

Reports and articles from Halton's Farmlands and Farm Organizations

## Good Judgment Means Productivity Speaker Tells Operators at Seed Fair

Some 200 farm operators from all parts of Halton attended the annual Halton Seed Fair in the Milton Town Hall on Saturday, March 24. As pointed out by the chairman, E. Ross Segsworth, president of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, "the primary purpose of this Seed Fair is to bring people who have seed for sale, together with those who wish to purchase good quality seed."

Judging by the auction of 10 bushel lots, conducted by J. A. Elliott, this objective was accomplished. Registered lots of Oats sold at an average price of \$1.87, with a top of \$2.05 for Calvin Aitken's first prize lot of Registered No. 1 Laramie Oats. Commercial No. 1 Oats sold in 10 bushel lots at an average of \$1.58, and the only 10 bushel lot of Commercial No. 1 Montcalm Barley at \$2.05.

Dr. Don Huntley, head of the field husbandry department at the Ontario Agricultural College, who was the first speaker on the excellent program, referred to the disappearance of Halton farm lands for industrial and housing development. "A good farm always looks better than any factory building, but I suppose that is progress and we will have to put up with it," he stated. "Farming will never be a cook book sort of formula, and you farmers will, in the final analysis, have to use your own good judgment to make your land more productive."

**Need Farm Salesmanship**  
The second speaker, Charles McInnis, president of the Ontario Hog Producers' Association, who was introduced by A. R. Service, chairman of the agricultural committee of County Council, stated, "We in the agricultural industry have not been doing what industry is doing. They have established good salesmanship and an excellent marketing program, and it is time that we, as farmers, reviewed the situation and considered similar programs."

"There has never been a time," he stated, "when we in agriculture were unable to provide sufficient food and a surplus for our people. That is as it should be, but it is equally important that we learn to handle those surpluses without depressing prices."

Stanley Hall, M.L.A., who extended the thanks of the gathering to Messrs. Huntley and McInnis, also congratulated the officers and members of the Halton association on their Seed Fair and general program. Congratulations were also extended to Mr. Hall to the Halton Juniors on their educational displays and on their provincial championship debating team.

**48 Junior Farmers**  
Saturday morning saw a record turnout of 48 Juniors for the an-

nual Seed Judging Competition. Merle Gunby was the champion judge of the day and won the Strathcona Orchards Trophy. Other trophy winners were George Greenlees, who won the Halton Seed Growers' Trophy emblematic of the high score in judging of cereal grains. Sandy Buchanan had the high score in judging of hay and potatoes and thereby won the Halton Cream and Butter Co. trophy.

Other awards were as follows:  
Juniors: George Greenlees, George Hume, Don Taylor, Harold Patterson, Philip Shepherd, Bob Merry, Ross Austin, David Hume, Ernest Alexander, Fred Barnes.  
Intermediates: Merle Gunby, Lynne Coulter, Bill Robinson, Bill Marshall, Paul Ford, Ross Shortill and Mervyn Colling, Tom Hunter, Peter Scholtz, Doug Starret.

Seniors: Sandy Buchanan, Don Johnson and John W. Pickett, John Willmott, Bill Wilson and Mark Marquardt, David Wilson, Gordon Harris, Norman Bird, Howson Rudell.

## Area Cattlemen's Groups Gather

J. B. Nelson, associate director of the Farm Economics Branch, was the special speaker at a meeting of Halton's three Dairy Herd Improvement groups, last week. The group met in the Farmers' Building in Milton.

Comparing the summaries of the 72 Halton members for the years 1952-53 and 1954-55, it was pointed out by the speaker, that they had, in that two year period, increased their average production per cow and increased their size of business and improved their feeding efficiency, but that little or no change had been made on the other two factors. It is the balanced, improved program which counts; no one factor in itself can offset the lack of efficiency in another.

The latter part of the afternoon was spent visiting and looking over the farm business of Sam Harrop. This young operator, in the two year period, has increased his average production per cow by 3203 lbs.; increased the net returns of his herd by \$2,216, and reduced the cost of producing milk by \$1.78 per cwt.

In commenting on this herd, Mr. Nelson stated, "this is what I mean by balanced improvement — his summary shows that according to our standards he is strong on two of the factors and at least average on the other three. All in all, we think the group thoroughly enjoyed the practical discussion on farm management."

## Culture Powder Ready For Seed

Since 1905, states Professor E. H. Garrard, of the bacteriology department at the O.A.C., our department has manufactured and distributed approximately 300,000 cultures for legume seed inoculation. In recent years the cultures manufactured at the O.A.C. have been prepared in the powder form, and thereby can be applied to the seed without any difficulty.

According to Prof. Garrard, cultures should be stored in a cool place. Furthermore, the inoculated seed should be sown as soon as possible after treatment.

The Milton office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture now has a supply of these cultures on hand. They sell at the nominal price of 25¢ per can, which is sufficient to treat two bushels of seed. The value of legume inoculation has been proved many times, both in experiment and practice. Inoculation is the cheapest known method of adding valuable nitrogen to crop and soil.

## AUCTION SALE

The undersigned has received instructions from the Estate of the Late **TOWNLEY BROCKLEBANK** To sell by public auction on **SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1956** At 12:30 p.m. sharp, at lot 13, con. 5, West Toronto township.

**CATTLE** — Holstein cow, with calf at side; part Hereford cow with calf at side; 3 Holstein heifers, year and a half old; 3 Hereford heifers, year and a half old; 3 Durham heifers, year and a half old; 1 Durham steer, year and a half old; 2 Hereford bulls, 9 mos. old; 1 veal cake; 2-ton dump truck with hydraulic dump; rubber tired wagon with flat rack; ditching plow for Ford tractor; Gem electric grain grinder; 1 electric 3 horse motor; 1 1-horse motor; 1 small motor; extension ladder, 28 ft.; grain elevator, 21 ft., with pipes; pump jack; Surge milking machine with pipes; 100 ft. drive belt, 7" wide; bench saw; air compressor; iron vice; acetylene welder; fanning mill; hay fork and rope; pile of scrap iron.

**IMPLEMENT** — Ford tractor, 1949, with starter; International tractor, 15:30, on rubber; Massey Harris baler with Wisconsin motor, like new; 1 set of drag cultivators; 1 set of heavy harrows, 4 sections; Massey Harris seed drill; Cockshutt manure spreader; post hole digger for Ford tractor, Easy Way; buck rake; 2-ton dump truck with hydraulic dump; rubber tired wagon with flat rack; ditching plow for Ford tractor; Gem electric grain grinder; 1 electric 3 horse motor; 1 1-horse motor; 1 small motor; extension ladder, 28 ft.; grain elevator, 21 ft., with pipes; pump jack; Surge milking machine with pipes; 100 ft. drive belt, 7" wide; bench saw; air compressor; iron vice; acetylene welder; fanning mill; hay fork and rope; pile of scrap iron.

**MISCELLANEOUS** — Quantity of V belts, all sizes; electric fence;

electric water heater; quantity of lumber; cedar posts; Stewart electric cow clippers; 2 brooder stoves; 3 oil barrels; a quantity of 2" galvanized pipe; 2 gas pumps; set of bolt dyes; quantity of tools; 2 gates; pig troughs; maple syrup equipment; heavy jack; saws, forks, shovels, chains, and other articles too numerous to mention.

**HAY AND GRAIN** — Small quantity of mixed hay, baled; 400 bus. of oats; small quantity of baled straw.

**FURNITURE** — Dining room suite with leather bottom chairs; hall rack and seat; writing desk; large mirror; studio couch; 2 beds with spring and mattresses; 2 dressers; chest of drawers; wardrobe, cedar lined; odd tables; chairs; ironing board; bird cage and stand; pictures; tea service; lamps, including Coleman lamps; curtains; sealers, crocks, etc.; phonograph player.

**TERMS:** Cash day of sale. Nothing to be removed until settled for. No reserve as the farm has been sold.

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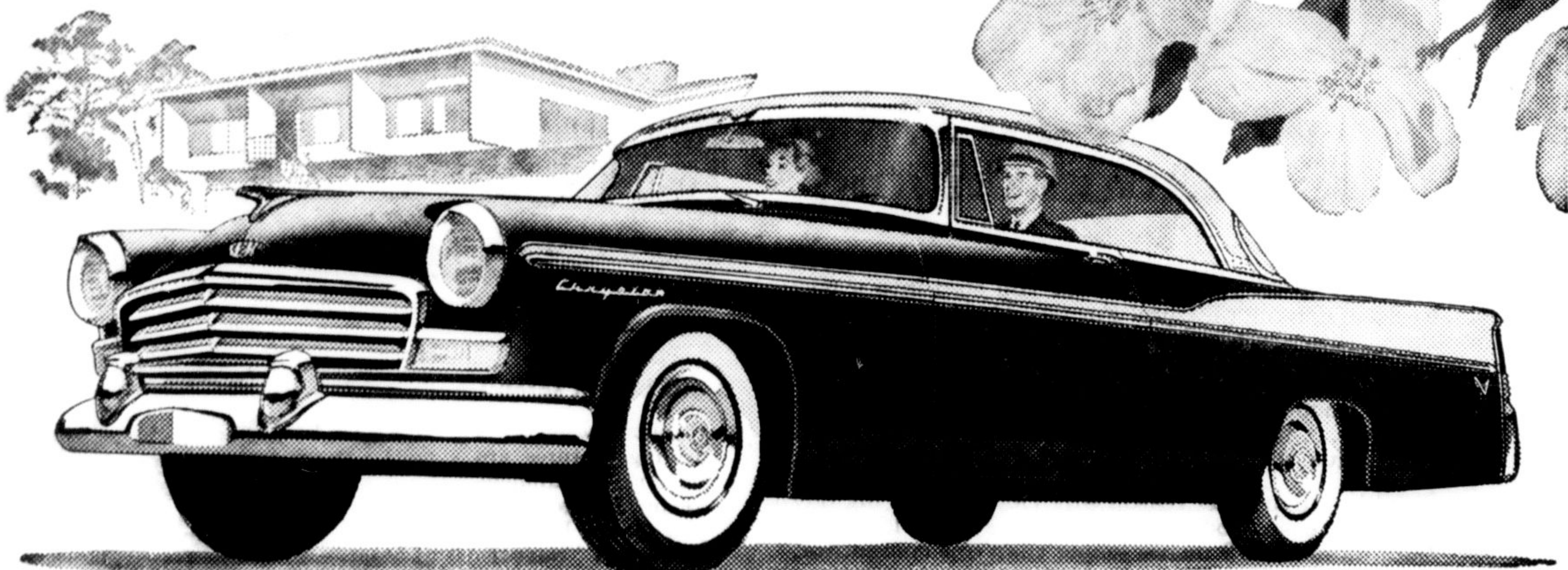


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