



AN ENJOYABLE BUS TOUR OF FARMS in Wentworth and Brant Counties was taken by several Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association members on Thursday. Corn, potato, cattle, pig and poultry experts were visited on the day-long tour that stopped at five large farms. Above on the left, Millgrove farmer Sam Newell (facing camera in centre) explains his grain corn operation



that covers 150 acres of land. On the right, the bus is stopped at the Jerome Bros. farm at Ancaster, where 270 acres of potatoes are grown for the manufacture of potato chips. Mr. Jerome (with megaphone) explains his operation to the visitors.

(Photos by Merle Gunby)

Visit Wentworth, Brant counties

Soil, crop association tours farms

By Geoff Taylor
The Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association held its annual bus trip on Thursday, July 27, touring farms in Wentworth and Brant Counties. The group of 70 members first visited Sam Newell, R.R. 1 Millgrove. It was quite evident that good farm management practices were responsible for the neat and tidy appearance of his farm. Grain corn was grown to be sold as dried, shelled corn the following year. In one field corn had been planted for the 20th time in the last 21 years. His average yield for the past few years has been in the neighborhood of 100 bushels of corn per acre. Storage facilities were available on the farm for 20 tons of

dried, shelled corn, in two home-made corn cribs. **The second stop** of the tour was at the farm of Jerome Bros., Ancaster, where this year 270 acres of Avon and Kenebec potatoes were being grown, to be used by the potato chipping industry. There the average yields are between 275 and 300 75-pound bags per acre. At this farm minimum tillage operations are being practiced by discing twice, following with a roll-over plow, with a "clod-buster" attached behind the plow, and planting. With this method of tillage they are able to plant 22 acres of potatoes a day. After harvesting and grading, the potatoes are put in one-ton pallet boxes, and then stored in

controlled atmosphere buildings. Storage facilities are available for 70,000 75-pound bags. **The third stop** of the day was to the farm of Jim Haley, R.R. 1, Brantford. Here 170 of the 200 acres were being worked, with approximately 55 acres in corn, 20 in oats and barley, and 100 in hay. Sixty dairy cows, consisting of 40 Holsteins and 20 Jerseys, and a poultry flock of 2,500 laying hens were the two enterprises carried on. Haylage, which has been fed for the past eight years on this farm, and corn silage made up the bulk of the ration for the dairy cows. D.H.I.A. records have been kept on the herd for the past 10 years.



HALTON FARMERS on the Soil and Crop Improvement group's bus tour are shown during a stop at the Caledonia farm of Bruce McBain. Mr. McBain, right, explains his farming production methods while Brant County agricultural representative Don Graham, left, Halton ag. rep. Henry Stanley and three McBain boys listen. (Photo by Merle Gunby)

The next stop was at the farm of Jim Smith, R.R. 1, Middleport, where 60 sows and 250 steers were kept. Haylage and corn silage were fed to the steers, and barley to the hogs. Jim and his brother Bob farm approximately 900 acres on two farm operations. In 1966 their 24 x 70 ft. silo took 70 acres of corn silage to fill, which they felt was enough to feed the 200 head of beef cattle during the winter months. The hog operation between the two farms consists of approximately 60 sows, with all the weanling pigs being fed to market. Facilities were available to feed up to 900 hogs per year. Feed mixing was done on the farm using home-grown feeds.

A stop at the farm of Bruce McBain, R.R. 2, Caledonia, completed the day's tour. Two hundred acres, plus 150 additional rented, were being used to grow corn and wheat for the 4,000 laying hens. To maintain fertility on the heavy clay land red clover is grown. Recent tile drainage work gave indications of increased yields in the future, and Bruce felt that even by tiling his ditches alone it meant getting on the land at least two weeks earlier, which gives more profit and increased yields. Tiles were being put down at about \$70 per acre, at an average cost of \$148 per acre.

Seek hazards in farm safety week

Farm Safety Week is a good time for Canada's farm people to check and correct the numerous accident hazards that are a constant threat to their physical and economic well-being, says the National Safety League of Canada. Sponsored annually by the League in co-operation with the Canadian Highway Safety Council, Farm Safety Week is being observed nationally July 23 to 29.

The Halton Farm Safety Council is backing the campaign locally. "The best insurance against the disastrous effects of farm accidents," declared P. G. McLaren, the League's General Manager, "is to get rid of all possible hazards, both the obvious and the more subtle ones."

When asked to list common farm hazards, he said, most people readily identify the obvious ones — fuel tanks too close to buildings, the menacing "jaws" of various types of equipment, or a mean bull. However, he warned, typical farm hazards include many "less obvious but just as potent" hazards such as a cracked ladder rung, broken boards on a porch floor or steps, oily rags in closed cupboards or in a shed, headache tablets left on a dresser, toxic chemicals in unidentified containers, overloading of electrical outlets, and many others.

A check of all the rooms in an average farm house would yield many "little" hazards that need correcting, said Mr. McLaren. And a search of the yard, barn, sheds, and fields would yield more yet. "But it only takes one to injure or kill and to drain the bank account," he warned.

Reminding farmers that fewer accident possibilities can only mean fewer accidents, the League urged them to enroll the help of all family members in seeking and eliminating all possible obstacles to safety on the farm.



HAYING IS STILL IN PROGRESS at a number of district farms, as rain has delayed the harvesting and on many farms the wet weather has either ruined the crop or decreased the quality of the hay. This scene was photographed Saturday at the Campbellville area farm of A Boers, where workmen were bringing in a load of bales. Much of the first crop of hay was burned or sold for mulch, but experts say the second crop has a good start and should be an excellent crop this year. (Staff Photo)

Champion

Livestock judging

Name five trophy winners

By Geoff Taylor
On Wednesday, July 19, 51 4-H and Junior Farmer members from Halton County took part in the annual County Livestock Judging Competition held at the University of Guelph. Participants were required to judge three classes of dairy cattle, one of sheep, three of beef and one of hog carcasses. Reasons were given on two dairy classes, two beef, and one on sheep. Contestants were divided into three groups according to previous participation — novice, Junior and senior. In the Novice group Norman Miller stood first, with a total score of 573 out of 650. Bob Lasby was second and Judy Hardy third. In the Junior division Murray Brownridge topped the group with a total of 611, followed by Bob McGee and Patricia Sweetman, second and third respectively. Don Brander was head of the Sen-

ior group, with a score of 624, with Larry Bennett second and Lois Hunter third. Trophies to be presented at the annual awards night for the high novice, C.N.E. shield—Norman Miller; Champion Dairy Judge trophy, won by

Bill Alexander; Champion Beef Judging trophy, to Don Brander; Champion Sheep Judging trophy, to Bill Alexander; Champion Livestock Judging trophy, to Don Brander.

A DESCRIPTION
Traffic accident — "head-on collision between two stationary cars each parked on their own sides of the road."

Angus showmen

Two Ontario youngsters have been named to compete in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest August 7-8-9 at Lexington, Kentucky, Claire Sweetman of Hornby, secretary of the Ontario Aberdeen Angus Association has announced. They are William Jackson, Mono Road Station, Port Credit, and Miss Judith Hassen, Ariss. The two will compete against boys and girls from all over the United States and Canada for the honor of being named top junior Angus showman.

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