

FARM NEWS

Halton Farm Management Meet J. Neelands Elected President

The Halton Farm Management Association, at their annual meeting on Wednesday, April 17, elected Johnson Neelands as their new president for the 1957-58 season. Fred Nurse, of Ashgrove, who provided excellent leadership for this new organization during the initial year, was in charge of the meeting.

Professor Tom Lane of the Soils Advisory Service at the Ontario Agricultural College, was the special speaker. In his illustrated address, Professor Lane described the service and also explained the changes which had been made in

three different farmsteads as a result of the planning service. Data was also available depicting the before and after production of crops and livestock—the cost of the changes which had been made and the resulting effect on farm income. All in all, it was a most informative address — so much so that a goodly percentage of those present made application for the service at the conclusion of the meeting. To date, some 800 farms in Ontario have been planned by the Farm Planning or Soils Advisory Services.

That the service is appreciated and worthwhile was substantiated first by the comments of some of those present who have already had their farms "planned"; and secondly, by the fact that the Soils Advisory Service already has on file sufficient applications to keep the available staff busy for all of 1957.

Other officers elected for the coming year were as follows: vice-president, Brock Harris; secretary, J. E. Whitlock, Milton.

Type of Bulk Tanks Queried by Shippers

"Should I install a bulk tank?" "If so, which is the best type of tank to install?" These are some of the questions which are bothering a lot of milk shippers, judging by the discussion at a recent meeting of the directorate of the Halton District Milk Producers held at Stewarstown on Monday evening of last week.

Then there are the men who are likely to lose 10 or 15 acres to the proposed No. 401 highway, which cuts across the country. Some of these men, if they "go bulk", are faced with building a new milk house and the next question is, "Should I build it of cement blocks or should I utilize a frame construction?" Frankly, the writer does not profess to have all the answers to these questions.

However, the Ontario Department of Agriculture does provide a service which is available to all for the asking. These Agricultural Engineering fieldmen are providing an excellent service on such topics as building construction; renovation of old buildings, including stables; farm drainage; ponds, etc., and that, of course, includes milk houses and bulk tanks.

So if any of our readers would like to avail themselves of this service, further details can be secured from the Agricultural Office in Milton. One word of caution—don't wait until you are ready to commence operations before making your inquiries!

4-H Club Hold Annual Bus Tour

Thursday, April 25, will see Halton's 4-H Homemakers off on their annual one-day Bus Tour. Mrs. Mabel Borgstrom, home economist, aided by a battery of local leaders, will be in charge of the party.

We understand their itinerary calls for them to spend some time in one or both of the big stores of the T. Eaton Co., Toronto. Following this, they are to be guests of that firm for their noonday luncheon. In the afternoon, those 16 years and over will visit the Hospital for Sick Children, while the balance of the party will divide their time between the Parliament Buildings and the Royal Ontario Museum.

Altogether, it should be an interesting and worthwhile experience for Halton's 4-H Homemakers.

Weed Control Course Scheduled for April

A special Weed Control Short Course is scheduled for the Agriculture Building at the Ontario Agricultural College on April 29 and 30.

A copy of the program has just come to hand, and we think it is sufficiently worthwhile to justify us in taking one day, even though we are busy. The use of chemicals in weed control is comparatively new and there are always new developments.

It is our opinion that our municipal authorities who are charged with weed control on our roads should, if at all possible, take in all or at least a portion of this excellent program. Needless to say, anyone and everyone will be made most welcome.

Nassagaweya Institute Hears of School Work

The April meeting of the Nassagaweya Institute was held at the home of Mrs. A. Frank. The roll call was answered by payment of dues. Mrs. B. Young and Mrs. A. Frank gave a resume of the fine work being accomplished among retarded children of the Sunshine school in Milton. Mrs. A. Diamond, district director, presented her report. The nominating committee submitted the following names as officers for the coming year.

Past president, Mrs. A. Frank; president, Mrs. C. Cargill; first vice-president, Mrs. M. Mahon; second vice-president, Mrs. N. Mullen; secretary - treasurer, Mrs. M. Moffatt; assist. secretary - treasurer, Mrs. J. Henry; painters, Mrs. Lee Anderson and Mrs. Fraser; secretary of hospitalization, Mrs. Rinehart; auditors, Mrs. J. Robertson and Mrs. E. Ashman; district director, Mrs. A. Frank.

Conveners: agriculture, Mrs. L. Anderson and Mrs. E. Ward; Canadian industries, Mrs. J. Griffiths and Mrs. Anderson; citizenship and education, Mrs. Padbury and Mrs. DeBlaw; historical research and current events, Mrs. L. Campbell and Mrs. Amos; home economics, Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Wheeler; health, Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. G. Britton; resolutions, Mrs. Rinehart; community activities, Mrs. Blacklock and Mrs. Mullen; public relations and press reporter, Mrs. J. Henry; flowers, Mrs. Richardson.

Some 10,000 Women Join 4-H Homemaking Clubs

Popularity of 4-H Homemaking Clubs in Ontario is demonstrated by the fact that some 10,000 girls were enrolled last year in food, clothing, house furnishing, hospitalization, gardening and home defence clubs. It appears that there will be more clubs and more members this year—more girls learning to plan meals and cook and sew, to be good hostesses, to dress becomingly, to grow both flower and vegetable gardens, to make simple furnishing accessories for their homes and to keep themselves fit physically and mentally. Here in Halton county, approximately 100 girls are active members of the 10 home-making clubs.

Evidence of the interests 4-H Homemaking Clubs have for girls is the way senior girls continue in the work. Even girls in Teachers' College are often found, in vacation time or on week-ends at home, taking part in a club or acting as leader. A few continue in the work after they are married so long as they are within the age limit of 26 years. They explain that a girl never fully realizes the importance of what she learns in club work until she has an opportunity to put it into practice in a home of her own.

FLOATING MUSEUM

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — City council is considering a proposal to turn the lower deck of the famed sternwheeler Sicamous into a museum.

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It is gratifying to County Home Economists and local leaders, that numbers of newcomers to Canada are joining the homemaking clubs. The experience should be helpful to these girls not only because it gives



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Choir Presents Easter Cantata

Mr. Waite preached to a large audience on Easter Sunday morning from the text, Romans 1: verse 4, and the choir rendered two numbers. Mr. Waite again spoke briefly in the evening, after which the choir presented the cantata called "Victory". The solo parts were taken by Fred Agnew, Mervyn Coulson, Mrs. Swallow, Dawn Coulter and Morris Readhead.

Communion service in the church on Friday evening was well attended.

Mrs. Lorraine Davidson of Hamilton is spending a few days this week with Carol Colling.

Mrs. Jack Anderson and family of Lesaside are visiting her mother, Mrs. S. T. Coulson.

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Stan Hall Provincial M.P. Details Scarborough Bill

What has come to be known as the "Scarborough Bill" probably caused more controversy during the recent session of the Legislature than any other single issue. This was what is known as a Private Bill, that is, it was not a Bill sponsored by the Government but was a Bill introduced on the petition of the Corporation of the Township of Scarborough.

The proposed legislation dealt with two matters. The first, which provided for validating a by-law to control noises, raised no arguments. The second provision of the Bill was the contentious one.

The part of the Bill about which there was all the argument provided that the Council of the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, when required by by-law or resolution of the Council of Scarborough township must pass by-laws, without obtaining the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board, to borrow the sum of \$397,829.99 upon debentures for expenditures in constructing certain watermains as set forth in the Schedules to the Bill and that the debt so created should be repaid by levies against the Township of Scarborough.

The Bill was considered at a meeting of the Private Bills Committee, which is composed of 60 members, and reported to the Legislature. As some controversy had arisen over the Bill, it was sent back to the Committee for further consideration. At both times when the Bill was before the Committee, a number of persons were heard by

FAST REMEDY
NORTH OYSTER, B.C. (CP) — When a grass fire set fire to his fence in this Vancouver Island centre, Fred Pearson stopped the fire by cutting a wide gap in the fence with his power saw.

Ralph Conner was the pen name of the Rev. Charles W. Gordon, a Presbyterian minister who was perhaps Canada's most popular writer of novels.

Group to Sponsor Improvement Program

In recent years, every cattle man, whether beef or dairy, has become more and more impressed with the importance of good pastures in the economical production of milk and beef.

In order to still further focus attention on this most valuable crop produced on the livestock farm, the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association has made tentative plans to sponsor a "Pasture Competition" in 1957. While all details have not been finalized, we understand that the competition will involve not just one field, but the entire pasture program of the farm for the complete season.

A somewhat similar competition has been underway in Oxford County for a number of years. That it is bearing fruit is evidenced by the good pastures one sees on trips through the so called "Holland of America."

Further details concerning the Halton competition will likely be available in early May.

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