

Soils Tour Visits Halton John Wilson is Delegate

John Wilson, Norval R.R. 1, Ontario Agricultural College, is Halton's delegate to the annual Junior Farmers Soil and Land Use Tour. John farms with his father, Spencer Wilson, in Esqueving Township and is active in 4-H and Junior Farmer programs.

The soils tour was held September 10 to 13 inclusive. The program is under the direction of the extension branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and the Soils Department of the Ontario Agricultural College. Each county in Ontario has an opportunity to send one representative.

The tour includes soils instruction at the Ontario Agricultural College, and visits to view land use programs on farms in Ontario.

In addition to the soil and crop projects being carried on by the Ontario Agricultural College, this year's delegates visited farms in Lincoln, Welland, Perth, Huron and Halton counties.

On Friday, September 13, the tour concluded with a visit to four Halton farms. Halton farmers who were hosts for the tour were Brock Harris, Milton R.R. 6; Sam Harrop, Milton R.R. 5; Jim Snow, Georgetown R.R. 2; and Fred Nurse, Georgetown R.R. 2.

The program provides an opportunity for young farmers to see recent farm management practices in actual operation.



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THE UNITED COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS OF AMERICA, a fraternal organization, provided furnishings for the senior room at the North Halton School for Retarded Children north of Hornby, as well as erecting a fence around the school and tarmacking a portion of the playground.

Saturday William Sirm, vice-president of the Commercial Travellers of America, visited the Sunshine school and inspected the facilities that his club has installed. Mr. Sirm is shown inspecting the sink, while left to right, Fred Bickers of Milton, Al Misener the chairman for the Hamilton Council for Retarded Children, Mrs. I. Sillars of Milton, Walter Hawn of Hamilton, a member of the board of directors of the Hamilton District Retarded Children's Association, and Jim Sproat of Milton look on. It was estimated that the Association has donated \$2,700 worth of furnishings and improvements at the Sunshine School.

4-H Clubs End Year Show at Milton Fair

The Halton 4-H Beef Calf, Halton East Holstein Calf, Halton West Calf, Jersey-Guernsey-Ayrshire Calf, Grain and Corn Clubs held their final meetings in Milton on Wednesday, September 11. Each of the 4-H club members answered questions, based on livestock and crop management. The questions were answered orally, and scored by 4-H club leaders.

The meeting marked the conclusion of a series of meetings held by each of the 4-H clubs. The 4-H club program in Halton is under the direction of J. A. Francis, agricultural representative, and J. Douglas Burns, assistant agricultural representative, assisted by the volunteer leaders of the Halton 4-H club leaders' council.

Completion of the entire project will take place at the Junior Day program of Milton Fair, sponsored by the Halton Agricultural Society. The 4-H Achievement Day shows will take place on Friday afternoon, September 27, at the Milton Fair Grounds.

Included in the show will be classes of senior heifer calves, junior heifer calves, and a class for steers. Each 4-H Club member will compete in showmanship, and will be finally placed on their overall participation during the club year.

The conclusion of the show will be the selection of a champion beef, dairy and overall livestock showman.

The Junior Day will feature exhibits from each 4-H Agricultural, 4-H Homemaking, Junior Farmer and Junior Institute Club. The entire show will represent the work of over 400 young men and women from Halton's farms.

Railway Crews Ravage Farmer's Private Land

"I guess you can't do much to fight the railroad, they just move in and go ahead," mused north Burlington farmer George Pelletier, R.R. 6, Milton, as C.N.R. work crews moved onto his land and began widening the railway roadbed last week.

Mr. Pelletier is rather upset, for he is still dicker over the appropriation of his land. He has received verbal offers, but has nothing positive or down on paper to prove he'll be compensated for the loss of two acres of land and the closing of the driveway to his house.

Just Go Ahead

The work crews moved in anyway, he relates. They are lowering the railway line about four feet, putting a cut in the road, and widening the railway right-of-way on his property.

The tracks pass the Pelletier gate on the Burlington-Oakville Town Line, at an angle to his laneway. To widen the railway they must close off one end of his u-shape lane. A row of trees has been growing alongside the driveway for 40 years, but when the workmen get finished they'll be isolated in a field instead of complimenting his laneway. Mr. Pelletier adds that he has spent years developing and improving his farm, with all new buildings and a special U-type lane for easier access for milk trucks.

On top of this, the railway declined to erect an underpass beneath the tracks so he can drive cattle from one side of his farm to the other. In future he'll be forced to drive the cattle onto the busy roadway, down the road over the railway (where 25 trains are expected every day) and into the fields on the south side of the road.

"They just don't give you a chance," he summed up. "The people in Milton have been having trouble with the C.N.R. ever this new line. Maybe they'll be interested to hear I'm upset too."

Ask Farmers Report Finding Meteorites

Canada's farmers and other rural residents are being asked to help clear up some of the mysteries of outer space.

Valuable space clues come from meteorites, pieces of interplanetary material that plunge to earth. Scientists want all the help they can get in finding meteorites and are willing to pay for them. The Geological Survey of Canada will pay upwards of \$100 for a meteorite.

Made Door Jamb

Because they live for the most part in sparsely settled areas and devote much of their time to working on the land, it is felt farmers are among the most likely persons to come across a meteorite. One Canadian farmer found a meteorite virtually in his own backyard. It had been used for years to prop open the barn door.

To help the farmer and his neighbor identify meteorites, the National Research Council Associate Committee on Meteorites has published an eight-page, illustrated booklet describing the origin of meteorites and how to identify them.

Prepared by the Geological Survey of Canada, a branch of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, the booklet is printed in both French and English and in non-scientific language describes the appearance and characteristics of meteorites. Photographs show the three types of meteorites and rocks or other objects commonly mistaken for meteorites. Copies are available free from the Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa.



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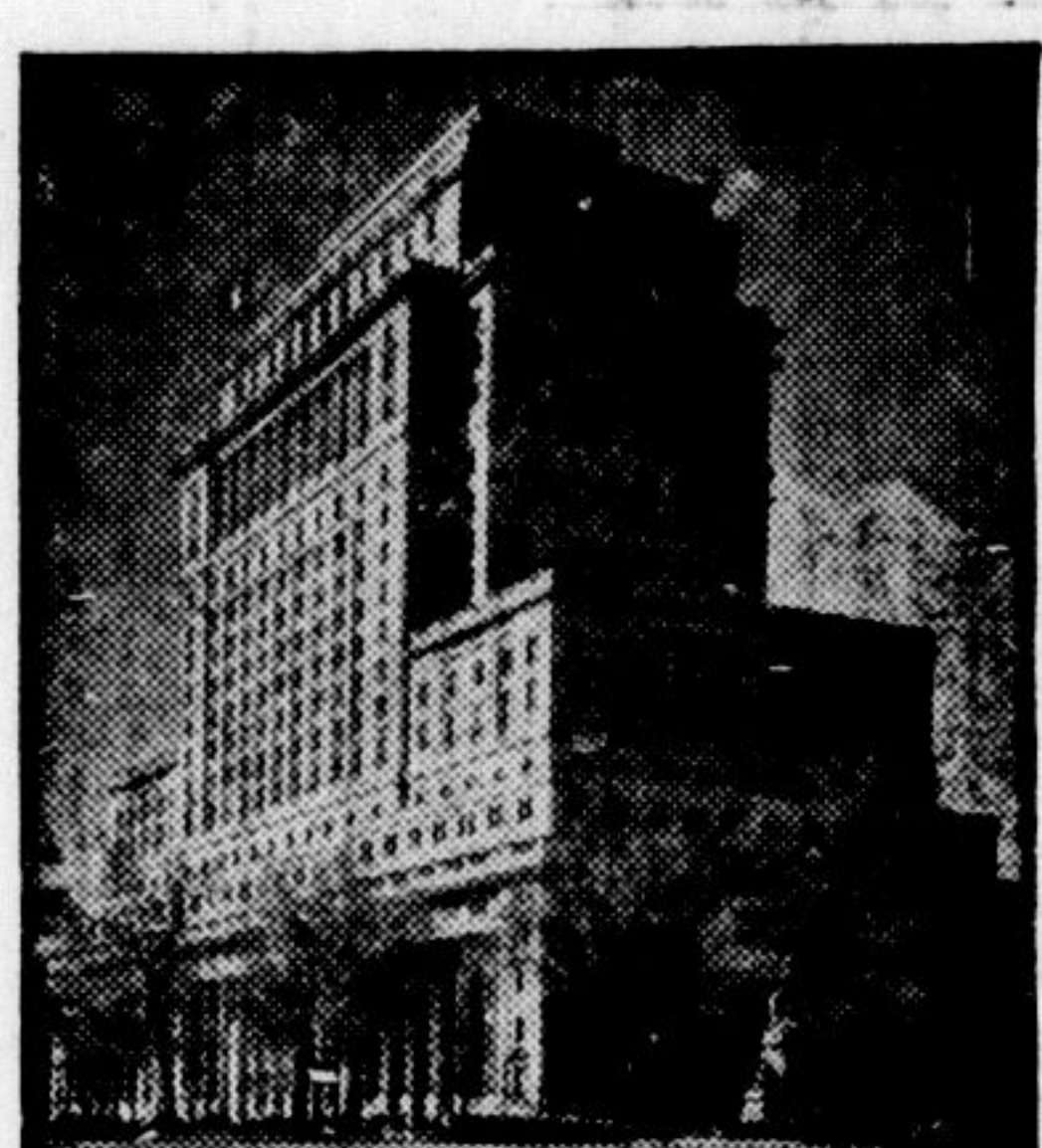
WILLIAM SIRM, vice-president of the Commercial Travellers of America, took time out from a busy schedule to visit the North Halton School for Retarded Children, north of Hornby, on Saturday. His organization has adopted the job of helping retarded children, as its chief project. Mrs. I. Sillars, Mr. Sirm and Fred Bickers of Milton, are shown looking at a number of photographs of Sunshine School students.

—Several from Milton and district attended a "Meet George Kerr" dance at Burlington Friday evening, sponsored by the Burlington Progressive Conservative Association.

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Market Bd. Announces Record Sale of Wheat

The Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board announced today it has made a record sale of board-owned Ontario soft winter wheat for export through an international broker.

Roy Coulter of Campbellville, chairman of the marketing board, said a single sale involving 1,800,000 bushels of new crop surplus wheat has been made for October and November shipment from Montreal.

The unprecedented sale made following one of the heaviest wheat marketing periods on record but the destination is not immediately known.

First One Soon

Mr. Coulter said, however, that while he and K. A. Standing, secretary-manager of the board, were in Montreal recently, it was learned that the first shipment is scheduled to leave Montreal near the end of September.

The board chairman also said that price detail was not disclosed but that the value of the large sale plus some additional small sales represents an amount in excess of \$3,000,000 to date.

Season's Record

Mr. Coulter said the board has been called upon to purchase over 2.4 million bushels of new crop surplus wheat, also a record for so early in the season, and that a total of slightly more than two million bushels have been sold for export.

Last year the marketing board handled 1.66 million bushels of surplus wheat during the entire year.

The highest total volume handled by the board for any one year was 3.7 million bushels in 1958 when the board was established.

JERSEY WINS MEDAL

A Jersey Cow owned by Featherstone Brothers of Oakville was named the high junior three-year-old in Canada for the production of milk and butterfat during the month of August, the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club announced this week. The Gold and Silver Medal record winner, Avonlea Advancer Jeanna, produced 13,947 pounds of milk and 311 pounds of butterfat, for a 5.81 per cent average.

—There's fun for all ages at Milton Fair, September 27 and 28.

BIG CONTRIBUTION

The federal government's contribution from tax revenues to the Unemployment Insurance Fund, not including possible contributions to cover the fund's deficits, will cost \$58,000,000 in the current year.

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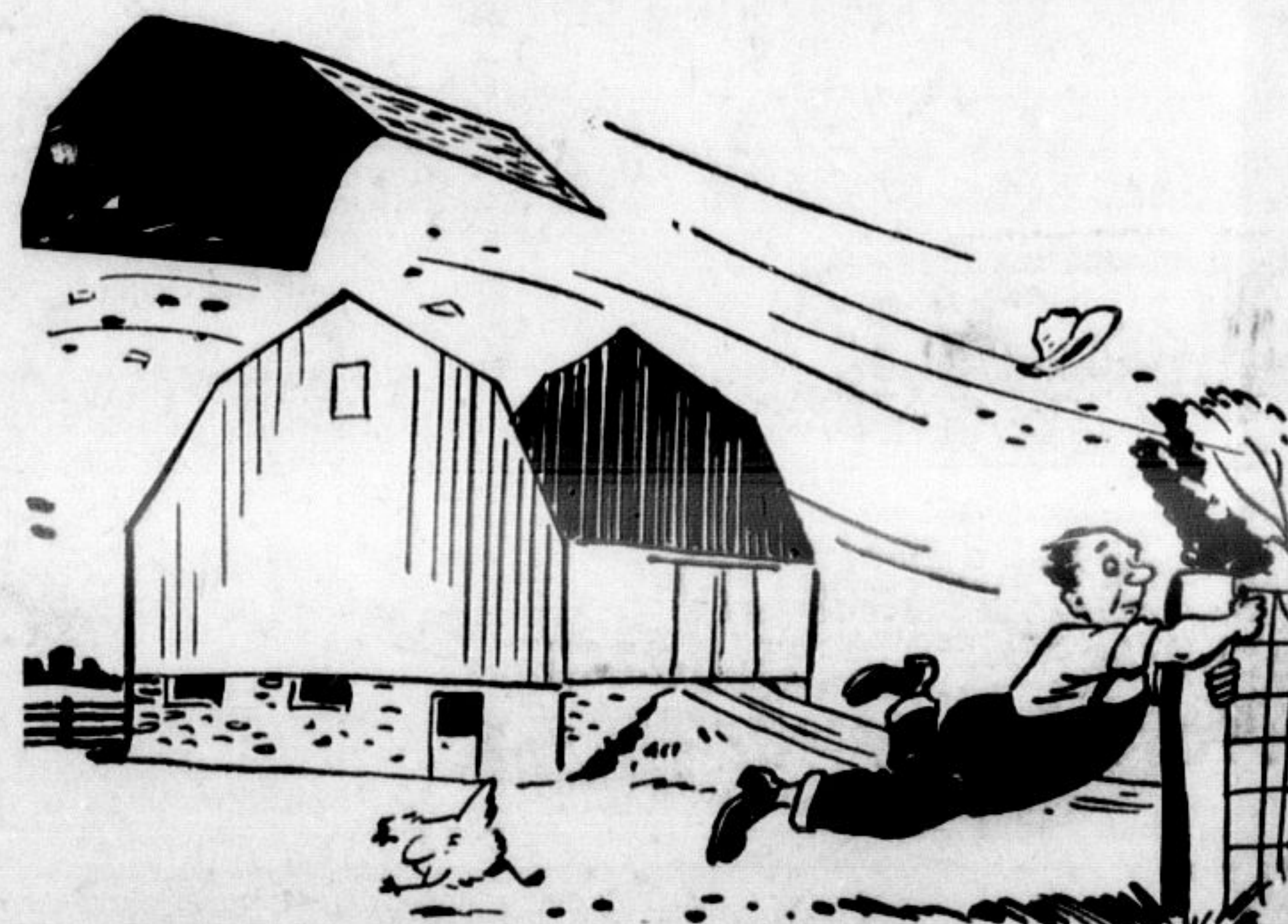
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