



# FARM NEWS

## From Halton's Farm Lands

### Fred Nurse Tops Winter Wheat Competition

Three competitors in the Sixty Bushel Winter Wheat Club, sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, exceeded the 60 bus. mark in their respective yields.

Topping the list is Fred Nurse, of Ashgrove, with a yield of 67.2 bus. per acre. Next in line comes Ernest Pell, of Omagh, with 64.8 bus. per acre. In both cases the variety was Genesee. Calvin Aitken, of Acton, with a field of Cornell 595, was in third position with a yield of 62 bus. per acre.

Those exceeding the 50 bus. mark were as follows: A. M. Sherwood, Burlington, variety, Cornell—Yield 58.8; Wm. A. Brain, Hornby, variety Dawbul—Yield 50.4; F. O. Hunter, Norval, variety Cornell—Yield 51.2; Walter Royle, Oakville, variety Cornell—Yield 52.

1954 marks the first year that Halton growers participating in this competition have exceeded the 60 bus. mark. The average yield of the 13 growers participating in the competition was 50.8 bus. per acre. In all cases small plots were cut at four different points in each competitor's field. The threshing and calculation of the yields were done at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

Messrs. F. Nurse, Ernest Pell, and Calvin Aitken, will represent Halton in the inter-county competition at the Royal Winter Fair.

### Junior Plowing Match Keenly Contested

Twelve Halton Juniors, all 17 years and under, participated in the Halton Juniors' Plowing Match for boys and girls under 21 years, held recently at the farm of Thos. Howden, near Hornby. The event was jointly sponsored by the Halton Juniors and the Halton Plowmen's Association. Twelve excellent ridges were turned and all contestants were highly commended by Winfred Timbers, veteran plowman and judge, who was the official coach and judge of the day.

The awards were as follows: Class 1—Boys or Girls, 16 years and under, Marilyn May, Milton R.R. 4, Martha May, Hornby, R.R. 2.

Class 2—Tractor Mounted Plows, Mary Lou Taylor, Appleby; Burt Speck, Hornby, R.R. 1; Richard Sheppard, Milton, R.R. 2.

Class 3—Boys and Girls under 21 years, Arnold Howden, Milton, R.R. 4, score 79.3; John Cunningham, Hornby, score 79.

Class 4—Inter-Secondary School Competition, Ross Austin and Tommy Hunter, representing North Halton High School Area, score 149.1; Glen Irwin and Bill Speck, representing Oakville - Trafalgar High School Area, score 147.4; Burlington-Nelson High School Area. In this later case, Don Taylor, who placed fourth in the individual standing, was without a team mate.

### Inter County Competition at International

Arnold Howden and John Cunningham will represent Halton in the inter-county competition at the International Plowing Match to be held near Breslau, on Friday, October 15. Rumour has it that Oakville-Trafalgar High School will be represented in the Inter-Secondary School Competition with tractors, on Thursday, Oct. 14, by Glen Irwin and Wm. Speck. There is also a strong possibility that North Halton High School Area Board will send their representatives, namely Ross Austin and Tommy Hunter, for the same competition.

Incidentally, entries for all classes must be submitted to F. A. Lashley, of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, Parliament Bldgs., Toronto, not later than October 5th.

### Halton 4-H Homemakers At C.N.E.

In the awards of 4-H Homemakers at the Canadian National Exhibition we were delighted to note that in the inter-county exhibits, the Halton representatives from Hornby Club were one of the three county exhibits winning the first group award.

"Vegetables To Keep Us Fit", was the title of their exhibit, with Miss Margaret Stark, of Milton R.R. 4, acting as the able commentator. The leader of the 4-H Homemaking Club at Hornby is Mrs. Delbert Downs. To Mrs. Downs and her Club members we extend hearty congratulations on their achievement.

One hundred and thirty-four Homemakers from as far north as Temiskaming District and representing a total of 16 counties and districts, participated in the judging programme.

In Group A we were also pleased to note the following 4-H Halton Homemakers—Ruth Featherstone, Helen Vivian, and Glenna Rose, of the Nelson Club; Marilyn Cleave, Joan Harrop and Jean McLaughlin

of Norval; and Margaret Stark, of Hornby.

Group B, Barbara Cunningham, Ashgrove; Shirley Downs and Marilyn Wrigglesworth, of Hornby; Heatheranne Hayward, Milton; Joan McCay and Joan McCarron, of Nelson.

### Outstanding Junior Farmer Section At Milton Fair

The Halton Junior Farmer Section featured the displays and exhibits housed in the new hall just completed on the Milton Fair Grounds this past summer. In all, 27 different Halton junior organizations staged educational displays. If anything the standard was even higher than in former years—and that is quite some achievement.

The Junior Farmer section is divided into five different classes and the awards in each were as follows:

Class 1, Junior Farmer Displays—Grade A—Milton and Acton; Grade C—Palermo and Norval.

Class 2, Junior Institute Displays—Grade A—Milton and Palermo; Grade B—Norval; Grade C—Acton.

Class 3, 4-H Homemaking Clubs—Grade A—Hornby; Ballinafad; an Nelson; Grade B—Omagh; and Limehouse; Grade C—Acton; Meriton; add Ashgrove.

Class 4—4-H Home Garden Clubs—Grade A—Dublin; Hornby and Omagh; Grade B—Acton and Lowville; Grade C—Ashgrove.

Class 5—4-H Agricultural Clubs—Grade A—Halton 4-H Grain Club; Halton 4-H Legume Club; Halton 4-H Jersey-Guernsey Calf Club; Grade B—Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club; Halton 4-H Tractor Maintenance Club.

Grand Champion award for the best educational display in the entire section was won by Milton Junior Farmers, for their display "Farm Safety".

Miss Florence P. Eadie, of the Women's Institute Branch, Toronto; and Prof. O. Kennedy, of the Animal Husbandry Department at the Ontario Agricultural College, were the official judges. Both were surprised at the high standard of the displays which according to all reports excel those in most other centres of the province.

In any event the officers and members of the Halton Junior Farmers; the members and leaders in the 4-H Homemaking, Garden, and Agricultural Clubs, may all be justly proud of the result of their thought and effort.

It was our privilege to be in the hall on Thursday evening of last week when well over 100 young people were busily engaged in the erecting of their displays. What an outstanding group of young people they were—they reflect much credit on their many homes scattered over rural Halton.

### Night School Committees Active

During each of the past four winters the rural Community Night School at Milton has been an outstanding success. During these four years it was sponsored jointly by the Community Programmes Branch of the Ontario Department of Education, and the Ontario Department of Agriculture, assisted by a strong local Committee. The

cost of the staff was almost entirely paid by the two Departments mentioned above.

This year, for various reasons, the project is being sponsored by the North Halton High School Area Board, with a lengthy list of courses being offered at each of three centres, namely, Acton, Georgetown and Milton.

Under the new set-up the North Halton High School Area Board will receive grants equal to approximately 75% of the cost of the teaching staff. It is our understanding that elsewhere in this issue, will be found an application form and full information regarding the courses being offered, etc. For reasons intimated previously the Management Committee has found it necessary to set the basic fee at \$5.00, with a slightly higher fee for a few of the more expensive courses.

### Applications Close October 9th

This year the courses at each of the three centres open on Tuesday, November 2, but in order for the Management Committee and the three local Committees to complete plans, all applications must be in the hands of the respective High School Principals by October 9th.

This year no printed announcements will be sent out through the mail, so look through this issue of your paper carefully. It is also our understanding that while the courses sponsored by the North Halton High School Area Board, nevertheless applications from rural folk in South Halton will be accepted on the same basis as those living in the North Halton Area.

For further information we would suggest that you contact the chairman of your local committee. Those appointed in this capacity are as follows:

Acton—Mrs. W. J. Beatty (Acton 108); Georgetown—D. W. Barrager; Milton—Mrs. Velma Norris, (Milton 22621).

## Blacksmith is 89 And Going Strong

Stonewall, Man. (CP) — They're as durable as any anvil, these village blacksmiths.

Steve Fell of Stonewall has been blacksmithing for 74 of his 89 years. But ask him about retiring and he says: "Not for me. I may be a little tired but I like to work."

Fifty-eight years ago, when he started his business in this village 20 miles north of Winnipeg, there was competition to worry about, but not any more.

"The machinery fellows tried to put us out of business," he says. "There were six blacksmiths in town when I started. Somehow I managed to last out."

Since he settled in Stonewall the only time Mr. Fell has been away from his anvil was a brief spell in 1934 when he got kicked while shoeing a horse.

"I was only in hospital three weeks, he says. "I have wonderful vitality."

Mr. Fell in his youth did plenty of travelling in following his trade. "Now I never even go to Winnipeg. There are too many cars. I'm liable to get run over. I used to walk to the city often during the horse and buggy days."

## HUNDREDS PRIZES AWARDED FOR 102nd ANNUAL MILTON FAIR

The complete list of prize winners at the 102nd Milton Fair on Friday and Saturday is included in this week with the exception of the dairy cattle classes that will be printed next week. The list continues on pages 12, 13, 14.

### Light Horses

Brood mare, A. Dalsen & Son; colt or filly, A. Dalsen; gelding or filly, 1 yr. old, J. Hamilton; 3 yr. gelding or filly in harness, J. L. Wright, A. Metcalfe; 2 yr. old gelding or filly, A. Dalsen & Son; carriage brood mare, A. White; carriage colt or filly, A. White; J. Lighter; one yr. old gelding or filly, McDonald Bros.; span of carriage, H. J. Jamieson, R. Kerr, K. McMillan, R. Kerr; pair high steppers, K. McMillan, H. S. Miller, R. Kerr, Mrs. Wheeler; span of roadsters, J. L. Wright, J. Hamilton, Mrs. Wheeler, A. White; single carriage 15.2 and under, Mrs. McMillan, R. Kerr, H. J. Jamieson, R. Kerr; single roadster 15.2 and under, J. Wright, Mrs. Wheeler, A. White, J. McKay.

Span of hackney ponies 15.2 and under, Mrs. MacDougall, Mrs. McDougall, H. S. Miller, Mrs. W. Wheeler; single carriage 15.2 and over, K. McMillan, H. J. Jamieson, R. Kerr, McKay; single high stepper, K. McMillan, M. MacDougall, H. S. Miller, H. S. Miller; single carriage turnout, H. S. Miller, R. Kerr, J. Jamieson, H. S. Miller, R. Kerr; single roadster 15.2 and under, J. L. Wright, J. Hamilton, A. White, J. L. Wright; lady driver, Mrs. H. S. Miller, Mrs. MacDougall, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Wheeler; single hackney pony in harness under 14.2, M. MacDougall, H. S. Miller, M. MacDougall, H. S. Miller; single roadster turnout, J. Wright, Mrs. Wheeler, A. White, J. Hamilton. Fastest road horse, J. McKay, J. Hamilton, A. White, Mrs. Wheeler; saddle horse, open, H. S. Miller, S. Grafton, E. McArthur, D. Abbott; saddle horse (lady) H. S. Miller, Shirley Grafton; tandem pair, R. Kerr, K. McMillan; pony tandem, H. S. Miller, M. MacDougall.

### Heavy Horses

Gelding or filly, one year Stan-

### Percheron

Span of clydesdale, W. Hewson, 2. J. Moore; span of general purpose, A. Dolson, F. Lawrence, S. H. Cox; span percheron or Belgians, McCutcheon Bros., McCutcheon Bros., S. May; single market horse, A. Dolson and Son, G. W. Masales, A. Dolson; farmers turn-out span of horses, harness and wagons, McCutcheon Bros., A. Dolson and Son, W. Hewson; four horse team, McCutcheon Bros., W. Hewson, A. Dolson and F. Lawrence; six horse team, McCutcheon Bros., McCutcheon Bros. and S. May, A. Taylor.

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### General Purpose or Express

Gelding or filly two year old, McDonald Bros.; gelding or filly three year old, S. H. Cox, S. H. Cox, McDonald Bros.

### Harness

Span of clydesdale, W. Hewson, 2. J. Moore; span of general purpose, A. Dolson, F. Lawrence, S. H. Cox; span percheron or Belgians, McCutcheon Bros., McCutcheon Bros., S. May; single market horse, A. Dolson and Son, G. W. Masales, A. Dolson; farmers turn-out span of horses, harness and wagons, McCutcheon Bros., A. Dolson and Son, W. Hewson; four horse team, McCutcheon Bros., W. Hewson, A. Dolson and F. Lawrence; six horse team, McCutcheon Bros., McCutcheon Bros. and S. May, A. Taylor.

### OBITUARY

#### Charles H. Hoare Dies in Hospital

The death occurred on Tuesday, September 21 at Guelph General Hospital of Charles Henry Hoare in his 71st year. Surviving him are Mrs. Edna Hoare, George, Evelyn (Mrs. Frank Tost), and Reginald, of Acton, Isabel (Mrs. Thomas A. Johanson), Detroit, Jack of Barrie, Charles, Margaret (Mrs. Fred Helson), Robert, and William of Detroit.

He was predeceased by his wife, the late Ida Kelly.

The funeral was held on Friday, September 24 at the McClure Funeral Home in Georgetown and interment followed at Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. Mr. Hoare had been living for the past few years in Acton.

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