

Farm News Page

J. Robertson To Represent Halton At 4-H Club Leadership Training

Jack Robertson, R. R. 1, Milton, has been selected to represent Halton 4-H Club members at Provincial 4-H Club Leadership Week. This program is sponsored by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and is being held the week of July 27 at the Ontario Agricultural College.

The program, started this year, is open to one outstanding 4-H Club member from each county and district in Ontario, and will include training in technical agriculture, as well as physical education.

Considerable work will be made of the newly constructed Physical Education Building, and the course will include in the leadership training week, farm and water safety, animal science, soils, crop production and agricultural engineering.

Jack's selection is based on his over-all participation in local 4-H Club programs and standing in provincial inter-club competitions.

HALTON COUNTY WEED CONTROL NEWS

V. E. McARTHUR, COUNTY WEED INSPECTOR

SUN BIG FACTOR IN WEED CONTROL

Since the dawn of civilization, man has struggled to rid his land of unwanted plants. Each new generation of farmers and gardeners is impressed anew with the persistent and prolific nature of weeds; the continuous and often wearisome efforts necessary to keep them under control.

This general situation is still with us, although in our life time we have seen rapid changes in weed control procedures.

Sun A Killer

In this age of modern techniques, much attention has been given to ways and means of controlling weeds with chemicals, and the Field Crops Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture feels that there may be a tendency by some to regard former methods as old-fashioned—to overlook the importance of proper cultural practices, as well as nature's own way of killing weeds by the use of the sun.

Although the sun provides the greatest source of energy for growth, it can also be used to advantage for killing purposes, which is a fact that should be kept in mind if farm crops are to be kept relatively free from weeds by practical and economic methods.

More can be accomplished in weed prevention and control during late July, early August and the immediate succeeding weeks than at any time during the year. It is simply a case of using the sun for this purpose when at its peak of efficiency.

Shallow Plowing

Shallow plowing during the summer, particularly in dry weather, is one of the best means of destroying weeds, including tenacious perennials such as quack grass and thistles. The one-way disc has become a popular implement for this purpose, especially for after-harvest cultivation. If the soil is very hard (after a severe drought) a chisel plow can be used to good advantage.

The action of the plow pulls the roots to the surface where they are quickly killed by hot, dry weather. The same results can be obtained in mellow soil by using a spring-tooth cultivator. It has been proven that shallow cultivation is more effective than deep cultivation when weed control is the primary objective. All plants depend on their green leaves for life and the success of this method of cultivation depends on keeping down all top growth of perennial weeds from early August until freeze-up.

Cleaning Crops

Now crops can be cleaned crops if the necessary weeding and cultivating operations are properly carried out. On the other hand, if these operations are neglected or carelessly done, many thousands of annual weeds will go to seed, and perennial weeds will become more firmly entrenched, with the result that the land will be more weedy after the crop is harvested than before it was planted.

With the use of the tractor power, it is now a comparatively easy task to effectively and efficiently practice after-harvest and row crop cultivating.

In this modern age, weed control can be accomplished with a minimum of effort during the summer and therefore has become an established practice in food farming.

4-H Club Girls Demonstrate Making Sandwiches to W.I.

The July meeting of the Nassagoyes Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. B. Young, July 22. The president, Mrs. M. Mahon, opened the meeting by reading a poem How to be happy by doing something for somebody.

Following the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect a moment of silence and prayer was observed in memory of a departed member, Mrs. Edna Ashman.

Roll call was answered by an embarrassing cooking failure. Mrs. A. Frank dealt with last meeting's minutes and correspondence. A discussion then ensued regarding the picnic to be held at Lowville Park, August 19, each member to bring lunch. The members and their friends are to meet at the Hall at 12 o'clock.

The members were reminded that September roll call will be answered by the presentation of homemade Christmas gifts to be displayed at Milton Fair.

See Demonstration

The meeting was turned over to Home Economics conveners Mrs. M. Anderson and Mrs. Wheeler. Miss Katherine Narrish and her assistants, Carol Freeman, Doris Moffat, Margaret Wichham and Darlene Wheeler of the 4-H Club girls project then demonstrated very capably how to make mouth watering fancy sandwiches and relish plates.

Mrs. M. Mahon congratulated the girls and their leaders, Mrs. M. Muller and Mrs. W. Storey on their fine accomplishments.

Mrs. M. Muller, Mrs. C. Cargill and Mrs. M. Moffat were winners of a clever quiz contest conducted by Mrs. Wheeler.

Mrs. M. Anderson and Mrs. I. Richardson will be the girls' leaders next year.

The meeting closed with the Queen and Grace.

Mrs. M. Mahon extended the appreciation of the members to Mrs. Young for her hospitality.

Mrs. E. Ward, Mrs. B. Young and the 4-H Club girls served refreshments.

Two Delegates To Attend Camp

Marie Marshall, R. R. 1, Milton, and Sandy Buchanan, R. R. 1, Moffat, will represent the Halton Junior Farmers' Association this year at the 1959 Provincial Leadership Training Camp.

This program of Junior Farmers is sponsored by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, with the co-operation of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario. The setting for the week's activity will be Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, during the week of September 7.

This has been an annual event and the program has been instrumental in training many outstanding Junior Farmer members over the past years.

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Expect New High In Snowshoe Hare

A notable upsurge in the snowshoe hare population in the south-eastern part of Ontario began on a noticeable scale during the past winter and their numbers are expected to reach a new high when the second litters of this year are born in August or September.

A resident of Tweed, Ont., recently reported a snowshoe hare seen swimming across a river, unusual since the species is not associated with water except when cooking in a pot.

Livestock Judging Highlights Meeting

Livestock Judging was the theme of a meeting held on Thursday evening, July 23, for 4-H Club members in Halton. One hundred 4-H Club members, representing all 4-H Clubs in Halton, took part in the program.

The evening included instruction in judging beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep and swine. Each contestant judged one class of each of the four types of livestock, and gave reasons on the class.

Dairy cattle and swine classes were held at the farm of Ralph Ford, Milton, and beef and sheep at the farm of Joseph Willmott and Sun.

Met in Hall

The club members then met at the Agricultural Hall, Milton Fair Grounds, for the balance of the program.

The judging program was under the direction of D. E. Jackson, assistant agricultural representative, and assisted by 30 4-H Club leaders from the Halton 4-H Club Leaders' Council.

The meeting was held in preparation for the annual Halton Livestock Judging Competition to be held on Wednesday, July 29.

The BIBLE Today

How much does a Bible weigh? It all depends on what form it is in, whether manuscript, Braille, pocket size or whether the paper and binding are heavy or light. A Braille Bible of 39 volumes weighs over 100 pounds, a pocket Testament weighs only a few ounces.

The complete typescript of the Bible in the Tesa language, spoken by half a million Africans in Northern Uganda, weighs 35 pounds. The scripture translation and revision has been in progress for 50 years, and now culminates in the complete Old and New Testaments in the Tesa language.

This manuscript was flown to England and was displayed at a children's rally in Central Hall, Westminster, in London.

The Bible in Tesa will soon be printed and distributed.

Be sure and look before you start to cross a street. It's too late after you leave the sidewalk.

Miss Evelyn Bird To Take Bus Tour

Miss Evelyn Bird, R. R. 2, Georgetown, has been selected as Halton's delegate to the Eastern Ontario and Quebec bus tour. This trip is one of the travelling scholarships awarded to Junior Farmer members in Halton county.

There will be approximately 70 delegates take part in the program, representing most of the counties in central and western Ontario.

On the tour delegates will view farming, industrial and recreational centres in Eastern Ontario, Montreal, Que., and counties in Quebec.

Evelyn's selection is a result of her participation in 4-H Home-making Clubs and Junior Farmer programs.

The tour will be held during the week of August 23.

HAD TO DO EVERYTHING

A comical caland was complaining about his subordinate officers. "I'm obliged to do everything myself," he grumbled. "I'm my own captain, my own lieutenant, even my own sergeant-major."

Tipson Touring

By Carol Lane

Women's Travel Authority

This summer, millions of Canadians are taking vacation trips to the country. If you're one of these fishermen, campers, hikers, or picnickers, play safe with Mother Nature.

Here are some tips:

Be careful about drinking water. Even if it "looks good" or "tastes good", it may not be pure. This includes spring water. Drink only from a well or spring that has been marked as pure. You'll probably see a sign. Otherwise, boil the water for 20 minutes. Cool it and remove the taste by pouring it from one container to another several times.

Take along a guide book so you can identify—and avoid—poison oak, poison ivy and poison sumac.

Carry an insect "bomb" and spray your camp area and tent thoroughly. Don't worry about

most bugs and other creatures—no matter how horrible they look. Leave them alone, and they'll leave you alone. This includes spiders and snakes.

Chances are you'll never see a poisonous snake. But, mostly for your own peace of mind, take along a snake bite kit.

Don't trust bears—no matter how "lame" they seem. Store your food in the car's trunk compartment; never leave it in the tent or outside.

Finally, don't worry. You're safer outdoors than anywhere.

PEOPLE ARE FUNNY

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