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Halton 4-H Homemaking Clubs Hold Annual Achievement Day

"Hospitality" was the theme on Saturday, May 30, at the Agricultural Hall, Milton Fair Grounds, when Halton 4-H Homemaking Clubs completed their spring project, "The Club Girl Entertains."

With a record membership of 115 the 11 clubs throughout the county brought this interesting study to a fitting climax at Achievement Day.

Record books and hostess files compiled during the course were on display in the hall all day, and the morning program beginning at nine o'clock was a busy one, when members judged classes of dining room table bouquets and plates of sandwiches, arranged for afternoon tea.

Oral reasons were given on the former. Each girl also had half an hour to plan in detail, a party for a specified occasion. This was to be a July 1st celebration which would welcome to the community a Dutch family, and particularly their young daughter of the club members' own age.

These were many interesting suggestions given by the club girls for original invitations, decorations, entertainment and refreshments, which would combine both Dutch and Canadian themes, and make the newcomer feel at home in her new surroundings.

Assisting Mrs. Mabel Borgstrom, Halton County home economist, throughout the program were: Mrs. Marilyn Ritchie of Perth county, Miss Wida Gordon of York and Ontario counties and Mrs. Marion Montgomery of Hamilton.

An innovation at this year's Achievement Day was the noon luncheon served cafeteria style by the Scotch Black Women's Institute, and this was much appreciated by members and leaders alike.

Following the noon interval, many mothers and other interested visitors were welcomed by the home economist, who thanked them for their interest and promotion of Homemaking Club work.

Mrs. Velma Norris, district president of Halton Women's Institute, brought greetings from her organization and announced the club leaders and members, as did Allen Francis, agricultural representative for the county.

A program of club exhibits, demonstrations and plays was then presented, led off by Carolyn Gardhouse of Wauchope North, commenting on their exhibit of Table Centres for Different Occasions.

Halton Farmers Attend Field Day

A number of Halton county farmers attended the Dairy and Beef Field Days held at the O.A.C., Guelph, on June 2nd and 4th respectively.

The guest speaker for the Dairy Field Day was Dr. C. A. Lassiter, Professor of Dairy Cattle Nutrition, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. Dr. Lassiter stressed the importance of forages in dairy cattle feeding. He stated that increased production per cow was more important for economic milk production than increased herd size.

Reports on Research
Dr. J. C. Benne of the Animal Husbandry Department of the O.A.C. reported on the recent dairy cattle research projects.

Glenn Buks, manager of Ogechee Farms, Fairland, Oklahoma, and chairman of the Board of Directors, Performance Registry International, gave the address at the Beef Field Day.

W. P. Watson, livestock commissioner for Ontario and secretary of the Advance Registry Board, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, reported on the A.R. program.

Dr. T. D. Burgess of the Animal Husbandry Department outlined recent research projects with beef cattle. This was followed by a panel discussion on Beef Cattle Management.

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Limehouse, Nelson and Scotch Block clubs also used this topic, with commentators Heather Clarke, Eleanor Taylor and Margaret Hume respectively.

Sandwiches for Afternoon Tea was Milton's choice, with Ann King commenting while Palermo chose a Table Set for Two, with Gail Lofquist giving the comment.

Critique on Exhibits
Mrs. Ritchie, one of the visiting home economists, then delivered a short critique on the exhibits, commending the clubs for the attractive displays and making suggestions for their improvement.

Ashgrove, with Doris Pickett and Margaret Austin as performers, demonstrated the topic, Packing a Week-end Bag, as did the Needlework group of Doris Moffat, Carol Freeman and Heather Gates.

Flower Arrangements - was the choice of Dunna Ledger and Linda Swackhamer of Bannockburn, while Tea Is Served was ably demonstrated by Caroline Hoy and Barbara Break of Hornby South.

The same topic, presented in skit form by Mary Moffat, Shirley Langevin, Judy Britton, Doris

Honor J. E. Whitlock At Annual Conference

Halton agricultural representatives J. A. Francis and D. E. Jackson attended the annual conference of the Extension Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture held June 1st to 4th. This year's conference was held at the Ontario Agricultural College.

Considerable discussion was held regarding the Ontario Farm Safety Survey being conducted in Ontario this year, and possible farm safety education programs. Current research programs were outlined to the extension workers.

Discussion Held
On Wednesday the subject of "Problems in Extension Communication" was discussed under the direction of Dr. George H. Axinn, associate director, Co-operative Extension Service, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Dr. C. D. Graham, presented 17 superannuated personnel of the Extension Branch with Certificates of Recognition. J. E. Whitlock, former Halton county agricultural representative, responded on behalf of the group.

Fireworks at Birthday Party For Mrs. W. Foster May 23

The family of Mrs. William Foster of Toronto (formerly of Churchhill) met together at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Lucy, on May 23 to mark her 75th birthday.

Mrs. Foster was met by her daughters (Pearl) Mr. and Mrs. George Burt and family of Georgetown; (Florence) Mrs. Florence Luck and son, (Verna) Mr. and Mrs. C. Flint and family, (Dorothy) Mr. and Mrs. R. Gray, all of Toronto; (Daisy) Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lucy and family of Newmarket and Tush at home; Mr. and Mrs. E. Shaw, son of Martha, the late Mrs. E. Shaw, were also present.

(Mildred) Mr. and Mrs. A. McCullough and family of Kingston and (Georgina) Mr. and Mrs. A. Gaulty and family of Vancouver Island were unable to attend.

The evening started with a beautiful display of fireworks,

Robinson, Kathy Davies and Muriel Cox, was Dublin's selection.

These demonstrations were then commented on by Mrs. Marion Montgomery, a former member of the Home Economics Service, who remarked that she had herself begun her homemaking club work in Halton County.

Presentations Made
The afternoon program was concluded by a series of presentations, in which Mrs. Velma Norris and Mrs. Guy Bussell, representing the Women's Institutes, assisted.

County Honor Certificates and pins for all girls who completed their sixth project since last spring, and Provincial Honors for those completing their 12th project led this list. The latter went to Beth McEnery of Bannockburn; Ruth Robertson, Evelyn McKay and Martha May of Hornby North.

Twenty-seven girls in all received county honors: Margaret Austin, Judy Walker, Brenda Breckon, Audrey Brown, Alleen Harrop, Carolyn McLaughlin, Judith Britton, Patricia Crawford, Dorothy Kirkpatrick, Ann Balch, Paula Jelinek, Margaret Atkins, Cecilia Carter, Beverly Newell, Muriel Newell, Marilyn Wilson, Joan Brooks, Maggie Morrison, Sharon Blyth, Jean Britton, Carol McCarron, Hertha Brueker, Joanne Patterson, Anna Peacock, Audrey Auckland, Barbara Rose, Bette Rose.

Regulation 4-H crests were given to all new club members and the special sterling silver Homemaking Club spoon went to all members and leaders.

Fete Home Economist
A surprise finale to the afternoon took place when Mrs. Borgstrom's leaving was recognized with the gift of a beautiful set of travelling bags from the Women's Institutes, and a purse of money presented by Beth McEnery on behalf of the Homemaking Clubs.

In accepting these, Mrs. Borgstrom expressed her appreciation for the friendship and co-operation which she had received during her six years as Halton County home economist.

A new home economist will be appointed to the territory early this summer and under her direction, the Homemaking Clubs will in the fall undertake the project, Cottons May Be Smart.

Mrs. Borgstrom would like to publicly express her gratitude to all who have made her term a most rewarding and pleasant one. After a year's leave of absence for study, she plans to return to the Home Economics Service of the Department of Agriculture.

HALTON COUNTY WEED CONTROL NEWS

by V. E. McARTHUR, COUNTY WEED INSPECTOR

ONE NEGLECTED WEED CAN PRODUCE NEW CROP

Nature has many ways and means of spreading weed seeds to ensure the survival of the species. Because of this, man must fight a continual battle against weeds in order to grow his crops and produce the food which means the continuance of the human race.

Many of the common weeds are annuals which grow, flower and set seed all in one year. These are usually prolific seeders, producing several thousand seeds per plant in many cases. These weeds should be cut before the seed sets in order to keep them under control - but each and every weed must be destroyed as the seeds from just one plant can produce a whole new crop the following year.

Spread Underground
In the long-lived or perennial type of weed, there are many that spread by underground root stocks.

Tipson Touring

By Carol Lane
Women's Travel Authority

If you haven't had your car prepared for the hot days ahead, attend to it now.

Your local service station attendant will be glad to drain the winter anti-freeze and refill the radiator with water containing a rust inhibitor.

Heavier Oil
Remove the light oil and put in heavier grade oil. If you've been using the latest, premium quality oil - stay with it. It's good all year round.

Give the car a complete lubrication. Check the battery and entire electrical system. Switch the tires and test the conditions of your spare.

Tighten the fan belt, and examine the radiator hose for possible wear.

Change Thermostat
Reset the car's thermostat if it has been regulated for winter weather.

Check the alignment of your wheels, and see if the headlights are focused properly. Hard winter driving can get them out of adjustment.

Remember, your car's in for plenty of hard, hot work this summer. A car check-up now will help insure happier, safer driving when the weather is really warm.

LET HIM PASS
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as well as from seed. These present a double problem as the roots, if not destroyed, will spread to new locations, even though the above-ground portion of the plant is cut and burned.

Wind, water, animals and man are responsible for the spread of most weeds. The seeds of many plants are equipped with tiny wings or parachutes to enable the wind to scatter them far and wide. Water, especially at flood time, carries many more weed seeds to new locations and other weeds, such as Burrs, cling to animals and spread in that way. Man, however, is the greatest offender and when he plants seed that is not weed seed free can multiply the stands of old and new weeds at an alarming rate.

Would Be Desert
It has been said that if we did nothing to control weeds for 25 years, the country would become a desert and farming would be impossible. From this it can be seen that constant vigilance and work is required to keep weeds from spreading and to eradicate those already present - One of the first steps is to cut all weeds before they produce seed.

Whether we live in the urban or rural parts of Halton county, let us bear these facts in mind and resolve to do our part in the war on weeds in our own areas.

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Funeral services were held in Summerland, British Columbia, on June 2nd for the late Clarence McCutcheon, who passed away suddenly on Saturday, May 21. He was the husband of the former Sadie Dunlop, and also leaves a son Hugh of Trail, B.C. Two sons, Robert and Bryce, predeceased him.

Mr. McCutcheon was the youngest son of the late Stewart and Sarah McCutcheon. He was born on the third line of the township of Erin, but had made his home in British Columbia for the past 40 years. Five brothers predeceased him.

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