

NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farm Interest

Does Hybrid Corn Make Good Silage

Seeding of cereal grains in Halton is pretty well completed. In an interview with Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock on Friday last, Mr. Whitelock estimated that from 90 to 95% of the cereal grain crop in Halton had been sown. He further stated that a fair percentage had already started to prepare their corn ground. A sizeable acreage of husking corn will be sown in Halton, according to Mr. Whitelock, providing weather and soil conditions are favourable around the middle of the month.

For this early sowing of grain corn he suggested such varieties as Canada 531, Funks G 178, or DeKalb 65, but added that if it was not possible to get it sown before the later part of the month it would be advisable to turn to such earlier maturing varieties as Canada 335 or 355, Dekalb 54, or Funks G 34, etc.

In answer to our inquiry concerning silage corn, he stated that the bulk of crop is grown from hybrid strains but admitted that some Halton livestock men still favoured open pollinated strains for silage purposes. It was Mr. Whitelock's opinion that this was largely due to the tendency on the part of some to let their hybrid corn get too mature before ensiling. Hybrid corn, he pointed out, remains green considerably longer than open pollinated strains and consequently when ensiled at the more mature stage contained a lower percentage of sugar. According to experimental work conducted by the Dominion Experimental Farm at Ottawa, all varieties of corn whether hybrid or open strain pollinated strains contain the same percentage of sugar at the same stage of maturity. Consequently if ensiled at a similar stage of maturity there should be no difference from a silage standpoint and when one takes into consideration the ability of hybrid strains to withstand windstorms and the greater resistance against corn borer damage, he questions the wisdom of reverting to open pollinated strains.

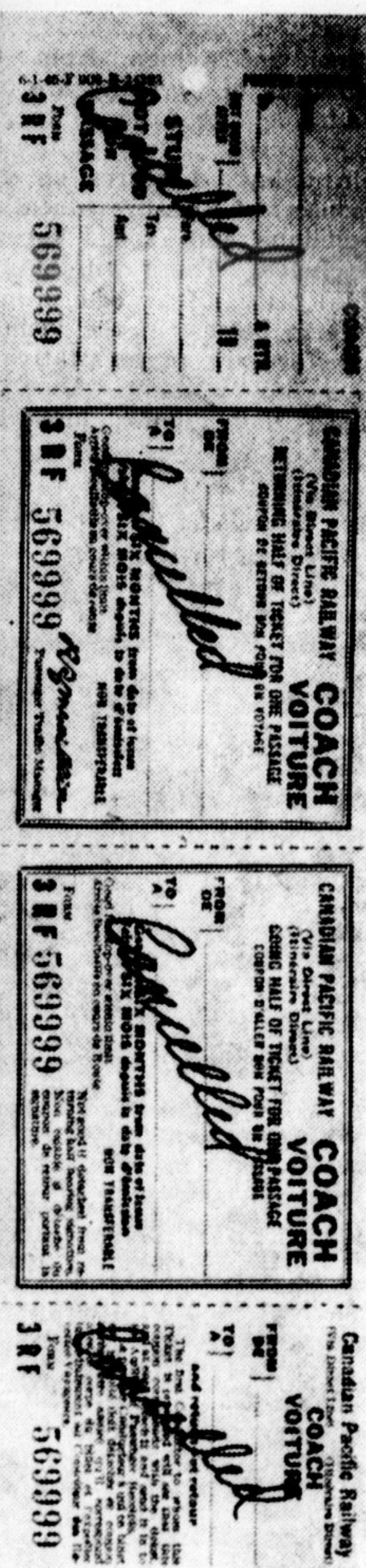
We were informed that a percentage of Halton farmers are sowing around 4 or 5 lbs. of sorghum per acre with their silage corn in order to step up the sugar content. Another group in the County mix 10 or 12 lbs. of soybeans with the usual amount of corn, which is approximately 12 to 14 lbs. per acre. The addition of soybeans steps up the protein content and according to those following this procedure improves palatability. Late maturing varieties of soybeans such as A. K. or Manchu should be selected for this purpose as they are taller growing and will hold their leaves until the corn is ready to go in the silo. Incidentally, Mr. Whitelock advocates a mixture of the Canada strains 606, 645, and 696 for silage purposes, if sown the last week in May. Such a combination will give more tonnage than 606 alone and also the inclusion of a late variety such as 696 will ensure more sugar and consequently better silage.

Hay-Pasture Mixtures vs. Long Term Pastures

Experience would indicate states N. J. Thomas, Soils and Pasture Specialist at the Ontario Agricultural College, that for the average 100 acre farmer a good hay-pasture mixture is a better preparation than a straight long term pasture mixture. Mr. Thomas pointed out however, there may be areas on many 100 acre farms which do not lend themselves to inclusion in the regular farm rotation and consequently could well be seeded to a long term mixture. However, keeping in mind the limited acreage on the 100 acre farm unit, a good hay pasture works in better with the regular rotation and will give more economic returns. The Agricultural office at Milton suggests 7 lbs. of alfalfa, 4 lbs. of red clover, 3 lbs. of timothy and 5 lbs. of brome as a good mixture per acre for a hay-pasture combination. The above comments should not be interpreted as a condemnation of long term pastures. As previously pointed out there are frequently areas on the smaller farms such as paddocks or rough areas, which do not lend themselves to inclusion in the regular rotation which might well be seeded down to a long term pasture. In addition on the larger farm unit a field can be much more easily set aside for a long term pasture without upsetting the regular rotation.

During the past 3 or 4 years the Halton Crop Improvement Ass'n has conducted Long Term Pasture Competitions which have revealed a good deal of worth while information. A few of the conclusions arrived at by officials of this organization are as follows: First, there is no crop on a mixed farm in Halton which will give as large returns per acre as long term pas-

C. P. R. Speeds Ticketing



G. A. MacNamara, vice-president of traffic for the Canadian Pacific Railway, inspects a new ticket issuing and accounting machine, the first of its kind on the North American continent, which went into service at the C. P. R.'s Windsor Station in Montreal recently. The machine prints its own tickets when the ticket seller inserts a matrix, such as Mr. MacNamara holds in his left hand, into a slot

on the lower right hand corner. In his right hand Mr. MacNamara holds a ticket that the machine has just issued. The bottom picture of one of the coach tickets the machine issues shows how much more compact it is than the type of coach ticket at the right. As well as speeding up ticket sales the machine keeps full accounting records. Installation of the machine in other main Canadian Pa-

cific centres across Canada depends upon the success of the machine in its initial performance in Windsor Station, which was picked for the introduction because of the volume of business handled there. It is expected that the machine will be able to handle 90 per cent. of the coach tickets issued there, and tickets will be issued to practically all C.P.R. points within 24 hours travelling time of Montreal.

WORDS AND THE MAN

It may not have been the best political strategy, but President Truman's interpolated lines in his St. Patrick's Day speech were, for that reason, the more warming. They expressed an opinion and a conviction that was stronger than political advantage. "These are days of high prices for every thing," said the President, but any price for Wallace and his communists is too high for me. I will not buy."

Mr. Wallace's retort was: "The men who are stirring up hate and fear traffic in a word—the word is communism... and are afraid of the demand for change... is there any evidence," he demanded in conclusion, "that Russia has aggressive designs against our country?"

Somehow the one statement has the ring of truth and conviction—men live. Mr. Wallace's words reflect the bemused and woolly half the truth and conviction by which thinking through which, in our own day, we have seen men and peoples die. —J.L.R.

SHORE BIRDS MIGRATE IN MAY

May is the month when the majority of shore birds migrate north, the ornithologists at the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology tell us. Many of them will be seen along water-edges and in marshes in Ontario. The Plover, Snipe and Sandpiper are popular names for these most common in Canada. The Piping Plover, sometimes called Beach Plover, is a bird of the sandy shore. It winters on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts from South Carolina to Texas and Northern Mexico. The Killdeer, another of the shore birds that breeds here, has been studied by ornithologists for more than a century, and still its periodical mysterious appearances and disappearances and its lines of migration are not fully understood. If it is not adequately protected, its extirpation is only a question of time. Of all the shore birds the Sandpipers make the longest trek of them all. Most of them breed along the Arctic Coast and many winter in South America.

BLESSINGS CAN ALSO BE SHARED

It is rather surprising to many people that the communist countries are the poor countries. It is not as surprising as it appears because poverty is about the only thing that is very readily shared and it is only when family units become desperately poverty stricken that necessity drives them to share to survive. This is the foothold that has spread communism broadcast over Europe, it is what gives the communist orator his talking point. Share the misery, that's reasonable enough. It is the story of the French peasant over again. He was ready to share 500 pigs. As a good communist he was ready to share 200 pigs or even 50. But when he was challenged as to whether he would be ready to share two pigs, he said in shocked surprise "But I have two pigs." Anyone is ready to share what nobody wants, that is the great challenge of communism. But when you have two pigs for which you have worked and for which you have cared, it becomes a different problem.

TO WHOM ARE YOU TALKING?

By Joseph Lister Rutledge
The other night we sat in a small group ruminating, casually, why so many businesses seemed to have a fatal facility for playing into the hands of persons ready or eager to misunderstand their problems. An hour or two later we picked up a copy of the Hamilton Review and read "There are Two Ways to Tell a Story." There was the gist of all we had been pondering. But still the wonder grew, that so many able men, in so many important businesses, continued to believe there was only 1 way.

Any one of these businessmen would admit that their workers and their customers are and should be their major interest. Without either, profits are impossible. The shareholder also has an important if less important part. Yet when business has something to say or to argue or brag about, it says it in stock market jargon, that only a relatively few shareholders and virtually no customers or workers will really understand. They forget that average people respond to words that breathe, the words of the street and home, the labor temple, the lodge or the beer parlour. You can't reach them with dehumanized accountant's talk.

After all, as the Review points out, the most devoted coupon-clipper loses interest after it has been disclosed that the 1947 profit of the Steel Company of Canada was \$5,567,708 of which slightly more than \$2,150,000 was distributed in dividends. But business is not only a profit-making machine. While it deals in commodities, it also deals in lives. They are its assurance of success. Why then should the emphasis always be laid on the \$2,150,000 distributed as dividends. That's important. That's interesting. But why not lay equal stress on the Steel Company's 10,000 employees. While the investor was getting a somewhat lesser percentage than he used to get, the worker was getting almost twice as much as he earned in 1939. They might add that where the investor got his \$2 million in dividends, the worker received the added benefit of \$1,600,000 newly invested in pensions and sick and accident benefits and holidays with pay. They might tell of a million tons of steel, making work and benefits for other thousands, and not just record the dull record of profit and loss. Yes, the Review is right. The Steel Company—and that goes for all companies—might tell a lot better and more human story than they do.

A buried small fortune was revealed near Dublin where rabbits were discovered house-cleaning their burrow of gold coins of the Oliver Cromwell era.

AUCTION SALE

FURNITURE, FARM TOOLS and REAL ESTATE

The undersigned have received instructions from the executor of the estate of the late

WALTER DENNIS
to sell by public auction at his late residence, Lot 32, Con. 2, township of Trafalgar, N. D. S., ¼ mile off Highway No. 25, 4 miles south of Milton, on

SATURDAY, MAY 22nd
at 2 o'clock P. M., the following:
FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS—Dining room extension table; china cabinet; several rockers; secretary; 2 couches; odd tables; drop leaf kitchen table; round antique table; 2 kitchen cabinets; ice box; tapestry rug; Congoleum rug; Empire kitchen range with warming closet and reservoir, nearly new; heater; 2 wood beds, springs and mattress; dresser and washstands to match; 3 odd dressers; 3 odd washstands; a number of homemade rugs; bookcase and a quantity of books; violin; Edison gramophone and records; 2 camp beds; clock; washing machine, hand power; carpet sweeper; quantity of odd dishes; number of pictures; 2 mounted deer heads; ironing board; 6 storm windows; 4 screen doors; window screens; fly sprayer; 2 ton brickettes (coal).

FARM EQUIPMENT—1 Milk strainer; stirrer; pails; milk scales; hand saws; crosscut saw; electric fence; scythe; scoop shovel; pitch forks; large quantity of heavy electric wire; 60 lbs. Int. cattle mineral; cyclone grass seeder; fence stretcher; ¼ bus. alfalfa seed; 4 balls binder twine; Loudon litter carrier, bucket and trolley; hay fork car, pulleys, etc.

REAL ESTATE—At the same time and place there will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid, the farm, consisting of 100 acres, more or less, and being N ½, Lot 32, Con. 2, N. D. S., township of Trafalgar, on which is said to be erected a 10 roomed stone house with new roof, also small stable and hen house. Water is supplied from small pond and 2 good wells. Farm all cleared except 6 acres choice, young hardwood bush. The farm is situated ¼ mile from Highway 25, midway between Toronto and Hamilton, with regular bus service either way. Farm selling subject to lease expiring November 1948. Immediate possession of house may be arranged.

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MONDAY—Fire Prevention Day. Clean up attics, basements of rubbish, grease, rags and waste paper. Remember "A clean house seldom burns."
TUESDAY—Safety Day. Check electric wiring, connections and appliances, broken stairs, walks and obstructions. Paint dark places light color and install needed lights.
WEDNESDAY—Front and Back Yard Day. Cut lawns, dig up dandelions and weeds, prepare gardens and flower beds for planting, clean walks and gutters, salt cracks in sidewalks and exterminate ants.
THURSDAY—Garbage and Pick-Up Day. Have all trash out on time for regular pick-up.
FRIDAY—Paint Day. Start painting jobs, such as porches, fences, lawn chairs, clean window screens, etc.
SATURDAY—Flower Bed and Garden Day. Plant flowers trees and shrubs.
MONDAY—Repair and Modernize Day. Start repairs and modernizing already planned.
TUESDAY—Magazine and Clothing Day. Place on your front steps bundles of discarded clothing and readable magazines. These will be picked up and forwarded to Christie Street Hospital, and the discarded clothing distributed to worthy organizations. Call G. C. Gowland, 43; Ross Pearen, 199; C. Grimwood, 113; or D. Davis, 112; for pick-ups.
WEDNESDAY—Health Day. Clean up breeding places of flies and mosquitoes. Place tight fitting tops or screens on garbage cans, install traps for flies, rats, mice, roaches or other disease bearing animals. Clean privies, tighten well covers. Paint interior walls to defeat disease germs. HELP TO PREVENT SICKNESS and save lives.
THURSDAY—Rubbish and Garbage Pick-Up Day. Take advantage of the Garbage Collection, dispose of all refuse.
FRIDAY—Vacant Lot Day. Clean vacant lots of tin cans, rubbish, paper, dead and live weeds. Plow and plant garden plots, or level off for children's play-ground.
SATURDAY—Dress-up; Light-up and Refurbish Day. Concludes the campaign's activities, to make our homes, streets, and buildings attractive for the coming summer.
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