



FOR 45 YEARS OF SERVICE in the cause of good roads, Halton County's roads department foreman Stanley J. Wilson, 426 Broadway St. Milton, was recently honored by the Ontario Good Roads Association. R. E. Sims, OGRA director from Whitby, left, presented a certificate of long service during the association's convention in Toronto.

Plan two trips to United States

By H. Cook
The Halton 4-H Club Leaders held a meeting on March 10 to plan the 4-H program to be offered this year. As a result of the survey sheets, asking members to indicate their areas of interest, the following clubs are to be established: Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club, Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club, Halton 4-H Jersey-Guernsey-Dual Purpose Shorthorn Calf Club, Halton 4-H Conservation Club, Halton 4-H Field Crop Club, Halton 4-H Sheep Club, Halton 4-H Horse Club, Halton 4-H Engineering club, Acton 4-H Calf Club and Acton 4-H Field Crop Club.

"Route to Action" theme Junior Farmer conference

"The Route to Action" is the theme of the 1971 Provincial Conference of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario. Toronto's Inn on the Park will host three hundred and fifty Junior Farmers from across the province for this three-day conference, March 19 to 21.

Halton County will be represented by David McIntyre, R.R. 1, Acton; Sharon Britton, R.R. 1, Acton; Mary Lynn Hyatt, R.R. 1, Norval; Marg Oliphant, Mono Road, Janet Hunter, R.R. 1 Burlington and Barry Mahon, R.R. 2, Campbellville.

Set guidelines
During the Conference the delegates will be involved in taking an in-depth look at the Junior Farmer program in Ontario, and in establishing the guidelines which will enable this program to meet the changing needs of today's rural youth.

The keynote address at the conference will be given by Sister Thomas More of Holy Family College in Wisconsin, an internationally known commentator on volunteer organizations.

A visit to the Ontario Science Centre will be included in the Friday night program for delegates.

Over 500 Junior Farmers and friends are expected to attend a banquet and dance on Saturday night in the Centennial Ballroom, Inn on the Park.

Wisconsin. Five members from Halton will be selected to spend a week in Wisconsin, since it will be a double exchange with them this year. Anyone interested in chaperoning this group please contact the agricultural office in Milton. It is expected that all exchanges will be in July. It would be appreciated if anyone interested in hosting a U.S. delegate would contact the agricultural office in Milton for more information.

The club leaders are going ahead with plans to conduct a showmanship judging school for all showmanship judges in this area, and for any leaders interested in attending. It will be an attempt to establish a uniform approach to judging showmanship. There will be more information on this as details are worked out.

4-H meetings held to get organized

By H. Cook
The 4-H Organization Meetings for the Halton 4-H Agricultural Clubs are to be held the week of March 21. For those attending, all meetings will be held at 8:00 p.m. The Halton Clubs will all meet in the agricultural office, Milton, and the Acton Clubs will meet in the Acton Community Centre, Acton.

The schedule for the meetings is as follows: all Halton 4-H Calf Clubs — Wednesday, March 24, Halton 4-H Field Crop Club — Tuesday, March 23, Halton 4-H Horse Club — Thursday, March 25, Halton 4-H Conservation Club and Halton 4-H Engineering Club — Friday, March 26, Acton 4-H Calf and Field Crop Clubs — Monday, March 22.

Compulsory meetings
These organization meetings are compulsory meetings. Attendance will be taken and recorded for final standings. For the sake of first year members the age limits on 4-H'ers is 12 years of age as of Jan. 1, 1971, and

for older members, not 21 years of age before Dec. 31, 1971. The Halton 4-H Sheep Club has already been organized so is not required to attend any of the meetings this week unless registering in another club.

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Mary Anderson heads Colleens

"Campbellville Colleens" held their first meeting in the club "Dairy Fare" on Tuesday, February 16 in the Masonic Hall. Since then they have held two more meetings, all of which have been informative and interesting.

The leaders of the "Campbellville Colleens" are Mrs. William Mahon and Mrs. D. Inglis. There are 11 members in the club.

4-H members judge sheep

By Glen Stevenson
The Halton 4-H Sheep Club held its March meeting on Saturday, March 6 at Cedar Mains Farm in Bolton with seven members in attendance. Mr. Blair, the owner, introduced members to Cy Lowden, his manager.

The members were then taken on a tour of his sheep operation and then shown how to judge sheep. The members then judged a class of Yearling Suffolk Ewes. Mr. Blair then invited us inside for lunch and refreshments. While inside the election of officers was held and the results are as follows: president, Dave McKinnon; vice-president, Keith McKinnon; secretary, Janet Hunter; press reporter, Glen Stevenson; and representative for the Halton 4-H sheep club, Janet Hunter. Dave McKinnon thanked our hosts and hostesses.

Hybrids have advantages too

By B. McNeill
According to Dr. Poehlman, of the University of Missouri, probably "no development in plant breeding has received more acclaim, or has been accepted more completely than has hybrid corn". Largely as a result of this success, even the experts sometimes fall into the trap of believing that all hybrid varieties are superior to all non-hybrids. Such is definitely not the case.

A hybrid is no more or less than the immediate offspring of two parents that differ in one or more inherited traits. All humans are hybrids. If you crossed a red flowered petunia with a white flowered one, the pink flowered offspring would be hybrids. In the case of corn we usually associate a hybrid variety with unusual vigor. In the case of crossing the two petunias differing only in flower color, we would not expect an increase in the vigor of the hybrid offspring. So, you see, hybrids do not always have superior vigor; some hybrid varieties do, but many do not.

Other features
But there is another feature of hybrids that you may find more valuable than the possibly increased vigor and that is the increased uniformity. In most naturally cross-pollinated species, which includes most of our flowers and many of our vegetables, the hybrid varieties

have much greater uniformity than do the non-hybrids. So, if you want all of your snapdragons to grow to about the same height and to bloom at about the same time, then you will probably want to buy a hybrid variety.

Want variation
On the other hand, you may prefer a high degree of variation in your garden for variety sake, and, in this case, you would do well to buy a non-hybrid variety. Unfortunately, in many cases, you may not have a choice. Due largely to the myth of the unqualified superiority of hybrid varieties, the demand for non-hybrid varieties has fallen off to the point where the seedsmen no longer grow many of them. Your alternative to using non-hybrid varieties is to use a variety of hybrids. Some seedsmen offer seed packets containing mixtures of seed from a number of hybrids.

One last point. If you want to save seed from your hybrid plants for planting the next year, do not expect the resulting plants to be much like the parent or parents. A few may be, but the majority will exhibit a wide range of traits, probably not all desirable from your aesthetic point of view.

Foster heads new group

By H. J. Stanley
Tom Foster was chosen as president of the newly formed Halton and Peel Pork Producers Association. The eight Directors from each of the counties met in the agricultural office on Tuesday, March 9 to make plans for the next year. Vice president is John Johnson, R.R. 6, Brampton, and secretary is Allan Brownridge, R.R. 2, Georgetown. It is hoped that with the amalgamation of pork producers in these two counties a stronger organization will result.

Nominate trustee for learning award

John Ronson, vice-chairman of the Halton County Board of Education has been nominated as a candidate for the Lamp of Learning Award.

The award is presented annually by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation to a man or woman who has made an exceptional contribution to education during that year.

Halton takes over

Doug Wood, chairman of Halton Board of Education has been appointed to the board of directors of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education for a two year term.

"When there are provincial meetings of trustees, Halton really takes over," said Wood. Jim Singleton, Halton's director of education is already on the board of governors.

Board vice-chairman John Ronson is chairman of the Ontario School Trustees Council and Fred Armitage, former Halton chairman is vice-chairman of the Ontario Public School Trustees Association.



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Trustees Council. He has been active both provincially and locally in education circles.

His nominator Fred Armitage said Ronson was concerned with value and philosophy in education development and Armitage noted he knew no one more deserving.

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