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CHAMPIONSHIP FORM. Fred Timbers of Stouffville, judge for the Halton County Junior Plowing Championship, shows the contestants the proper width of a furrow. Left to right are entrants Ron Brander, Murray Harris, Dwight May, Don Brander, John Wilson and Ken Robinson.

J. Wilson, R. Brander Are Junior Boys Plowing Champions

The Halton County junior plowing championships were held on Saturday at the farm of Jim Reid Eighth Line near Hornby.

John Wilson and Ronald Brander, both of Norway, were the winners in the two age classifications. The Milton Milling Trophy was won by John, winner of the under 21 class, for having the highest score in the contest. Ronald Brander was the winner of the under 16 class. Fred Timbers of Stouffville was the judge.

Others participating in the contest were Ken Robinson of Norway, who finished second in the under 21 class. Donald Brander of Norway, Dwight May of Hornby and Murray Harris of Burlington.

At Francis Halton Agricultural Representative, organized the competition.



HALTON COUNTY junior plowing champion John Wilson shows the form that made him the "Champ" on Saturday at the junior plowing contest held on Jim Reid's farm on the Eighth Line near Hornby.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
Older People Would Enjoy Warm Room

Dear Editor:

In perusing last week's Free Press I noticed that several organizations were planning winter programs. These would have great good service to the people in the city but did not occur to them that a warm room would be a valuable and much appreciated service to the elderly.

Many have a long walk to the different centers of the city when the weather is cold and when they are unable to walk and some are unable to get to the centers. A warm room would have a great service to the members of the city and the glad to pay the cost for this service.

One of the boys

SMOG IN OLD ROME.
There's nothing new in front of the sun. Ancient Rome had no internal combustion engines and no heavy industries as we know them, but it still had smog. An ancient philosopher, Seneca, said this about it 1,800 years ago:
"As soon as I had got out of the heavy air of Rome, and from the smoke, which being stirred off whatever pestiferous vapors and soot they held enclosed in them I felt an alteration of my disposition."

PROBLEM SMOKER.
Psychiatrist: "You've got to quit smoking."
Patient: "Would that really help?"
Psychiatrist: "No, but you're burning my couch."

Dagwood's A Friendly Wolf

Campers Hear Call of the Wild

In a special article in The New York Times, published July 1, Oscar Godbout, noted outdoors writer, writes appreciatively of a visit to Algonquin, Ontario's oldest and largest provincial park (some 2,910 square miles) and the wolf research program being carried on by Dr. Douglas Pimlott of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests.

In his Times column, "Wood, Field and Stream," Mr. Godbout writes:

One of the more pleasurable experiences of traveling in this vast park is to be allowed a campfire at night when the eerie howling of the timberwolf packs cruising the forest is heard.

Campers moving around the wilderness here are encouraged by the scientists of the Lands and Forests Wildlife Station to howl themselves when the mood strikes them, for it is likely that the wolves will howl in response.

That way, Dr. Douglas Pimlott, the head of the Wolf Research Program, said before heading into the brush for more wolf work, the campers enjoy a unique wilderness experience and help the research. Campers hearing wolf howls are asked to record details on a form to help the wildlife people determine the ranges of the packs.

There are about 300 of the lean, harmless animals in the 2,910 square miles of the park. The packs contain from four to five wolves as many as nine.

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Some of the wolf research has resulted in hilarious incidents, though it didn't appear that way to the participants.

Dr. Pimlott has a tame timber wolf named Dagwood, a friendly, affectionate animal that he raised from a wild pup. Dr. Pimlott often takes Dagwood into the forest and releases him. From Dagwood's movements and contact with other wolves, the doctor learns much. Dagwood travels mostly at night, but some times during the day.

One day two weeks ago, Dr. Pimlott was off watching a pack and had forgotten to leave food in camp for Dagwood. Dagwood returned to camp hungry

one might say, as a wolf. Finding no food, he began looking for some.

Not far away on a portage, a canoeist sat admiring the view. He unwrapped a sandwich, took up half and started eating. Then he reached for the rest, but it wasn't there. A large timber wolf licking its chops and grinning gratefully, was, however.

When this canoeist came down out of the sky, he noticed the wolf wore a choke-chain collar and suspected it might be friendly. It was a very friendly Dagwood, so for some unknown reason, the camper removed the collar.

The camper moved on and the collarless Dagwood sat around a while looking for another canoeist carrying free meals for gentle wolves. Sure enough, in a little while down the trail came a man carrying a canoe on his shoulders and followed by two companions.

Up under the feet of the canoe later popped Dagwood. Some say the canoe went 30 feet through the air and that the man skinned to the top of a timber spruce before the canoe hit the ground. The other two took up large sticks to defend themselves from the "attacking wolves."

The poor, discouraged Dagwood finally left these dangerous people who later went home to tell the newspapers how they were attacked by wolves in the park. This might have been understandable but for the fact that they had been told before they left the park about Dagwood and how harmless he was.

The wolves are a great attraction. Across the Lake of Two Rivers, where Killarney Lodge, the leading commercial lodge in the park is situated, there ranges a pack. Sometimes when the wind is right, their howls come drifting across to compete with the whistles of the loons.

Such wonderful sounds are also heard in Algonquin Park, with its policy of complete preservation of wildlife. They will be heard for some time.

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