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BURLINGTON
 Barty Lush had the honor of winning the junior 2 1/2 mile race held on the McMaster University Grounds on Saturday. He defeated a large field in the excellent time of 13 minutes and 10 seconds.
 Rev. Russell W. O'Brien, minister of Trinity United Church, who recently preached in the Norfolk St. United Church, Guelph, has received an invitation to become minister of the church.
 Fred Goodrum was named president of the Burlington Lions Club for the coming year at the regular meeting of the club, held at the Brant Inn on Monday evening when officers for the various offices were received.
 Mayor Norman Craig has received word that a railway crossing signal will have to be installed over the C.N.R. tracks on Baldwin St., as there is not a clear enough view of the tracks to meet with the approval of the Board of Railway Commissioners granting the crossing at this point.—Gazette.

ERIN
 A sudden gloom passed over the community on Thursday, May 6, when Lorne David, eldest son of John and Beryl Teeter, passed away enroute to the Sick Children's Hospital.
 Dave Dilman will bring moving pictures to Erin in the immediate future. The pictures will be modern, the seats will be comfortable and the sound system will be of the latest type. Many people are looking forward to this much needed entertainment.
 On Tuesday afternoon, May 11, the students of Erin Continuation School were privileged to hear an address by Lieut. Raymond Smith of the Royal Canadian Navy. It was Ray's first visit to the school since he graduated in 1938, and he received an enthusiastic welcome from everyone.
 A new Hammond electric organ was dedicated with very appropriate and impressive services at the Church of Christ Disciples at Hillsburgh on Sunday.—Advocate.

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm
 Written Specially for The Acton Free Press
GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

A few minutes ago I decided it was high time I started in on this week's column. Before settling down to write however, I made one more trip to the hen-house to pick up the eggs. That did it! Once outside it seemed to me little short of a crime to shut myself up in the house again, especially when I heard songbirds pouring forth an ecstasy of melody. "Then why go in the house," I asked myself, "all you will see in there is unfinished work—you certainly won't hear any birds."
 So here I am, on the lee side of the woodshed—it being too cold out in the open—and, although I have a pencil in my hand I also have the field glasses by my side and already I have found one of my little songsters. He is perched on the very top of a very tall oak tree, too far away for me to see what kind of bird he is, except that he is dark with a longish bill. But can he sing?
 You know, as I sit here with the beauty of song and scenery all around me I feel so thankful for our Canadian winter. That, possibly, sounds like a paradox, but it isn't really because how could we appreciate our lovely spring if it were not for the cold winter days that preceded it. Browning writes—"Oh to be in England now that April's there"—and of course it would be best to match the beauty of an English spring with the woods thickly carpeted with bluebells, primroses and shy, fragrant violets. But in Canada we have more contrast. One week our trees and shrubs are apparently all but lifeless, and one hears only an occasional robin or the chattering of sparrows and starlings. Then come a few warm days and the scene changes so suddenly as to be almost unbelievable. It is then one sees it as I see it now. Maple buds bursting into tightly curled reddish-brown leaves, cherry trees and wild plum suddenly white with bloom; catkins dangling from the elms and poplars; yellow-green tips on the spruce; willows dressed in that light feathery foliage peculiar only to willows.
 And the fields... how green the wheat, a pleasing contrast to the brown of the freshly sown spring grain fields, where the seed, even now, still lies dormant. And the pastures—golden-decked with succulent dandelion bloom, spilling over to the darker colored clover fields. Until recently, mingled with the melody of the birds there was the heavy drone of tractors, reminding one of the old and the new; Nature—ageless as time itself, compared with the modern methods of man—in other words—power machinery.
 It is also quite obviously the mating season. Just now a jealous cock-robin was putting to rout an amorous strutting who was trying to force his unwelcome attentions upon a lady robin. The sparrows also seem to object to triangle love affairs. Ah, what is that I hear? I think it was an oriole. But maybe I'm mistaken—it seems a little early yet. But there is no mistake about those two little birds on the clothesline—they are definitely barn swallows. Such slim graceful little birds.
 The fore going was written two days ago. Now another week-end has come and gone, and with it rain, thunderstorms, and still more rain. But thank goodness it is a little warmer warm enough so that the spring grain has at last begun to make a showing. How it will come along is anybody's guess, but we do hope the fields will not have to be re-seeded.
 Yesterday I was reading "The Snake Oil" a book I have been wanting to read for some time. It gives one considerable food for thought but it isn't exactly the type of book one should choose when the weather and the world in general make you feel as if we are all in some kind of a snake pit. But when the sun shines again it will all seem so different. So come on, Sun, do your job!

NEWS and VIEWS
 Of Halton Farm Interest

HALTON JUNIORS ACTIVE
 Halton Junior Farmers have had a busy and successful year. Not content to rest on their laurels, they are now completing plans to stage a Junior Farmer Plowing Match, and also their annual Live Stock Judging Competition and Achievement Day. Their Plowing Match is to be held on the farm of Clebert McDowell, Hornby, on Saturday, May 29th. Their Match is open to all Halton Juniors under 26 years of age and their prize list includes classes for the beginners as well as for the more experienced, both with tractors and walking plows. If present plans materialize, we understand from President Cameron Wilson, that Fred Timbers, champion tractor plowman, is likely to be present to give a demonstration on setting a plow and also in plowing a ridge. Entries should be made to the Agricultural Office, Milton, and those requiring assistance in locating teams or tractors are requested to contact Jack Marchmont, Hornby; Wm. Lawson Milton or Douglas Currie, Georgetown.
 Saturday, June 5th, is the date for another big annual event for Halton Juniors, namely that of their annual live stock judging competition and achievement day. While the young men judge ten classes of livestock and later give oral reasons for their placing on five of these classes, the young ladies will exhibit clothing and sewing which they have made in connection with the projects conducted during the past year, and also stage demonstrations. This interesting programme will be held in the Milton Town Hall, and as in former years, the afternoon programme is open to the public. The announcement of the awards and presentations of prizes will be held in the evening. This year two championship trips will be awarded to the young ladies, and one to the young men.

OAKVILLE
 In order to keep pace with a rapidly growing clientele the Pattern Beauty Salon has modernized its premises and added the latest equipment to its already up-to-date fixtures.
 Dr. F. M. Deans addressed the monthly meeting of the Whiteoak Chapter I.O.D.E., on Thursday at the home of Mrs. F. Pullen, Watson Ave. He spoke in behalf of the Red Cross Dental Survey.
 Mayor Alfred Whitaker of Oakville died early Monday morning in Oakville Temporary Hospital. His death was the result of a heart attack. For some months he has not been in the best of health, but had been able to carry on his business and official duties.
 Oakville paid tribute to its sister community of Clarkson on Friday evening, when two Clarkson ladies were presented with the Oakville Lions Club's annual award of merit for outstanding service to the community. The two ladies to receive this honor were Mrs. Eric Gorderham and Mrs. R. Bourne, founders of the Clarkson Community Centre, busy centre of social and cultural activities for a large district.—Record Star.

Norval Juniors Elect New Officers
 The annual meeting of Norval Junior Farmers was held at the home of Geo. Wilson on Tuesday evening of last week. The election of officers for the coming 12 months resulted as follows:
 President, Neil Van Vleet; Vice President, Fraser McNabb; Secretary, John McClure; Treasurer, Douglas Surrie; Directors, Ward Brownridge, Geo. Wilson and Howson Ruddell.

Junior Institute
 President, Betty Van Vleet, Vice President, Jessie Wingfield; Sec. Treasurer, Isabel Currie; Directors, Eleanor Stark, Mae Wingfield, and Betty Brownridge.
 A pleasing feature of the Norval Juniors programme was their annual Church Service held in the Norval United Church, on Sunday, May 9th. Dr. Archer Wallace of Maple, was the guest minister of the evening and needless to add delighted the large congregation in attendance.

Holstein Breeders Plan Twilight Barn Meeting
 Halton Holstein Breeders are holding a twilight barn meeting at the farm of Harry Hays, Trafalgar, on Wednesday evening, May 26th. In addition to a judging competition, J. J. E. McCague and Mort Butchers, of the International famous Glenafon Farms at Alliston will address the meeting. We understand from V. J. Lawrence, Secretary of the Halton Club that Prof. Geo. E. Raliby and Geo. Drennan will also contribute to the outstanding programme which has been arranged.

Jersey and Holstein Breeders To Hold Joint Field Day at Guelph
 Halton Holstein and Jersey Breeders under the leadership of their respective club presidents, namely C. F. Picket and Wm. Davies, will journey to the Ontario Agricultural College, on Saturday, June 12th, where they join with the Peel Holstein and Jersey Breeders in staging their big annual field day. This popular event, which normally attracts twelve to fourteen hundred, has a programme which provides something of interest for all members of the family. During the morning conducted tours are to be made to the experimental plots, dairy barn and long term pastures, poultry dept. farm machinery department, green houses and MacDonald Institute. Following lunch, as guests of the O.A.C. they will be addressed by W. R. Reek, M.B.E., President of the Ontario Agricultural College. The afternoon programme we understand will include live stock judging competitions; a parade of college livestock; and a sports programme for young and old. In brief, it's a big day's programme filled with something of interest and educational value for all, and after hearing the comments of some of those who make this annual pilgrimage, we are not surprised to learn that many folk both rural and urban in addition to actual breeders, look forward with

anticipation to this annual day's outing.

New Sulfa for Coccidiosis Control
 One of the newer and more powerful sulpha compounds now being used for controlling coccidiosis in poultry flocks is sulphamethazine. Those who have had experience with this drug during the past year or so claim it is the most effective remedy yet discovered for this disease which annually takes a heavy toll in many flocks. We understand that this drug is now available in both powder and liquid form from the majority of practicing veterinarians and pharmacists. Drugs usually serve a single purpose. Sulphamethazine has the rare distinction of serving 2 purposes. Besides being effective against the various species of coccidia, it is also effective against an entirely different disease; namely fowl cholera, which is a bacterial disease. With new drugs continually being discovered and becoming available, it is not surprising that the average layman is inclined to become confused. It is therefore well to keep in mind that these drugs all do a definite job. Furthermore they have definite limitations and must be properly used. Consequently it is wise to follow directions carefully for these drugs are costly.

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