs to television stations in North Bay, Sudbury, Port Arthur and Winnipeg for the first time, as well as providing additional long haul telephone circuits. The map above shows the television network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as it will look on September 30th. The dotted lines indicate future extensions east and west. The complete 3,900 mile coast-to-coast microwave network will be completed by the Trans-Canada Telephone System in the first half of 1958. It will stretch from Sydney, N.S., to Victoria, B.C. A chain of 42 massive steel towers, comprising the microwave link between Toronto and Winnipeg. The taller tower pictured here is part of this system and is located at Uxbridge, Ontario, the smaller tower is part of the existing Toronto-Montreal network. The huge antennae on the towers beam the microwaves across the countryside with the speed of light. Live television programs, including sporting events covered by CBC mobile cameramen like the one shown here, will be available to the stations along the new microwave chain for the first time.

Forests took the young men on an enlightening "hike" throughout the woodlot, to show what proper woodlot management could do. Threshing was the order of the day on the occasion of this visit, however Mr. Moffat took time out to answer the innumerable questions of the group, relative to the income derived from the woodlot, etc. His parting comment to the group as he left for the threshing scene, was "I wouldn't be sorry if the whole farm was in trees." And then around 5:30 p.m. the group was off to Guelph where they are making their headquarters for the three days. Frankly, we think the young men on their return to their respective homes, are going to do a lot of talking about what they saw and learned on their visits to the four farms in Halton - yes, we would also anticipate that their visit will result in some adjustments in their own farm businesses in the years which lie ahead.

ASHGROVE
NEW STUDY BOOKS FOR MISSION GROUP
The WMS meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 11th, at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Hector Bird, with president Mrs. Leslie Giffen opening with a hymn and prayer. Roll call was answered by naming a Home Missionary and her field of labor. Devotional was taken by Mrs. W. Bird, followed by the introduction of the new Study Books by Mrs. T. Blackett. They are East from Burma and Make Way for Brotherhood, and deal with Hong Kong, Korea and South East Asia. The book "East from Burma" by Constance M. Hallock tells of the people and the Christian Church in Thailand, Formosa, Burma, Indonesia and the Philippines. "Make Way for Brotherhood" by Frances Bonwick is the story of the Christian Church at work in Hong Kong and Korea. She was assisted by Mrs. Russ, Mrs. Ward Brownridge and Mrs. C. Pickett. Prayer for our chosen missionary was given by Mrs. Leslie Giffen. Mrs. John Bellbody thanked the hostess and all who had taken part and the meeting closed with a social hour.
The fine weather of this past week has seen the farmers' trying to get the harvests cleaned from the fields. This season has been a very discouraging long drawn out affair... here's hoping it doesn't happen again for a good many years to come.
Sorry to hear there has been sick folks around, Alan Brownridge and Fred and Newton Ruddell. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.
See you all at the fair on Saturday.

**C. W. Wey, 84
Norval Farmer**
A district farmer for 35 years until his retirement a few years ago, Clifford William Wey, 84, of R. R. 1, Limehouse was buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Norval on Saturday, following service at the Harold C. McClure funeral home, in Georgetown.
Mr. Wey, a native of Bruce County, died on Thursday.
He was a former resident of Vancouver, B.C., and farmed at Langley Prairie, before returning to Ontario. His son Dan now operates his former farm at Norval.
His wife died in 1932, and he leaves two children, Dorothy, Mrs. Hamilton McLaughlin and Dan of Norval, and five grandchildren.
Rev. W. Edgard Gill conducted the funeral service.

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