

Oat Field Damaged By Hail



Extensive Damage Caused by Hail

On Tuesday afternoon, August 11, hail caused extensive damage to crops in Halton. Commencing in the Lowville area, the hail travelled in a mile-wide strip across the bottom end of the county, wiping out all crops in its path.

The vegetable crops hit by the hail are a complete loss. As the oats and barley were almost ready for cutting, the hail knocked off the grain and broke the straw over.

The grain crop is also a complete loss through the centre of

the hail path. Leaves are stripped from the corn fields, but in most cases, the corn was mature enough that the cobs should mature.

The Halton Federation of Agriculture is working along with the agricultural office, Milton, to see if anything can be done on a government level to assist the farmers who had their crops wiped out. Information is also being procured on sources of hail insurance, and such information will be made available to farmers when compiled.

Larry Gardhouse Top Judge In Halton Seed Competition

Larry Gardhouse, R. R. 5, Milton, won the 1964 Champion Seed Judging Trophy by obtaining the highest score in the Halton County Seed Judging Competition. Thirty-five 4-H and Junior Farmer boys and girls participated in this competition, held at the agricultural office in Milton on Monday, August 10.

The contestants judged classes of oats, barley, hay, timothy seed, potatoes and corn. Reasons were given on three of these classes. Ten forage plants and ten weeds were also identified as part of the competition.

**Award Trophies**  
Ed Van Hoekelen, R. R. 2, Acton, was the winner of the coarse grain trophy for high score in judging oats and barley and weed identification. Winner of the small seeds trophy was Larry Gardhouse. This trophy goes to the top judge of hay and timothy seed and forage identification. Bill Alexander, R. R. 1, Norval, was the winner of the cash crop trophy for the top score in judging corn and potatoes.

A trophy is given to the person who obtains the highest combined score in the Seed Judging Competition, and the Halton County Livestock Judging. This trophy was won this year by Harold Thompson, R. R. 2, Milton.

**Senior Division**  
High scores in the senior division for those 17 to 26 years of age are listed as follows. Highest possible score is 550.

Larry Gardhouse, R. R. 5, Milton, 485; Harold Thompson, R. R. 2, Milton, 477; Bill Alexander, R. R. 1, Norval, 467; Margaret Hunter, R. R. 1, Burlington, 457; Janet Aitken, R. R. 3, Acton, 456; Dennis Sinclair, R. R. 1, Burlington, 454; Ed Van Hoekelen, R. R. 2, Acton, 452; Don Featherston, R. R. 1, Hornby, 449; Bill Sinclair, R. R. 1, Burlington, 446; Marion Hunter, R. R. 1, Burlington, 444.

**Junior Division**  
High scores in the junior division, for those 16 years old and under, were as follows:  
Robert Leslie, R. R. 3, Acton, 457; Wayne Aitken, R. R. 3, Acton, 453; John McGee, R. R. 1, Norval, 446; Verna Thompson, R. R. 2, Milton, 443; Doug Gardhouse, R. R. 5, Milton, 442; Ken Wilson, R. R. 3, Milton, 431; Keith Aitken, R. R. 3, Acton, 429; Lois Hunter, R. R. 1, Burlington, 423; Rosemary Booth, R. R. 1,

Milton, 422; Barry Mahon, R. R. 2, Campbellville, 411.  
High scores in the novice division, for those not participating previously in a competition of this nature, were:  
Janet Nurse, R. R. 2, Georgetown, 426; Robert McGee, R. R. 1, Norval, 424; John Nurse, R. R. 2, Georgetown, 422; John Haugh, R. R. 6, Milton, 397; Brian Harrington, R. R. 2, Oakville, 393; Douglas Wilson, R. R. 3, Milton, 357.



Recalls Trip To Canada At First War Outbreak

Recollections of the outbreak of the first world war in 1914, and how it affected her trip from England to Canada, were brought out this week in a letter to The Champion from Mrs. Janet Johnston of 657 Northcliffe Blvd., Toronto 10.

"I was to have sailed on the beautiful ship, the Corsican, which was blue and white, on August 8, 1914," she recalled. But war broke out on August 4 and the ship was taken over as a troop ship in four hours. It was painted a battle grey and many of the belongings of the passengers were dumped on the Princess Pier, Glasgow. Mrs. Johnston lost her bridal box, as she was on her way to Canada to marry.

**Stranded Americans**  
By August 15, she had found a passage on the old Grampian, which sailed under sealed orders. "We landed in the Mersey to take on stranded Americans and children" and she was asked to help take care of the children. Mrs. G. Willowby of Georgetown, veterinarian Boulevard and his wife of Brampton, and a Mr. Davis who had won the Bisley shooting match in Britain, helped entertain the children on the voyage.

"We wore life belts all the way as we were the first ship crossing and mines were in our midst," she remembers.

Instead of sailing to Montreal, the ship dumped them off at Quebec and the American Consul took over the children. She met her intended husband, Frank Johnston and his aunt, Miss Agnes Scott at the Union St. station and got married by Dr. Hadlow, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church.

"Uncle Will Johnston met us with the Hadley Democrat and rode to the Town Line amidst dust knee high," she wrote. "I

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Fall Clothes For You, Family

By Mrs. K. Cossom Home Economist

In these last weeks of August before school starts, as a homemaker you are probably faced with the purchase of new fall clothes for your children and yourself. If you sew, the question may be, "Shall I make it or buy it?"

The answer to this question depends, first of all, on our sewing skill, and secondly, on the time and money that you have to spend. You will want the garments you make to look as smart as good quality ready-to-wear clothes. Therefore, if you consider yourself a sewer of only moderate skill, you will probably find it worthwhile to make simple dresses, skirts, blouses and sportswear, but will decide to purchase suits, coats and party clothes.

**Major Saving**  
However, if you are a skillful sewer, making these more expensive items will mean a major saving in your clothing budget. Another alternative would be to have a professional tailor make the coat or suit jacket, while you make the less difficult matching skirt and blouse or dress.

In deciding whether to make or buy a garment, keep these fundamentals in mind. Any garment that you spend time and effort in making deserves good quality material. It is better to buy the best of a lower priced item than a cheaper quality of a higher priced item.

For example, a good quality cotton is a wiser buy than an inferior woolen. This applies to

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fabrics or ready-to-wear garments. It is not economical to make items that are mass-produced effectively and economically — for example, tailored shirts, blue jeans or boys' cotton trousers.  
Buying garments can often be your best choice when you shop carefully during end-of-season sales. Home sewing enables you to buy much better quality material and achieve a more distinctive garment than buying a garment for the same price.

**MILK GRADING**  
Canada Department of Agriculture's Dairy Products Division graded 86.5 million lbs. of dry skim milk in 1963, about half of total production.

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HALTON COUNTY  
**WEED CONTROL**  
By V. E. McArthur, County Weed Inspector

WEEDS USED FOR MEDICINES

Every herb or plant in existence has at some time had a beginning. Many of our noxious weeds were brought here from Europe and other far away lands. When we examine some of the older Canada Weed Books, we note that the editor almost invariably commences his weed description with either "Introduced from Europe" or "Native."

Another characteristic commonly found in these books following the weed variety information, is the use of suitable quotations by famous authors. Many of these are extremely ancient, dating back to the 1500s.

**Historic Replica**  
While on vacation recently, we had an interesting visit at the Plymouth Plantation, Plymouth, Mass. The plantation is an historical replica of the original Plymouth settlement built by the Pilgrims who landed there from England and Holland in 1620.

Here among the primitive houses, herb and weed gardens were flourishing. A lady, wearing the original Pilgrim costume, was processing the herbs and weeds into medicines and pills and other medical remedies just as the original settlers had done.

**Friends Now Enemies**  
Many weeds that are now

man's enemies were the Pilgrim's best friends. For example, a soothing preparation for sore throat was being made from the "Sumac" shrub. Healing ointment for wounds, cuts and bruises emerged from "Ox-eyed Daisy" and "St. John's Wort."

From the "Yarrow" plant came excellent medication for colds and scratches. "Wild Carrot" or "Queen Anne's Lace" make an effective stimulant while a very healing medicine was procured from the "Burdock".

**Medicines Made**  
Pilgrims apparently treated warts successfully with the juices of the "Mullen" plant. "Sweet fern" was an unfailing cure for poison ivy infections as well as an efficient source of dye material.

The following quotation appears in the Canada Weed Book of 1909. It is an extract from a book entitled "Herbal" and was written by William Turner in 1568. Note the old English spelling.

"For hte knowledge of herbes, trees and shrubbes is not only very delectable for a Princess minde but profitable for all the bodies of the Princess hote realme both to preserve men from sickness, sorrowe and payne that cometh thereby."

4-H Learn How To Clip Calves

The fourth regular meeting of the West Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club was held on Thursday, August 13, at Ashville Farms, R. R. 6, Milton.

Club president Bill Sinclair opened the meeting by having the members repeat the 4-H club pledge. The roll call was answered by 14 members. Secretary Marion Hunter read the minutes of the last meeting.

Dave Pelletier, a well-known 4-H judge, gave many valuable pointers to the members on showmanship and then gave an interesting demonstration on clipping a calf. All members judged a class of four-year-old Holstein cows and gave reasons for their placings. Dave Pelletier acted as official judge.

Assistant Agricultural Representative Bruce Huff led the members in an interesting discussion on cattle diseases and general herd health.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Murray Harris expressed the appreciation of the entire gathering to the Pelletier family for opening their home for the meeting.

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