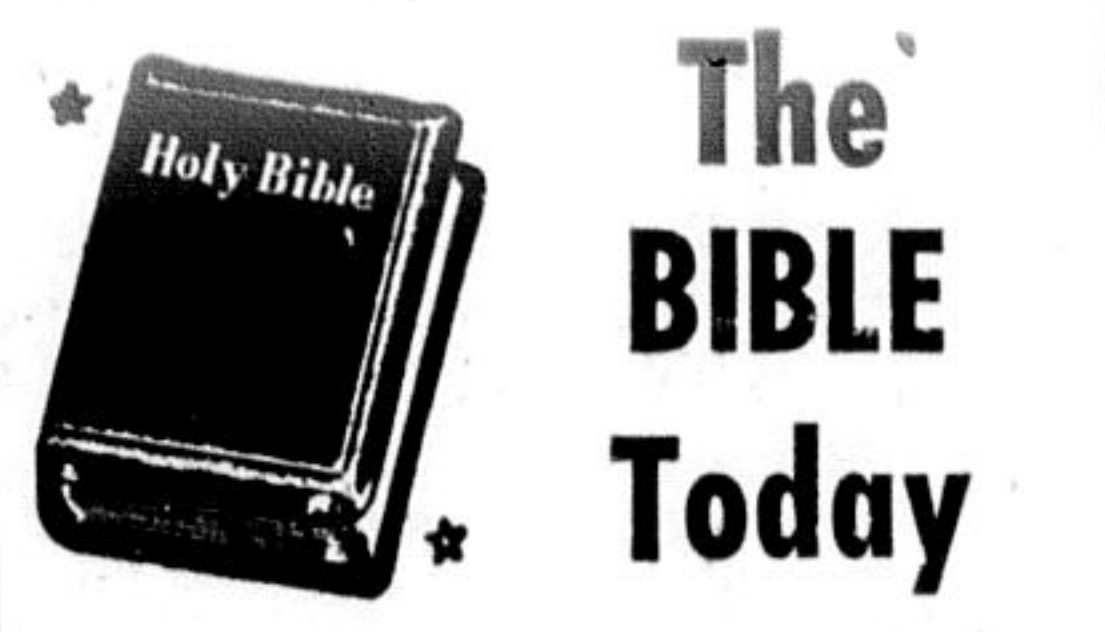


FARM NEWS

Halton Guernsey Cow Champion For Butter Fat and Milk Production

According to Bruce Hodgins, secretary of the Canadian Guernsey Association, Glen Leonard Bessie, owned by George H. King and Son of Trafalgar is the new Canadian Champion for both butter fat and milk.
At the conclusion of her last lactation, "Bessie" had produced a total of over 147,000 lbs. of milk and 7,700 lbs. B.F. during her life time.

She freshened again on June 10 at 15 years of age, and in the near future will shove her butter fat production above the 8,000 pound mark.



Results Show Simazin Failed

"I am not discouraged that Simazin failed to give satisfactory results in 1958," stated Prof. George James of the Department of Field Husbandry, O.A.C., when addressing the Twilight meeting at the farm of Ford Wickson, near Ashgrove on Wednesday evening of last week.

Simazin is the chemical which prior to this year had given such outstanding results as a pre-emergence spray for corn. The Wickson corn was planted on May 19, and the following day two acres of the field were treated by Prof. James. Two pounds of Simazin with 30 gals. of water was applied to the acre.

Experimental Work

Experimental work with the material had been conducted over the past several years with excellent results.

Last year it was placed on a field scale—as a matter of fact, in August of 1957, your "Ag. Rep." personally inspected a field of silage corn which had been so treated—no cultivation had been practiced and without question, it was the cleanest field of corn we had ever seen and that goes back to the time folk used to hoe their corn.

While similar tests have worked in other areas this year, apparently here in Halton we did not receive sufficient moisture in late May and June to enable the chemical to function.

Fifty Attended

Some 50 folk were in attendance for the Twilight program which also included an inspection of the replicated plots of some six varieties of barley and seven varieties of oats—in all a total of 52 plots were involved, and these, thanks to Mr. Wickson, were in excellent condition.

All in all, it was a most interesting discussion on cereal grains, legumes and weed control, which was ably led by Prof. Jones.

Members of the Acton 4-H Forage Club, the Halton 4-H Forage Club, the Halton 4-H Grain Club and the Halton 4-H Potato Club, plus a goodly number of adults, were in attendance for the interesting program. At the conclusion of which the entire group were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wickson for refreshments.

Halton County Herds In C.N.E. Competition

Halton will be represented with county herds in both Holsteins and Jerseys at the Canadian National Exhibition. Entries closed on August 2nd, and the dairy breeds will be showing at the Coliseum on August 23 and 29.

In the Jersey breed, Halton will be represented by entries from the herds of Mac Alexander, Norval, M. C. Beatty, Milton; Featherstone Bros., Oakville and M. W. Staples of Guelph.

Black and White

The "Black and White" enthusiasts will be represented by entries from the herds of A. M. Sherwood, A. G. Hunter, Gordon Sinclair, Ashville Farms, Brock Harris, J. H. Taylor and Ross Segsworth, all of the town of Burlington.

From Trafalgar, Barbara Y. Royle, Tovell Bros., Barbara Pickard and Arnold Fish, will be representatives, while from Esquesing, Ward Brownridge, Jean Hunter and Wilfred Leslie and Sons will carry the banner.

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Brucellosis Tests Nearly Completed

"Blood testing under the Brucellosis Control Area program in Halton is almost completed, states Dr. Twiss of the Health of Animals Branch at Brampton.

The last report which will include all herds tested up until about the middle of July reveals that only 92 cattle out of a total of 19,850 in 806 herds have reacted to the test. The 92 head which reacted were in 49 herds.

On the basis of total cattle population, the percentage reactors work out at slightly less than one-half of one per cent., which qualifies the county to be designated a Brucellosis Certified Area.

Six Per Cent. Affected

However, to be recognized as a Certified Area, the percentage of infected herds must in addition not exceed five per cent. of the total number of herds, and on the first test, approximately six per cent. of Halton's herds were affected.

Present reports would indicate that by the time the 30 day retest is completed, Halton should without difficulty qualify as a Brucellosis Certified Area.

The Calhood Vaccination program has certainly paid off and Halton cattle owners may well be proud of the high health status of their cattle.

Hog Producers Approve Plan

On Thursday of last week, we learned from the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Board that 67.6 per cent. of the Ontario Hog Producers who voted cast a "Yes" vote.

A total of 78,685 Ontario farmers had been registered as eligible voters and of this number, 37,573 availed themselves of the opportunity of voting on the Ontario Hog Producer Marketing Plan. In Halton 296 votes were cast and of this number, 76.4 per cent. voted in favor.

It is a bit unfortunate, as we see it, that a larger percentage of the eligible voters did not cast their ballots which, perhaps, would have resulted in a more decisive indication of the Hog Producers' wishes.

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HALTON COUNTY WEED CONTROL NEWS

by V. E. McARTHUR, COUNTY WEED INSPECTOR

HOW DO WE RATE

When considering the many varieties of weeds found in Halton County, and realizing also that each and every species at some time had its beginning, we cannot help but exclaim, "Why was the first plant allowed to survive and produce seeds?" The answer is uncertain, perhaps no one noticed it, perhaps if they did, they liked its appearance or perhaps even they were not concerned about one little weed! Whatever the story may be, numerous varieties have established and in spite of the efforts of our ancestors to eradicate them each generation seems to be challenged to fight a more intensive "War on Weeds." How very true is the old proverb, "A Stitch in Time Saves Nine".

While weed infestations were not so serious in our grandfather's time no one was more concerned or aware of the results than they were. Are we as alarmed about the spread of weeds as our grandfathers? Certainly there is much evidence that we are not.

Actually our generation is in a much better position than our forefathers to fight this year as far as equipment and ammunition is concerned. We are well supplied with fast and efficient machines for thorough cultivation. A chemical weed killer is available for nearly every situation, and the latest information is provided instructing us how to use the weapons to the best advantage. But still the problem of weeds remains.

In the county many property values are being lowered because weeds are allowed to run wild. Crops are suffering from weed competition, resulting in decreased yields, and an ever increasing number of residents are suffering from hay fever, to say nothing of the unfavorable impression tourists must certainly receive while passing weedy and untidy properties.

True enough the proper use of labour-saving equipment and the practical application of information offered for chemical weed control will do much toward winning the War on Weeds, but these practices in themselves are not enough to accomplish the task.

In addition, each and every citizen must possess something of the old fashioned virtues, namely "A Simple Pride" in the appearance of the place we call our home, and a "Genuine Respect" for our neighbours and the entire community.

Blame Mask in Boy's Drowning Ask Township Pool Lifeguard

A recommendation that competent lifeguards be on duty at all times at public swimming pools, and that the pools be equipped with pike poles and lifebuoys, was made by a jury sitting under Coroner Dr. Keith Phillips at Trafalgar at an inquest last week into the death of Robert McCallion, aged six.

The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McCallion, Bronte, was drowned in the pool at the St. Lawrence Cement Company's recreation park on the Base Line south of Milton on July 16. The jury found that death was due to suffocation caused by vomitus blocking the boy's windpipe. Evidence showed that he was wearing a defective snorkel mask and tube when the fatality occurred.

Dr. Harold Bykirk of Oakville, who was called to the scene, told the jury he found no signs of life in the child's body. Finding the windpipe blocked with vomitus he performed an emergency operation and breathed into the windpipe for ten minutes in an effort to restore life. He was of the opinion that the child might have sneezed or become confused and tugged at the mask, causing the glass to come out. He found no water in the child's lungs.

Inspector Harry Wilson of the Trafalgar police, who investigated the fatality, said the snorkel mask worn by the child was not accompanied with instructions for its use.

NOT YET

The young man was driving down a moonlit country lane with a beautiful doll at his side. Suddenly, the motor coughed and the car came to a halt.

"That's funny," said the young man, "I wonder what that knocking was?"

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- Are you a member of a professional association, medical co-operative, craft union, credit union, retail federation, or like group?**
If number 1 or 2 does not apply to you, check with your organization to determine if it is acting as a collector for its members. Group applications must be in by August 31, 1958.
If you are not eligible under 1, 2, or 3, you may enrol as an individual and pay premiums directly to the Commission. Individuals applying for Pay-Direct enrolment must make application by September 30, 1958. Application forms are now available at public hospitals and banks (or the Post Office if there is no bank in your community.) Do not delay.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

GROUP PREMIUMS will be payable monthly in one remittance to the Commission beginning in December, 1958.

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