



Haltom Crop Members Hear Address on Forage Crops

Despite heavy roads and impassable lanes the Farmers' Bldg., Milton, was well filled for the address on Forage Crops on Friday afternoon last. Due to the unavoidable absence of Dr. Robt. Weir who had been advertised for this meeting, Wm. Tossel, Assistant on Forage Crops in the Department of Field Husbandry at the O.A.C., was the guest speaker. His able address and the discussion which followed was listened to with keen interest by the audience which came from all sections of the County. With the aid of charts he clearly indicated the relative value per acre of such crops as wheat, oats, barley, mixed hay, alfalfa hay and pasture. It was pointed out by the speaker that as a result of poor catches of seeds in 1949 and unfavorable weather conditions, many farmers in this section of Ontario at least, should be giving thought as to how best to meet the situation in 1950. According to Mr. Tossel the average mixed farm in Holland is 95 acres in extent. That the Hollanders are strong believers in hay and pasture crops is revealed by the statement that on the average 95 acre farm in Holland, 80 acres is in grass and legumes and the other 15 to 15 acres in a rotation of cereal grains and grasses. On this acreage on the average it is reported that they carry 36 milk cows, 16 heifers, 2 or 3 horses and 80 sheep. About 5 acres of the hay is artificially dried; 8 acres made into grass silage and the balance of the hay aside from some made with the aid of tripods, is handled in the conventional Ontario method. Due to the amount of rainfall and to the irrigation methods it is possible for the Dutch farmer to economically apply up to 1000 lbs. of commercial fertilizer to the acre in addition to the utilization of all so called barnyard manure.

Prize Lists of the Haltom Seed Fair and Bacon Show to be held on March 17 and 18 were available at the meeting. Those responsible for the preparation of this booklet have incorporated a great deal of useful information and many of those present commented favorably on the fund of valuable data which had been included. If you did not receive your copy, the Agricultural Office at Milton will send one forward on request.

New Junior Farmer Group Organized in Nassagaweya Township

As a result of the activities of the Haltom Junior Farmers, new Junior groups have been organized in Nassagaweya Township. Their next meeting is to be held in the Township Hall at Brookville and judging by the copy of the program which came in our mail, they would appear to have an interesting evening in store on Friday, March 3rd at 8:30 p.m. Audrey Rinehart is the president of the Junior Institute with Arlene Thomas as Secretary. In the Junior Farmer group Fred Rinehart is President and Alex Buchanan is the Secretary. All Nassagaweya Juniors are extended a cordial invitation.

Maple Cattle Breeders Add Short-horn Stud

The Maple Cattle Breeders Association which now has a membership of nearly 2000 and who for the past year have been providing service from studs of Holstein, Ayrshire and Jersey bulls have recently decided to add a battery of Short-horns. Their Short-horn bull buying committee is now busy locating suitable sires. We understand from G. W. Keffer, Manager of the Maple Association that it is their intention to select sires with plenty of scale and substance out of dams with reasonable milk production. Incidentally, the annual meeting of the Haltom branch of the Maple unit is to be held in the Court House, Milton on Monday, March 13, at 1:30 p.m.

Palermo Juniors Awarded Debate

Blocked roads and lanes resulted in a much smaller attendance than normal at the inter-club debate at the Milton High School on Friday evening last. Owing to Norval defaulting a mock parliament was held with Palermo Club and supporters occupying the government benches and Norval and their supporters in the opposition. Under the leadership of Geo. S. Atkins, who acted as Speaker of the House, the Juniors had an exciting hour debating "Resolved that Ontario legislation should be amended to permit commercialized sport and open theatres on Sunday." The government of the day, who were led by Lorna Lawrence and Pete Fisher, upheld the negative and defeated the resolution. The next debate will be held on March 17th when Milton and Brookville Juniors will debate "Resolved that our

Telephone system in Canada should be nationalized.

Haltom Holstein Breeders and Milk Producers Plan Annual Entertainment

Haltom's Annual Entertainment annually jointly sponsored by the Haltom Holstein Breeders' Club and the Haltom Milk Producers' Association is to be held in the Princess Theatre, Milton, on Thursday evening, March 23rd. We understand that Joseph Connell of Kitchener is to be the guest speaker and his subject "The Road to Happiness." The program will include Palermo Juniors in their skit "In a Kentucky Farmyard", written and directed by Geo. S. Atkins. Assisting artists are the noted and popular tenor, Ronald Stewart; Miss Beth Corrigan, leading soprano singer with the Royal Conservatory Opera Co.; Shaw and Hayes "Rhythm Boys", precision tap and comedy dancers and Ross Bertram, popular magician. Notwithstanding the fact that tickets are not as yet available many directors have already received orders that will exceed their quota.

SOIL CONSERVATION BEGINS ON FARM

Soil conservation, like charity, is much more effective when it begins at home. Most farm operators can find signs of the need for soil conservation practices, by periodically making a careful survey of their own farm. Every year a little bit of somebody's valuable top soil either blows away or is washed away. With it goes not only much of the natural soil fertility, but the value of the farm is also lowered and eventually the farm family's standard of living declines.

Soil conservation doesn't mean that a farmer should do something for nothing. The practice of soil conservation is simply a sound business proposition, paying good returns over a long-term period. It is only good business to protect an investment and that is what every farmer does when he takes steps to prevent soil wastage on his own farm.

No farmer will willingly see tons of soil per acre washed off his fields if he knows he can correct this by planting on a well planned contour system. Tests have shown that plots planted to grass or legumes, or other crops cultivated on the contour, lose little or no soil. A farmer's experience may teach him that some soils, and some fields, should never be left without some kind of cover. In fact he may find that in the long run it is better farm practice to put some of these soils under grass for the production of seed or livestock. There is no official "must" about preventing soil wastage on a man's own farm, but if the operator hopes to stay and make a living there, the top soil must remain there too. Soil erosion is nothing new. Whether due to wind, rain or over-grazing it played a vital part in the rise and fall of nations throughout recorded history. The story—and the lesson—is there for those in Canada who wish to learn. Gone are the days when a farmer could plough up, wear out and move on to greener pastures. To-day the wise farmer knows that if he takes care of his soil, the soil in turn will look after him.

JET FOR BUGS

Generator for spreading insecticide fogs is first to use jet engine, says maker in The Financial Post. Advantage said to be machine has only three moving parts, no rotating parts, no bearings to lubricate, engine itself has only one moving part, easily replaced. It weighs 100 lbs., attaches to truck or jeep.

A bombed out area in London has been stocked with junk for children's play.

GEORGETOWN

Melody Barth, eighteen month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Barth, Glen Williams, died in her sleep last night. The little girl had been put to bed when her parents retired for the night, Mrs. Barth looked into the crib to see that she was settled for the night and discovered the tragedy.

Guest speaker for the dinner meeting of the Lions Club last night in the McGibbon House was Lt.-Col. K. M. Bourne of Limehouse. Col. Bourne was commissioner of police in Shanghai for several years after the last war and his informative talk on Chinese history, customs and character was concluded with observations on the current political situations in that country.

Wesley R. Robb, proprietor of Robb's Drug Store died suddenly at his home Wednesday, February 22. —Herald.

What is Pollution?

The present disturbance involving the KVP Company's kraft plant at Espanola, Ont., has focussed public attention on the issue of "pollution." An injunction maintained by a dentist, a resort man and two farmers threatens to force the town's only industry into idleness and thousands of residents into unemployment unless the mill stops the "pollution" of the Spanish River.

The company has spent \$250,000 to reduce pollution as far as possible. But there seems no serious consideration of what "pollution" really is, or at what point it becomes "bad."

It is quite clear that wherever human settlements exist some measure of pollution is present. Every sewer, every refuse dump, indeed cattle drinking water cause "pollution." Every house, every boat, every shop and every camp in some way cause foreign material to be carried downstream.

In large towns and cities pollution has gone so far that creeks and rivers are now considered sewers to be piped under the streets. When drinking water is needed it is drawn from the cleanest possible sources and purified. People didn't stop building cities just because dipping buckets in the local river became dangerous.

Thus it seems odd that the town of Espanola should be brought to grief just because of a technicality which seems to hinge on the word "pollution." Perhaps the pollution exists in the application of the law rather than in the river. At least it could harm thousands more citizens than the river is harming.

BRITISH BOYS TO TOUR CANADA

Fifty British boys, chosen for the second free tour of Canada promoted by Mr. W. Garfield Weston, millionaire biscuit manufacturer, will sail from Liverpool in August. Their tour will last 23 days. On July 21st, the same number of Canadian boys will sail from Quebec for a tour of Britain.

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ONE TIME FATAL HEART AILMENT UNDER CONTROL

The past 50 years have witnessed many great advances in medicine, but none more dramatic than this discovery that penicillin is truly a life-saver where cases of subacute bacterial endocarditis, a heart infection, are concerned, it is stated by the Canadian Heart Association. Until 1944, it was rare for a person suffering from this heart ailment to recover—now, it is just about as rare for one to die.

It was due to Dr. Emmanuel Libman at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York that physicians the world over between 1900 and 1925 learned to recognize the disease in its early stages. However, nothing could make a doctor more depressed than the task of caring for patients suffering from this ailment—they were usually young and the disease was invariably fatal.

Then came penicillin, but for four years, 1940-1944, it acquired the reputation of being useless in this disease. It was then that one of Dr. Libman's pupils—Dr. Leo Lowe—who was working in the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital, announced results of further experiments with penicillin. He demonstrated that by giving larger amounts of penicillin the disease could be stopped.

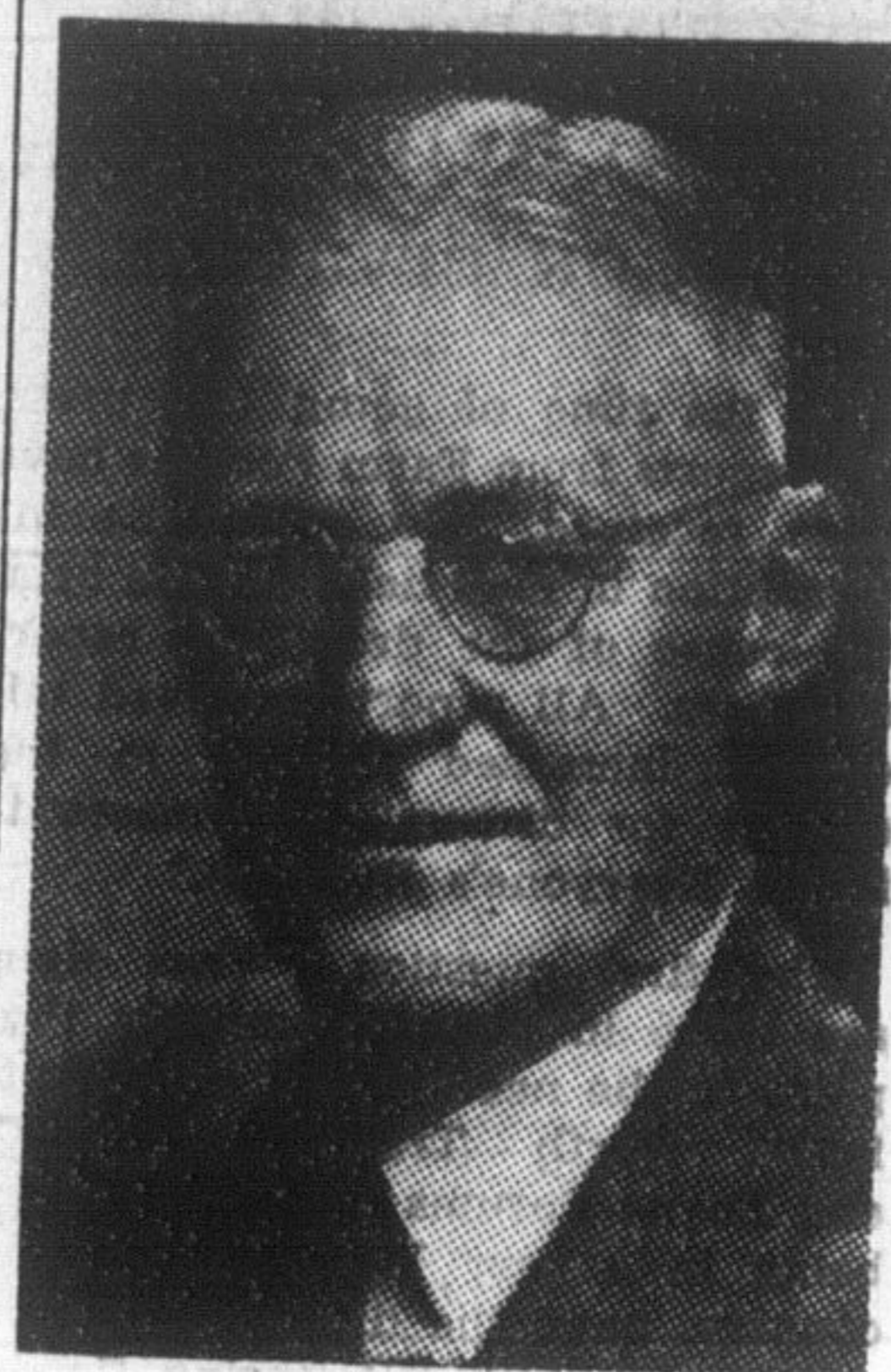
Since then, many lives have been saved by the combination of early diagnosis and effective treatment with large doses of penicillin.

"And it is very probable that the disease can be prevented," states the Canadian Heart Association release. "We know that people with rheumatic valvular disease who develop an apparently innocent infection such as an abscessed tooth which is extracted, or tonsillitis, may develop subacute bacterial endocarditis as a complication of this innocent infection. By giving penicillin in adequate amounts immediately before and after tooth extraction and by treating all acute infections by modern methods, we must certainly prevent the development of subacute bacterial endocarditis."

MOST PRICELESS FIND IN BIBLICAL HISTORY

A portion of the earliest known text of the Old Testament is now to be seen for a short period at London's British Museum. It forms part of one among several scrolls recently found by chance on the shores of the Dead Sea in Palestine, by a goatherd. They include an almost complete text of the book of Isaiah.

Banff was first of Canada's 25 national parks.



REID J. SMITH

Manager of The Bank of Nova Scotia's Toronto main branch who has been named an assistant general manager, Mr. Smith has gained wide experience during his 41 years as a banker. He was successively assistant manager of the Halifax main branch, then of the Montreal main branch, in charge of the Foreign Relations Department at the general office in Toronto, and manager of the Halifax main branch. He has been head of the Toronto main office since 1946.

BUSINESS DEAL

A Texas ranch woman brought her son and prospective daughter-in-law to one of the swankiest jewellers in Dallas to buy flat silver. She did all the talking, ultimately made up her mind and ordered the most expensive set in the store. The clerk inquired as to initials.

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