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ACTON IS ONLY TOWN IN COUNTY WITH MORE MEN THAN WOMEN

For Halton gals in whom the first whiffs of spring have brought peach-colored visions of a dreamy but determined trip down the matrimonial trail—here's the dope.

There are more men than women in Halton—but, no many more. A most localized campaign would be advisable since there are certain places with the distinct advantage of having a considerable number more men than these sweet, kindly, perfumed critters—"women."

It would be worthwhile for those "sweet, kindly", etc. ones to do advance study in statistics.

There are 22,307 men in Halton, and just 21,006 women. Close—but not hopelessly so.

Nelson township is the best of the four with 3,920 ladies and 4,273 gentlemen. In Trafalgar there are 3,051 women and 4,167 men; in Nassagaweya, just 928 women and 1,042 men; in Esqueping, 1,889 women and 2,123 men.

Steer clear of Burlington, Milton, Georgetown and Oakville. The only town where there are men to spare is Acton! Figures proving Acton's supremacy for man hunters are—Acton: women, 1,362, men, 1,488; Burlington, women, 3,064, men, 2,953; Georgetown, women, 1,794, men, 1,656; Milton, women, 1,231, men, 1,220; Oakville, women, 3,525, men, 3,385.

The fact that there are more men than women in every township proved girls would do best to go to the farm for husky husbands.

Another word of encouragement—there are more men to choose from these last few years. The ninth census of 1951, from which these revealing and most helpful figures come, also states that in 1941 there were only 28,515 people in all of Halton compared to the present recorded 44,003. The populations of Nelson and Trafalgar have almost doubled in the decade.

NOTICE

Re DOG TAX

Notice is hereby given that all owners of dogs in the Town of Acton must procure tags for 1952 on or before

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30th

Tags may be procured upon payment of licence fee to the Treasurer at the Public Utilities Office.

J. McGEACHIE,
Town Clerk and Treasurer

PROCLAMATION

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN ACTON

Whereas a number of municipalities in the district about Acton are adopting a uniform time for the adoption of Daylight Saving Time, and in order to avoid confusion in travel and business, the Council of the Corporation of Acton has passed a by-law establishing the period for the observance of Daylight Saving Time in Acton, from

SUNDAY, APRIL 27th, 1952
AT 2:00 A.M. TO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1952
AT 2:00 A.M.

Citizens are requested to comply with this by-law and adopt the time from the dates specified.

B. D. RACHLIN, Mayor

Dated at Acton, April 15th, 1952.

It has been such a wonderful week—warm, bright sunshine and good drying winds to which budding trees and flowers have responded with miraculous speed. Fall wheat and pasture fields look green and promising; gardens are gay with nodding daffodils. Here and there on light soil farmers are already out on the land. Yes, before our very eyes the miracle of spring is taking place all over again. Lawns are being raked and a few days will see lawn mowers once more in action—and no doubt there will be a bit of brow-mopping and a few aching backs as a result.

My first job outside was removing and burning a pile of brush left over last fall when the early snow came and caught us unawares. Quite a chore when it has been left so long but any job is welcome as a legitimate excuse for staying outside. And it is up to me to do it as Partner will have no time to spare until the crows are out to grass, which will not be for a few weeks yet. But I don't mind—after all, who wants to work inside when the great outdoors is sounding its fiery clear call to action. At such a time one also realizes how good it is to be alive—and how good to live in the country. The pity of it is all people are not equally fortunate. Down town, for instance, our small hospital every bed occupied all the time. For patients whose stay there is brief one knows they will soon be up and around and will not miss very much but how one grieves for those who will be, or have been, confined to bed for any length of time. It so happens that I know several such cases just now and I feel almost guilty in visiting them while I am enjoying apparent good health. I wish I could take spring into the hospital as easily as I can take a bouquet of flowers. If I could only take some of these dear people who love the country just a corner of a field where the mayflowers grow, or have them hear the bobolinks' song of ecstasy as they sing from their perch on the telephone wires. Or take them a short distance to the little country church I went to yesterday.

Such a lovely little church, with a simplicity and dignity peculiarly its own. The service was straightforward and unaffected; the congregation, mostly from farm families, seemed unburdened and very much in earnest. The church is among the hills, and not too far away from the limestone cliff of Rattlesnake Point. Perhaps it was only coincidence but I was particularly struck with the appropriateness of the closing hymn—"Unto the hills around I lift up my longing eyes." I thought of the early settlers of this district facing untold hardships with such remarkable courage and fortitude, how often they must have lifted their eyes unto the hills and remembered to their comfort "Jehovah shall preserve thy going out, thy coming in." I love little country churches—partly because the last resting place of the early pioneers is here within the precincts of the church. And I also have a queer feeling that God must have a special place in his heart for the little country church, no matter what faith or creed it represents.

Coming home I noticed a striking but by-now common contrast, to the rural community I had just left I came past an outlying district of a small town commonly known as "Shack-town." And Shack-town, I noticed, was a veritable network of television aerials. I wonder what will happen if a twister should ever strike that district.

It is to be hoped that television will eventually be possible without having the roof-tops dangerously decorated with a network of wires. In the meantime no one can hide the fact if a television set has been recently installed.

Well, I have been talking mostly about the great outdoors but I have also found an indoor treasure which promises to be a goldmine of information. That is, our public library. Of course, the library has been there for years but it has been so cramped that it was impossible to know what books were there—other than the newer books. Now the library has been moved to newer and bigger quarters and the old volumes are getting the prominence they deserve. For research and historical data such books are invaluable to those who are interested. I anticipate many happy hours browsing among these books of yesterday.

Elect Officers Of Dublin W.I.

A lovely spring day brought out a fine attendance of women and children last Thursday afternoon to the home of Mrs. Mansell Nellis, Blue Springs Road, Nassagaweya, when the Dublin W.I. met for their April meeting. With Mrs. L. Ferguson, the president, in the chair, the program opened with the singing of the "Institute Ode" and "Springtime in the Rockies."

The roll call was answered with suggestions for the next year's program and the payment of fees. It was decided to leave the Women's Institute Display in the Acton Fall Fair prize list the same as last year. Mention was made of the Provincial Conference at the O.A.C. Guelph. Mrs. Wilmer Watkins gave a good report of the last meeting of the Directors held at Milton recently. Mrs. George Robertson reported on the annual meeting of the Halton County Medical Unit and outlined some proposed changes that may be made.

Mrs. Ferguson vacated the chair and Mrs. Alex. Near presided over the election of officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows:

Honorary President, Mrs. Wilmer Watkins; president, Mrs. W. L. Ferguson; first vice president, Mrs. Thomson; second vice president, Mrs. Wm. McIntyre; sec. treas., Mrs. Geo. R. Somerville; district director, Mrs. W. Watkins; press secretary, Mrs. J. C. Dennis; branch directors, Mesdames Nellis, Britton, Frank and Blythe; auditors, Mrs. C. McIntyre and Mrs. M. Nellis; ass't. pianist, Mrs. N. Anderson; pianist, Mrs. C. J. vanGoozen; program committee, Mesdames C. McIntyre, J. D. Black, Duncan Moffat and M. Nellis; social committee, Mrs. A. Ross and Mrs. J. M. Steele; visiting committee, Mesdames Anderson, J. D. Black, Thompson, Britton, Renneck and Miss Mildred Wilson; quilt committee, Mesdames Ross, W. McIntyre, Moffat, Near and Frank.

Standing Committees: agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. A. Ross and Mrs. J. C. Dennis; citizenship and education, Mrs. T. A. Storey and Mrs. H. Blythe; community activities and public relations, Mrs. Wm. McPhederan and Mrs. George R. Somerville; historical research and current events, Mrs. J. M. Steele and Mrs. G. Rowaldson; home economics and health, Mrs. W. Britton and Mrs. D. Moffat; resolutions, Mrs. M. Nellis; hospitalization, Mrs. J. C. Dennis; both committee, Mesdames Watkins, Thompson and Dennis.

Mrs. Nellis, the hostess, with her committee which included members of the Executive, served delicious refreshments and a happy time was spent over the tea cups. Mrs. T. A. Storey voiced the thanks of the meeting to the hostess and the committee for a good meeting.

Plan Improvement At Annual Meeting

Rannockburn W.I. held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. R. Evans, on Wednesday, April 16. The President, Mrs. Thomas Gordon was in the chair and there was a splendid attendance of members and visitors.

Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Les. Duby gave her report and the financial statement showed a substantial balance toward the current projects, the beautifying of the cemetery at corner of Highway and Fifth Line, Esqueping, and the purchase of folding chairs for community gatherings.

Thank you cards were read and Mrs. W. J. McDonald gave a report of District Directors' meeting held recently in Milton.

Mrs. D. A. Russell presided for the election of officers which resulted as follows: president, Mrs. Thos. Gordon; first vice-president, Mrs. C. Storey; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. W. Linham; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. J. McDonald; institute directors, Mrs. D. A. Russell, Mrs. R. Kerr, Mrs. Wynne Roszell.

Standing Committee Convivors: Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. C. Storey; citizenship and education, Mrs. Robt. Kerr; community activities and public relations, Mrs. Les Duby; historical research and current events, Mrs. Wynne Roszell; home economics and health, Mrs. W. Linham; resolutions, Mrs. A. Kerr; delegate to convention, Mrs. C. Storey; auditors, Mrs. Wynne Roszell and Mrs. M. Gordon; flower conveners, Mrs. M. McEachern.

Activities and donations to be considered were outlined and the meeting closed with "God Save the Queen." The lunch committee, assisted by the Misses Kay Evans and Lucy Yoistan, served delicious refreshments, after which the hostess was tendered a vote of thanks.

In an initial comparison between the housing barn and the standard station barn for dairy cattle at Lennoxville Experimental Station, Que., the average production of milk per cow for December and January was 469 lb. in the loose housing unit as compared with 442 lb. in the station barn.

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