

50 Halton Farm Leaders Play Host To Kingsway Kiwanis Members

50 Halton farm leaders play host to Kingsway Kiwanis club members Monday evening at the Kingsway Memorial Hall. It was a rural-urban night and some 60 or 70 Halton farm leaders were hosts to a similar number of Kiwanians from the Kingsway Club of West Toronto.

This is the group of Kiwanians who for the past ten years, have played such an active part in Halton's 4-H Club program. During that period of years, the members of this service club have awarded 93 Short Course scholarships to many Halton Juniors.

In addition, this group of young people have been entertained by the Kiwanians at one of their luncheons at the Old Mill. Then last fall, some 20 senior Halton farmers were guests of the Kingsway group at a similar function.

The event on Monday evening

therefore, was a gesture of appreciation on the part of Halton farm leaders, to the Kiwanians for their outstanding contribution made over the years to Halton's young people. The event started off with a banquet, ably presided over by A. T. Woodley, chairman of Halton's 4-H Club Leaders' Council.

Padre W. A. Young of the Ontario Agricultural College, who was suitably introduced by W. H. Merry, was the ideal speaker for the occasion. As usual the genial padre was in good form and he delivered the address which as Maurice C. Hoyle, who extended the thanks of the gathering, intimated, was one which will live in our memories in the days which lie ahead.

Another pleasing feature of the evening's program was the presentation by the Halton Junior Farmers of their one-act play, "The 17 Year Old Woman".

Incidentally, the members of the

east, namely Joan and Marilyn Wrigglesworth, Ute Osterman, Bill Wilson — their director, Howard Ruddle — the stage hands, Elmer Bird and Ralph Cunningham, and their make-up artist, Thelma Heams, were all presented by the Kiwanians with tickets for "Spring Thaw", which is being staged in Toronto.

Much more might be written of some of the highlights of Padre Young's address — the presentation of the Norval Juniors, etc. Suffice to say, it was an outstanding night for both Halton's farm leaders and their guests, and one which will do much to cement the very pleasant relationships which have existed over the past ten years between Halton farm people and the Kiwanians of the Kingsway, who on this occasion were headed by president Ken Benson and Ed Peachey, chairman of the Kingsway Kiwanis committee on agriculture.

Report Wide Variety of Birds Unusual for This Time of Year

The mild, open winter has helped many birds to survive in southwestern Ontario which do not normally winter too far north. Unusual is the wide variety of birds reported in this region—58 different species within a radius of 7 1/2 miles of Blenheim in Kent County.

Kingfisher, towhee, field sparrow, white-throated sparrow, cowbird, robin and myrtle warbler have been seen among 42 species noted by members of the Kent Nature Club and others reported by Park Naturalist R. D. Usher at R. D. Usher Park on Lake Erie.

Several myrtles are wintering in the dense red cedar clumps just outside the entrance to the park. Mostly insectivorous, they're known to eat berry-like fruits of red cedar and poison ivy.

Mocking birds which nested in Rondeau Park last summer have not been seen since August. Once established, they're year-round residents like the cardinals, Red-headed woodpeckers have been in the park in good numbers all winter.

The Kent Nature Club files show that since 1947, 99 species of birds have been seen in late December and early January in this vicinity.

February saw four swans at Long

Point, using a small patch of open water near the village. Seldom seen in this part of the country in winter, they attracted much attention and, at first, were believed to be native whistling swans which nest in far northern Canada and migrate to this part of the province sometimes in considerable numbers. As a matter of fact, Long Point Bay has gained a good deal of prominence recently by the presence of large numbers of these birds which sometimes pause there in their spring migration.

Naturalists from many parts of the United States and Canada journey to Long Point in the spring to see the swans which sometimes have numbered as many as 25,000. The four swans at Long Point now are mute swans, not whistling swans. The mute swan is well

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane



Women's Travel Authority

Your children will be better behaved, safer passengers if you teach them these safety rules before starting on your motoring vacation.

1. Don't stick arms or head out of the window.
 2. Don't play with the cigarette lighter or any dashboard controls.
 3. Don't distract the driver by shouting, jumping or bumping his arm.
 4. Touch only the handle when opening and closing car doors. Keep the other hand completely off the car—to avoid mashed fingers.
 5. Keep the car doors locked. There are special safety locks available for the rear doors.
- And here are some tips for the driver.
- Avoid sudden starts and stops. Concentrate on the road. Pull off the road and stop the car to settle squabbles. Turn the front wheels to the curb when parking downhill.

Halton Farmer Experimenting By Using Rotational Grazing

The Federal election over, the next day, April 1, saw a number of Halton farmers on the land. The next few days saw the seed drills in action here and there over the county.

While many other fields were dry enough for similar action, the majority of farmers decided the ground was too cold, and delayed operations. The snow storm on the evening of April 6 put a stop to further seeding activities.

Last week saw a number applying ammonium nitrate to their pastures or wheat fields. Fertilization of pastures tends to mend an interesting experiment Brock Harris of Lowville is planning on one of his pasture fields this year.

This is a 16 or 17 acre field, which has been in sod for 12 years. The field in question now consists almost entirely of Orchard grass. Mr. Harris practices rotational grazing, and the field is divided into three areas, each of between five and six acres.

receive a similar amount of nitrogen in the form of Urea, which contains 45% nitrogen. As we recall, the Urea will go on in two applications rather than three, as in the case of the 33% Ammonium Nitrate.

The third paddock in this same field will be utilized more or less as a check during the early season and will receive no fertilizer treatment. Then around July 1, Mr. Harris proposes to plow this unfertilized paddock, and seed it back to a mixture of grasses and clovers.

One only needs to see the fields on this same farm to realize that the operator believes in pastures which have a nice balance of grasses and clovers.

Turtles

Some may wonder why the field in question has been left down so long or until nearly all of the legumes have disappeared. In the first place, the field is adjacent to the barn and also to water for the herd, so usually it is an early field, thanks to some underdrainage. Mr. Harris has had installed otherwise it would have been impossible to turn the herd on it on April 30 of last year.

Furthermore, from his experience, Mr. Harris has found out that it is the milk which can be produced on pasture with a minimum of stable feeding, which lowers the cost of production. According to Mr. Harris, it definitely pays to clip the field several times during the pasture season, and he also makes use of the harrows once or twice during the season, to spread the droppings, etc.

It should be obvious by this time that this enterprising farm operator considers pastures the no. 1 crop on a dairy farm, with hay a close second. When one notes the results he is securing, it would be a bold man who would say he is wrong.



Although production of scriptures by the British and Foreign Bible Society has tripled in the past 10 years, there are still hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of orders that cannot be filled due to lack of funds, reports the Rev. K. G. McMillan, general secretary for Canada. Since 70% of its scriptures are sold at less than cost, the increasing demand calls for a larger subsidiary.

Mr. McMillan emphasized that while the British and Foreign Bible Society has been at work for 154 years, the effort to provide scriptures for the world is really in its infancy. In India, for example, the rate of literacy is expected to increase from its present 17% to 50%, and the population of 400 million is growing by five million a year.

This situation, as applied to other countries as well, presents the greatest challenge of all time to the Bible Societies.

Suggested readings for next week: Sunday, Matthew 21: 1-22, Monday, Matthew 21: 23-45, Tuesday, Matthew 26: 1-35, Wednesday, Matthew 26: 36-75, Thursday, Matthew 27: 1-31, Friday, Matthew 27: 32-66, Saturday, Psalm 22: 1-31.

OLD POSTCARD

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE, Alta. (C.P.) Allan Tunquist has found a postcard mailed from the Old Prairie Grange post office to his mother at Evans. The date on the card has faded, but the Old Prairie Grange post office closed in 1912.

Year Ago

A year ago the Harris herd of 32 cows was turned on the pasture on April 30. During the month of May, this field produced over \$100 in the form of milk, in addition to carrying three or four dry cows.

While an additional field was available for pasture during the remainder of the year, nevertheless this Orchard grass field did produce considerable more pasture for the herd during the summer and fall months.

It may be interesting to learn that in the fall of 1956, Mr. Harris applied 120 or 160 pounds to the acre of 20% superphosphate, and then during the winter months gave the field a coat of manure.

Experiment

Now for the experiment which Mr. Harris has planned for this year. Again the field will be divided into three five or six acre paddocks by electric fence.

By the time this appears in print one paddock will likely have received its first application of 100 pounds of the 33% nitrogen (Acropribl). Then in late June, this experimentally minded farm operator proposes to give the same paddock a second 100 pound application of the same material.

A third similar application will be given the same paddock in late August in short order the season this five or six acre paddock will receive a total of 300 pounds to the acre of 33% nitrogen. Needless to add, Mr. Harris hopes to time his second and third applications with anticipated showers.

A second five or six acre paddock in this same field will re-

Waterloo Club Wins Inter-County Drama

Seven counties participated in the Junior Farmer inter-county drama festival, held in Memorial Hall at the Ontario Agricultural College on Monday and Tuesday evenings of last week.

The Waterloo County presentation of "Storm in a Loving Cup" was awarded first place by adjudicator Elva Newton, and Waterloo therefore will hold the R. H. Osburn shield for the current year.

The best actress award was won by Emma Buehler of the winning cast, and the best actor award by Carl Thomson of Bennington Junior Farmers of Oxford County.

In addition to Waterloo and Oxford, other competing counties included Hallowell, Dufferin, Peel, Huron and Wellington. Halton Juniors were represented by the Norval club, which group won the Halton Junior Farmers' drama festival a few weeks ago.

It was our privilege to see the four plays which were presented on the first evening, and we can assure our readers that the Halton cast, while defeated, gave an outstanding performance, and Haltonites in attendance had every reason to be proud of them.

In short, we saw what we considered three outstanding plays on the first evening, and needless to add, the Waterloo and Halton players presented two of them.

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