

# Sunrise farm tour of great interest

By Henry J. Stanley  
A new event was undertaken by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement members this year — a Sunrise tour of projects in the County.

The first visit was to the cornfields of Harvey Nurse, R.R. 2, Georgetown. One field of corn is over eight feet high, considerably ahead of normal for this season of year. The herbicide trials were then inspected. Bladex, Lasso, and Atrazine were compared both singly and in combination for control of grasses and broad leaf weeds in corn.

Everyone then travelled by car to Tom McGee's to inspect an Alfalfa field. A portion of this field was treated some six years ago with agricultural limestone as the pH was 5.7, somewhat too low for alfalfa. Yields on the treated section of the field were over one-half ton of hay higher with 75 per cent alfalfa in the stand as compared to only 50 per cent in the untreated section.

Experiment white beans, soybeans, white beans, and turnips were discussed at Bill

Speck's at Hornby. Bill has increased his acreage of soy beans to 80 acres this year and is hoping for a yield of 30 bushel per acre or higher. He has a



A VIEW FROM THE MT. NEMO TOWER is breathtaking on a clear summer morning. One can see for miles the farm-

yards, houses, barns and livestock from the escarpment edge. —(Staff Photo)

crop is resistant to the alfalfa weevil, and is much more permanent than alfalfa, farmers are being encouraged to devote a portion of their acreage to it.

The next event for our soil and crop improvement members is a bus tour to Eastern Ontario, July 27 and 28. Visits will be made to the Animal Research Institute at Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology, the Eastern Breeders, and dairy and corn farms throughout that area.

## Big producer

A Dual Purpose Shorthorn owned by Harold R. Patterson, Milton, recently completed an outstanding record of performance.

Valley Crest Hardy's Princess, a three-year-old, produced 11,561 pounds of milk, 444 pounds of fat. The Breed Class Average is 189-182.

## Survey senior housing needs second project may be needed

An Ontario Housing Corporation survey to determine the need and demand for additional senior citizen housing in Milton is currently underway, and the results of the survey will have a distinct bearing on how soon Milton's second senior citizens' housing project will be built.

Milton's first such project, a 36-suite apartment building on Ontario St. N., was officially opened last month. It was occupied earlier this year. The 36-unit building is full and there is a waiting list of applicants so Milton Council convinced OHC to take a new survey of needs to see if a second such building was feasible.

The OHC research team will estimate the number of senior citizens living in Milton whose housing is inadequate or beyond their financial capabilities. Already over 200 questionnaires have been sent out.

Their survey includes an assessment of economic trends,

growth factors and current and future housing needs in the municipality. In this regard, interviews will be conducted with such municipal representatives as municipal officials, businessmen, social and welfare workers and the clergy.

Senior citizens in Milton will receive letters outlining the Government's housing program and asking them if they wish to participate.

See town hall  
Some interested persons may not be reached by direct mail. OHC urges them to obtain a questionnaire from the municipal offices.

If the survey shows a need for senior citizens' housing, it will likely be an apartment building, although consideration is given to one-storey units which do not require stairways. Apartments for couples have a living room, bedroom, bathroom and kitchen. Apartments for single tenants have a bed-sitting room, bathroom and kitchen. All apartments are equipped with stove

and refrigerator. Rent is geared to income and the minimum is \$32 a month, including services.

After considering the survey report, Council can initiate the program it outlines by adopting a resolution requesting OHC to go ahead. Capital costs are shared by the Provincial and Federal

Governments. Housing on a rent-geared-to-income basis is part of OHC's Home Ownership Made Easy (H.O.M.E.) Program. Those receiving questionnaires are asked to return them as soon as possible to assist the survey team.

—Halton County Board of Education's central administration office is located in Burlington, effective Monday of this week.

## Farm Safety Week

# Urge safer farming methods

The rapid increase in the use of power equipment and chemicals on Canada's farms makes rural safety practices much more important.

The Canada Safety Council in co-operation with The Canadian Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute is sponsoring Farm Safety Week nationally from July 25-31. The aim of the campaign is to bring the urgent need for safer farming methods to the attention of the rural population.

"This is part of the safety movement's program to change attitudes towards safety from apathy to concern," J. C. Thackray, President of the Canada Safety Council, said in his campaign message.

Unsafe acts  
The great majority of accidents including farm accidents are caused by unsafe individual acts. Disregard of common sense safety practices causes far too many deaths and injuries on the farm. Often the victims are young children.

Despite the great pressure to

make hay while the sun shines, there is no need to sacrifice safety in the name of speed," Mr. Thackray said.

The Canada Safety Council believes the proper place to start creating this new attitude towards safety is in the young. Paying attention to teaching children safety in the farm home is particularly important because of the extra hazards found in a rural environment, such as chemicals and poison sprays.

Hazards of highways  
The farm population also faces extra highway hazards because of faster speeds on rural highways and ever-increasing traffic density. Rural areas are the sites of three quarters of all traffic deaths and more than 42 per cent of traffic injuries although their populations represent less than 40 per cent of the national total.

Accidents take place when people are subjected to uncontrolled forces. The possibility of this happening is greater in the uncontrolled farm

work environment.

The new sources of power and more powerful equipment are inherently progressive developments which save considerable manual labor and increase productivity to the benefit of farmers and the population they feed.

They become hazardous only when they are used improperly. There is plenty of evidence that this takes place much too frequently on farms.

Shields "a bother"  
A survey by the Farm Safety Council of Ontario embracing 200 farms found that 40 per cent of the tractor master shields were missing and 20 per cent of the power take-off shields were either missing or ineffective.

Apparently, many farmers considered adequate shielding as too much of a bother. But this safety malpractice greatly increases the uncontrolled power hazard and thus the risk of accidents.

While there are many modern machines in use on farms, there are still a great number of older models being operated. Many of these have inadequate brakes and steering which result in accidents.

Farmers are urged to follow safety instructions when using

new machinery and to keep their older machines properly maintained.

No children  
Tractors, because of their braking characteristics and high center of gravity, are not designed for highway use. If farmers must use their tractors on roads, they should make sure children are not allowed to accompany them.

Nowhere else is a work area employing powerful machinery so integrated with home life. One result of this is a high proportion of young children killed or injured on farms.

These can be prevented by keeping children away from the work area and being especially alert for children when using machinery around the house and barn.

Modernization  
The big majority of farm accidents are caused by improper operating procedures. Modern farming requires modern safety practices.

Farmers must think about the safety consequences of their operations before they start work and make sure they do what is required to make their farms safer, healthier places in which to work and live.

## Chicken-egg war is almost over

"Supreme courts and provincial legislatures aren't going to solve farmers' marketing problems. Only farmers can satisfactorily solve those."

Ontario Federation of Agriculture President Gordon Hill was commenting on a recent meeting of egg producers from Ontario, Manitoba, Quebec and Nova Scotia met in a Montreal hotel on Monday, to discuss marketing problems. They established a committee to propose a solution to present marketing conflicts.

Right approach  
"This is the right kind of approach," Hill said in Toronto Wednesday. "Courts and legislatures can give farmer-elected marketing boards authority to implement marketing plans, but only farmers can agree on the plans themselves."

## Tax reform needed not more rebates

The Ontario government should realize by now that tax rebates and credits are not the answer to unfair education taxation. What is needed is a basic reform of the entire tax structure.

That's how Ontario Federation of Agriculture President Gordon Hill reacted when he heard Ontario Treasurer Darcy McKeough's latest proposals for tax reform. Speaking at the opening of the regular quarterly meeting of provincial and federal finance ministers in Ottawa, McKeough said that pensioners and others on low incomes would get refunds of property and sales tax under a scheme being studied by the Ontario government.

"Ontario already does out more than \$150 million in tax rebates," Hill said in Toronto Wednesday. "I can't understand why it wants to get in any deeper — unless of course it's to keep useless bureaucrats busy."

More fundamental  
"We must have a more fundamental reform of the tax system. To start with, the Ontario

government should eliminate education taxes on property. It should introduce a special education tax on income to more fairly distribute the costs of education.

"Then it could do away with all the tax rebate schemes it's dreamed up to correct the inequities of the present system."

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