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It's a good thing Thanksgiving comes along once a year. It gives us a chance to go around looking thankful for a day or two before we go back to our habitual expressions of sour indignation at the shabby way in which the world is treating us.

It's good for the facial muscles to ease them out of that cramped

### FARM NEWS

## Shorthorns, Angus Strong Beef Show At Erin Fair

J. E. W.

The beef breeds particularly the Shorthorns and Angus, were out in numbers and quality at Erin Fair on Thanksgiving Day. Halton exhibitors were major prize winners throughout. In the strong Shorthorn classes, Scotsdale herd with manager Maurice Baker in charge, won most of the first prize awards. Other Haltonians who were strong contenders throughout included Redford Gardhouse, W. H. Merry, T. C. Amos and Grant Campbell.

In the Angus ring Jim McKay of W. F. James' Malden herd, and John Willmott of J. H. Willmott & Son, were two of the top contenders.

### Top 4-H Steer

Fifty-four steers paraded in the 4-H ring for judges Ed Starr of the Ontario Livestock Branch, and McKennie Hall of Agr. Here Halton's Evelyn McKay had the champion steer. Others in the first prize group included John Hepburn of Campbellville, and Carolyn Gardhouse of Milton. These three, later combined to win the 4-H inter-club class. It is also worthy of note that Evelyn McKay later took her steer to the reserve grand championship in the open market classes.

### Junior Champion Jersey

In the 4-H Jersey ring Ernest Alexander of Norval had the top Jersey heifer calf, with Keith Ella in the second spot. These two calves along with that of Margaret Alexander, then went on to win the inter-club award for Halton. Again it is worthy of note that in the open show, Ernest Alexander also won the junior female championship on his 4-H Club calf.

### Reserve Champion Gilt

Delmar Ford, Mervin Curtis, and David Lawrence, represented the Halton 4-H swine club at Erin. Here Delmar and Mervin had their gilts in the first prize group and that of Delmar was reserve champion of the show.

### Seven Ribbons in Grain

Three members from each of Halton's three 4-H Grain Clubs also exhibited at Erin. Out of the nine entries, seven were in the first prize group, James Aitkens and Ted Freeman of the Acton 4-H Club; Ernest Alexander, Lynne Coulter, and John Wilson of the Georgetown 4-H Club, and Eugene Coulter and Dwight May of the Milton Club.

### FARM NEWS

## Halton Ag-Rep Now Weekly Broadcaster

J. E. W.

Commencing on Saturday, November 9th, at 12:45 noon, J. E. Whitlock, Halton agricultural representative or his associate will be heard weekly over Station CHTWO, Oakville (1250 on dial).

This venture will be a new one for Mr. Whitlock. He will present timely items of interest to the farm audience of Halton County via radio, as he has been doing in the weekly county press for some years.

### LOCAL ANGLICAN FECTOR CONDUCTS ERIN FUNERAL

When Rev. Kenneth Richardson officiated at a wedding in Erin a year ago, he did not know that such a short time later he would have the sad duty of conducting the funeral service for one of the wedding principals.

Mrs. Nelson D. Eagles, 19, who was the former Yvonne Tilcox, died October 8th at her home in Erin Township after an illness of eight months. Besides her husband she leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tilcox, five brothers, Robert, Arthur, George and Garnet of Hillsburgh, and Hado of Toronto; two sisters, Mrs. Louis Hillson and Mrs. Arnold Wilson of Guelph. She was predeceased by an infant son Douglas and a sister, Mrs. Robert Uplegrove.

The funeral service took place at the Swackhamer Funeral Home, Hillsburgh and interment was in the Huxley Cemetery. Pallbearers were Herbert, Stanley and Ted Eagles, George, Hado and Garnet Tilcox.

scowl once a year. Of course, there is the odd fanatic who goes around being thankful all the time. His silly, happy face stands out among all our normal, frowning lines with the incongruity of sweet peas in a slaughterhouse.

Maybe it's just as well, though, that Thanksgiving has become, via our national virtue of putting first things last, merely a day to watch the football game, close up the cottage, or get in that last game of golf, with a turkey dinner orgy thrown in somewhere along the line. If we really took the occasion seriously, we might get into all kinds of trouble.

Imagine the chaos that would result if everything started being truly thankful for what he had, and not wanting something more. Our entire economy would be shattered if people stopped grabbing for all they could get. Two years of people being satisfied with last year's car would ruin the automobile industry and throw hundreds of thousands out of work. If people started patching their old trousers, instead of throwing them out, the textile industry would be wiped out in no time.

If they began to make do with what they had, and were thankful for it, the entire structure known as free enterprise would come crashing about our ears. Advertising executives, whose job is to make people want what they don't really need, would be leaping from high windows. Finance companies, bad cess to them, would be a shambles overnight. And you can scarcely view with equanimity the feeble, makeshift society we'd have without the finance company.

Next thing to collapse would be our whole political system. How can you have democracy if everybody is thankful for what he has? Think of the consternation if the usual windbag who seeks office, saying - "It is only on the insistence of my many friends that I run, and my only thought is to work ceaselessly to serve my country and my fellow taxpayers of this banner riding," were to say: when approached, "Nah, I downna run for parliament. I like it here on the farm!" Without politicians, our country would be in a sorry state. It would be like a good ripe cheese without the maggots.

There's no use pursuing the whole idea any further. The very thought of the shambles we'd be in, if we all started being thankful, makes my blood run cold. Business ruined, democracy lost. Why, if we let this thankfulness get out of hand, we'd be just a mess of misguided Christians wading around up to the knees in the milk of human kindness.

Such anarchy might even start us thinking about some of the people of the world who have a lot less to be thankful for than we have, and who know where that might lead. Why, we'd be just as liable as not to give away a few billion bushels of wheat, or to do something equally silly.

It couldn't happen here, you say? That's what they said about rock 'n' roll, brother. It's not that simple. We've got to fight it. People are weak, you know. For example, suppose the farmers stopped complaining about the weather, and just said: "I'm thankful we had a good crop last year, and Ma and I have our health. There'll either be a crop failure or there won't and there isn't much I can do about it." That may be true, but the first farmer who said it would be destroying a tradition that goes back thousands of years.

What do you suppose would happen if schoolteachers stopped kicking about being underpaid, and admitted they were thankful to work in cosy classrooms, get lots of holidays, and retire honourably with a reasonable pension? I'll tell you what would happen. All kinds of young people would want to be schoolteachers. Imagine where that could lead.

Think what would happen if all the steady drinkers in the world suddenly became thankful they were not yet alcoholics, and stopped guzzling. Millions of waiters, brewers, truck drivers, distillers and salesmen would be jobless. Governments, deprived of all that tax revenue, would fall like spent rockets. There'd be no money for baby bonuses. The birth rate would fall, there'd be enough housing to go around, and the builders and money-lenders would be out of business.

By now, I hope you have the picture. Society, and the world as we know it, would crumble into dust if this being-thankful business got the bit in its teeth. So, on Thanksgiving Day, keep a tight rein. Don't let yourself be carried away. Just keep in mind the calamitous consequences, if you let it get out of hand and scowl, brother, scowl.

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