

# Hear Five Specialists on Panel On Profitable Crop Production

Johnston Neelands, president of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, has announced that "Profitable Crop Production in Halton" will be the theme of the 1961 annual meeting scheduled for early January.

The program will feature a new type of panel. Five specialists in all phases of crop production will verse a panel of 10 Hal-

ton farmers in discussing cropping programs. Direction of the discussion will be led by J. A. Francis, agricultural representative for Halton county.

**Directors Meet**

Plans for the annual meeting of the association were made at a directors' meeting held in the Extension Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Milton, on Monday, November 21.

During the meeting, a progress report and summary of the crop projects conducted by the association was presented. In co-operation with the Soil and Crop Associations in Wentworth and Peel counties, a special report is being prepared on soils and crop demonstrations held in the three counties. This report will be presented and released for distribution at the annual meeting.

## Farm News Page



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**HALTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTES** sent two delegates each to a Department of Agriculture extension course in rug hooking, in St. Paul's United Church in Milton last week for a two day course. The women in turn will be turning over their knowledge to other members of their institutes. Above, leader Miss Isabel Leslie gives Mrs. Maurice Readhead and Mrs. Frank Hadley of Mountain Union W.I. some instruction.



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**HALTON INSTITUTE** representatives attended a two-day rug making course in Milton last week sponsored by the Extension Branch of the Department of Agriculture. Above, Mrs. Clark Armstrong and Mrs. George Robertson of the Dublin W.I. are shown taking instruction from course leader Miss Isabel Leslie.

## Ed Davenport Named Chairman At Esquesing Federation Meet

The annual meeting of Esquesing Federation of Agriculture was held in Stewarttown Hall Thursday evening, November 24. The highlight of the evening was an illustrated talk by Dr. John Brown. He was a member of a party who had gone overseas to study marketing situations and endeavor to stimulate trade between the United Kingdom and Canada. It was interesting to see the different methods of packaging, displaying and selling fruits and vegetables.

Al Francis, agriculture representative of Halton, explained some of the department's plans for 1961. Vocal solos by Audrey Brown and John Wilson were much appreciated.

Officers elected for 1961 were: chairman, Ed Davenport; vice-chairman, Chester Early; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Brown; auditor, Frank Wilson.

**SECOND BEST**

"You'll have to cut out alcohol," said the Doc. "And no tobacco, either. That also goes for women. And you've got to be in bed by 10 p.m. every night. . . . That's the best advice I can give you."

The Editor was crestfallen. "Look, Doc," he pleaded, "the kind of life I lead I don't deserve the best. What else would you suggest?"

**AVERAGE OF 40**

The average impact speed of cars involved in fatal accidents is about 40 m.p.h. "Slow Down and Live!" the Ontario Safety League asks all drivers.

**FOR CLIMBERS**

Polystyrene rope has many uses. Stapled to the side of a wall it may be used for training climbing plants.

## 18 Halton W.I. Members At Rug Hooking Course

Eighteen Halton Women's Institute members representing nine of the institutes attended a two-day course in rug hooking at St. Paul's United Church, Milton, last week.

Sponsored by the Department of Agriculture extension home economics service, the course was designed to teach the two representatives of each institute how to draw and hook rugs. These ladies will in turn pass on their knowledge to members of their own groups, and next spring a summary day will be held when club members will display their work.

Instructor for the course was Miss Isabel Leslie of the Department. Home Economist Miss

## Halton Plowmen To Hold Banquet

Frances Lampman of Halton and Peel Counties arranged the course.

**List Participants**

Attending were the following: Hornby, Mrs. W. Coulton and Mrs. L. Sampson; Dublin, Mrs. Clark Armstrong and Mrs. George Robertson; Scotch Block, Mrs. C. Service and Miss Eva Chisholm; Mountain Union, Mrs. F. Hadley and Mrs. Maurice Readhead; Drumquin, Mrs. M. Lister and Mrs. Fred Tuck; Silverwood, Mrs. B. Jones and Mrs. D. Williamson; Ballinacree, Mrs. John Snow and Mrs. R. B. Kirkwood; Ashgrove, Mrs. E. McNabb and Mrs. Milton Bird; Campbellville, Mrs. Roy Parker and Mrs. A. Peterson.

The year's activities of the Halton Plowmen's Association will conclude with an annual meeting and banquet on Friday, December 2. L. DeVries of Georgetown will address the banquet program with an illustrated world tour of agriculture.

Also included in the banquet program will be the address of Mrs. J. C. Reid, Halton's Queen of the Furrow. The address will be the same as used by Hazel, and scored highest, in the 1960 Ontario Queen of the Furrow competition held in connection with the International Plowing Match.

President J. H. Taylor will present a review of the activities of the association. The meeting will continue his activities by electing a 1961 slate of officers.

## Urge College Education For Young People - Forum

Parents as well as teachers must encourage young people at an early age to aim for a college education, was the opinion of Ontario Forum members when they discussed "The Cost of a College Education". The broadcast, which was heard across Canada on November 21, asked the forums how they and their young people viewed the importance of a college education and what they thought could be done about the "drop-out" situation in the schools today.

The forums were almost unanimous in their opinion that for students who have the ability and ambition, a college education is a necessity for young people who expect to compete for a place in Canada's future economy. They stated that more scholarships and bursaries should be available for gifted children; in fact, some went on to say that the children's allowance should be continued until the child reaches the age of 18, if he or she is still in school.

**Guidance Needed**

The forums suggested that teachers should be encouraged to give special attention to the average student rather than the bright student, who is bound to make the grade anyway. They also observed that not all young people are suited for university and stressed the importance of guidance counselling, even in grades seven and eight, in order to help students realize their potentialities.

More agricultural and technical schools should be available to rural children who are more suited to a trade than a profession, was another suggestion made by the forums.

Although a great many forum members said a college education was not necessary for those who planned to stay on the farm, others pointed out that farmers with a college education were often able to supply the kind of leadership that is needed in the farm organizations of today.

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## Arguments Start

### Clear up Sportsmen's Queries

With the end of the fishing season (except rainbow trout in some waters), Ontario's fish and game associations are settling down to their winter meetings and agendas. It is estimated that nearly 100,000 fishermen — and women — belong to organized groups in the province with more than twice that number still operating "individually."

And already the arguments have begun. Actually, of course, there's nothing that enlivens a winter evening more than a good argument about fishing and/or hunting. The final arbiter in most arguments, it seems, are experts of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests into whose laps many of the arguments descend.

**White and Pink**

"Why do some speckled trout have white flesh; others pink flesh?" is a hardy perennial.

The answer: No one really knows. It is generally believed it is dependent on the kind of food the trout has eaten. Yet . . . both speckled and lake trout, caught in the same waters, may differ in flesh colour.

"Do muskies grow larger than pike?" It's generally accepted that the muskie is Ontario's largest game fish. For instance a muskunge going 53.5 inches was found to be 15 years old. A pike of the same age was just over 35 inches in length.

"Is there any way to take the 'wild' smell of venison or moose

meat away while it is being cooked?" Soak the meat in water with a cupful of vinegar added, for a couple of hours. Then mix hot mustard with vinegar and spread a thin paste over the meat. (Some folks like the wild odour; others can't stand it.)

"Will smaller gauge shotguns shoot as far and kill game as far

away as a 12 gauge?" The smaller gauge will not kill as far away for two reasons: the larger gauge carries more shot and patterns a little better. For wildfowl use exclusively (and this will stimulate the arguments!) a 12 gauge is better than a 16 and a 10 is better than a 12. Using No. 6 shot in a 12 gauge, a good shot can kill large ducks consistently at about 50 yards; with a 16 gauge, the killing range, on the average will be three or four yards shorter.

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