

# FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

## Elect H. Armstrong Halton Agricultural Society President

The 102 Annual Meeting of the Halton Agricultural Society was held in the Court House, Milton, on Friday afternoon of last week. It seemed to be the general consensus at this well attended meeting that the 1954 Fair was the best all round fair ever held by the Halton Agricultural Society.

President Roy Currie, secretary Mrs. Geo. Readehead, the Ladies' Committee headed by Mrs. F. W. Chisholm, and general manager J. Allan Dixon and Hall Superintendent Tom Bousfield, all came in for special mention. Notwithstanding the fact that recent years have seen a tremendous number of improvements made at the County Show Grounds, plans are under way to make 1955 a "paint-up" year and also provide still better accommodation for spectators and exhibitors alike.

As in former years, the Milton Fair will be held on the last Friday and Saturday in September.

The newly elected officers and directors are as follows: President, Howard Armstrong; 1st vice president, Thos. Bousfield; 2nd vice president, Frank W. Chisholm; secretary, Mrs. Geo. Readehead; General Manager, J. Allan Dixon.

Directors—Trafalgar, E. I. M. Douglas; W. N. Scott; Esquesing, Roy Currie; Edwin Harrop; Nassagaweya, J. L. Chisholm; Harvey Blacklock; and J. E. McPhail; Nelson, A. R. Coulter; A. C. Hadfield; Archie McKinnon; and W. K. Shields; Milton, W. G. Crozier; J. E. Brownridge; and Dr. C. H. Heslop.

Ladies' Section—president Mrs. F. W. Chisholm; sec.-treas. Mrs. Alfred Ford

Committee Chairmen: Domestic, Mrs. Roy Currie; Ladies' Work, Mrs. T. Bousfield; Women's Institute, Mrs. E. E. Yates; Flowers, Mrs. Wm. G. Booth; Arts and Crafts, Miss Vera May; Children's Work, Mrs. J. E. Brownridge.

## Soil, Crop Annual Is Largely Attended

Perhaps the most popular farm convention held in Toronto at this season of the year is by the Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association, held in conjunction with the "Orfeda" Show in the Coliseum, Toronto, from Tuesday to Friday inclusive, of last week.

It would be impossible to reproduce or even touch on the highlights of this outstanding program.

We were particularly impressed with the practical address of Dr. W. E. Tossell, of Guelph, on "Grass & Legume Combinations To Meet The Needs of the Ontario Farmer". Prior to 1935 most farmers depended almost entirely on a mixture of Red Clover and Timothy; or Alfalfa, Red Clover, and Timothy. However, in recent years the trend has been to the inclusion of more grasses. This procedure has resulted in increased yields of hay and pasture per acre.

Alfalfa Pays Off  
Now that we have had more ex-

perience with these mixtures, and in particular with the various grasses under different conditions and in various combinations, the tendency is to simplify the various seed mixtures. While the additional grasses do improve the mixtures from a pasture standpoint on the other hand they do in many cases lower the percentage of legumes in the hay. Personally, we feel that we would be wise to step up a bit the amount of Alfalfa seed we have been sowing in our mixtures.

It was evident last summer in the drought period that Alfalfa really pays off. In so far as we could determine, the only farmers who had green pastures were those who had been sowing a fair percentage of Alfalfa. We were therefore glad to note that Dr. Tossell and other forage crop workers have stepped up the amount of Alfalfa in their hay and pasture mixtures.

## Alfalfa, Red Clover Scarce and Costly

Perhaps this a bad year to talk about increasing the amount of Alfalfa seed in your seed mixtures next spring. Certainly with money in shorter supply and with Alfalfa and Red Clover selling at greatly increased prices, a lot of farmers will be doing a bit of thinking.

This may be a good time to remember that old proverb, "A penny wise and a pound foolish". We should not forget that hay and pasture are our most valuable crops in this area. The quality and quantity of our hay and pasture crops

play an important part as to whether or not dairy cattle pay off. In short they are important factors in the cost of producing milk. For these reasons we would definitely go along with Dr. Tossell on where drainage conditions are satisfactory, recommend for hay and pasture seedings this coming spring the following mixture per acre: Alfalfa—7 lbs.; Red Clover—3 lbs.; Bromo—5 lbs.; and Timothy—2 lbs.

Whether or not 2 or 3 lbs. of Orchard Grass are added to this mixture would depend on whether or not the farm operator is using grass silage. Orchard Grass is our most productive grass but it does take a good deal more management. In our opinion a farm operator who includes Orchard Grass in his mixtures must be prepared to practice clipping his pastures. In brief if the orchard grass is allowed to get over two or three inches high our dairy cattle are not very fond of it.

By the way, a new circular on Hay & Pasture Mixtures is just off the press and can be secured at the Agricultural Office in Milton.

### News Sources

There's the case of an Ottawa reporter who has been told by Supreme Court he must name his sources of information or suffer the consequences of a defenceless position when his libel case is heard. If legal precedent says that newspapers must break agreement with their sources of news, then the law should be changed by parliament. —St. Croix (N.B.) Courier

## Marketing Program For Farmers' Good

An orderly marketing program for livestock under producer controlled marketing boards would benefit farmers, as more stabilized prices would be maintained if farmers gave it whole-hearted support and regulations were strictly enforced. This was the opinion expressed by the majority of Halton county farm forums which reported on the topic, Producer Marketing.

Some groups thought the majority of farmers would agree to necessary regulations as to manner and place of marketing their livestock if they were satisfied it would benefit them financially. An extensive educational program would be necessary to acquaint them with all the facts.

Other groups thought farmers are difficult to organize and would not stay together and agree among themselves.

## 4,000 Pound Cow Given Certificate

Bred and owned by Maurice C. Beaty of Milton, the Jersey cow, Lindale Draconis Countess has just been awarded a 4,000 lb. certificate.

In 8 lactations she has produced 46,265 lbs. of milk, and 4,161 lbs. of fat. "Countess" is a daughter of the superior sire Brampton Draconis Royal.

## B.C. Gulf Islands Paradise For Deer

Port Washington, Pender Island, B.C. (CP)—On the British Columbia Gulf Islands there are more deer than people and tall fences are needed to keep them out of gardens.

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Blue Goose vs. Can. Tire

FRI. FEB. 4th  
INT. **HOCKEY**  
Georgetown vs. Milton

SAT. FEB. 5th  
**Public Skating**  
AFTERNOON & EVENING

MON. FEB. 7th  
PLAY-OFFS  
**JUNIOR HOCKEY**  
Palermo vs. Acton  
followed by a girls' game

TUES. FEB. 8th  
Minor  
**HOCKEY NIGHT**  
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