

**Heavy Drifting Common**

**Wind Studies Aid Farm Snow Control**

Although Halton County is not located in any of the recognized snow belt areas of Ontario it does receive a substantial snowfall each year.

The average snowfall each year over the last 40 years has been about 46 inches. In 1961 the total snowfall was approximately 43 inches, while 1959 gave Halton County more than 5 feet of snow.

The County has a predominately west or south-west wind which commonly reaches speeds of 25 miles per hour. The result is heavy drifting and snow accumulation around roads and buildings.

With the adoption of open front operators pressed for methods of controlling wind and snow. Many operators experimented with windbreak fences where the natural windbreak hedge or bush was not available.

The use of high closed fences however, gave varying results in different locations. In many instances more problems were created while a few gave excellent results.

Fortunately the Department of Engineering Science at the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph, has been studying the effects of wind on buildings. The Department decided to study the possibilities of controlling wind and snow accumulation around farm buildings.

As they progressed in their studies, personnel with the Ontario Department of Agriculture were informed of their findings. Their suggestions were promptly used on many Halton County farms and their success prompted increased study.

It was found that the location and shape of a building, as well as the location of silos and feed bunks, were as important as the size and location of windbreaks where wind and snow accumulation was concerned.

As a result of farm testing and observation, along with exhaustive research and laboratory work, it is now possible to predict and control wind and snow to a limited extent.

When a new building is to be constructed there are features of size and shape, as well as location, which will eliminate many of the previous snow problems. After the building is constructed and where problems exist around the present buildings, many improvements can be made by the wise use of windbreaks.

The Extension personnel at the Ontario Department of Agriculture office in Milton have the latest information from the Department of Engineering Science in Guelph, and are glad to advise Halton County farmers on problems of wind and snow control.

**Pot Luck Supper For Four Groups**

A pot luck supper began the joint meeting of the four evening groups of the United Church Women in the church last evening (Wednesday). The program included: Mrs. G. W. McKenzie brought a message from the president, Mrs. H. Force and asked for social and flower conveners. The ladies quickly volunteered.

Mrs. C. Rognvaldson welcomed the members and read a letter from Miss Flora Moffat of Bella Bella, B.C. in which she sent greetings to all.

Mrs. Wm. Waterhouse read the Christmas story. It was interspersed with Christmas carols. Mrs. D. Engel was at the piano.

A short humorous skit titled "Popularity Girl" was put on by unit four.

The tables were brightly decorated in festive coronas and candles and laden with many attractive dishes.

The theme of the evening "Those who pray together, stay together, also those who play together work together."

Santa (Mrs. Rae West) arrived and there was a small gift for everyone, to add to the enjoyment. Mrs. Santa had sent along old snapshots of several members had to claim same, then members had to confess they were the children in the photos. After confessing, the members were presented with beautiful corsages from Santa.

This was truly an old fashioned get together and a happy time was had by all.

**Engagement**

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mainprize of Acton announce the engagement of their daughter Gwen to Fred Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ford, Guelph. The marriage will take place on Saturday, December 29, 1962, in Acton.



**KITCHENER DANCERS** helped with the entertainment at the Acton Scottish Dance club's annual Christmas party Saturday night. Four of the young ladies are pictured above with master of ceremonies Bill Wilson. Left to right are Gayle McKay, Leanne Pugsley, Lynne Colvin, Paula LaCombe and Mr. Wilson.

**Free Slides Feature Halton Fire Fighters**

Serving 115,000

The Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau was chosen, as it embraces five towns and two townships in Halton, and its 277 firefighters (267 volunteer and 10 full time) serve a population of 115,000 over a 3,000 square mile area. The Halton Bureau has recently achieved several international awards for its year-round, light against fire, and Electrical Bureau officials, after they reviewed the Halton program to date, chose it as a suitable model for the slides.

The slides include an introduction to Halton County, with scenes of farms, industries, shopping areas, suburbs and older residential sections in the five Halton towns. The organization and work of the Fire Prevention Bureau are thoroughly explained in word and picture, featuring colored photographs of many Halton firefighters at work.

Also included are examples of the cooperation received from such groups as insurance companies, safety councils, chambers of commerce, schools, industries, churches, and youth and farm full time groups. The presentation ends with a quick review of many common electrical fire hazards and a brief closing message from Chief Douglas Wilson of Oakville, coordinator of the Halton Mutual Aid fire system.

"I would highly recommend the showing of these slides to my organization in Halton County," Deputy Chief George Bundy of Milton, Chairman of the Fire Prevention Bureau, said. "Our Bureau is proud to have been chosen as a

model for others, and I am sure local residents would be interested in seeing the work of the Bureau described in this presentation."

You can borrow a set of the slides for your club by writing Electrical Bureau of Canada, 126 Davenport Rd., Toronto 5 Ont. Just ask for the colored 15mm slides and script entitled "Halton County, First County in Fire Prevention."

Don't forget to post your Christmas mail early and relieve the post office of a last-minute rush.



—Do your Christmas shopping in Acton! Keep Acton booming and Actonians working!

—The cub packs are having a Christmas party together next week.

—United Church C.G.T. girls are selling church calendars as a money raising project.

—Keep your car locked! Let thieves do their own Christmas shopping.

Acton's Christmas lighting scheme receives excellent comments from visitors.

—Firemen are playing records of Christmas carols over their public address system again this year.

—Simpsons order offices have closed in both Milton and Georgetown. Both have direct dialing in ahead.

The abundance of Christmas parties makes the season exciting. Would you phone and let the Free Press know about these events?

—Post office staff is swamped with Christmas mail already.

—Some of the stores were open Monday this week and had quite a few shoppers.

—Instead of the day-long bonspiel originally planned, the lady cutlers are having a special Christmas session Tuesday afternoon with refreshments and gifts.

**Watching You**

From now until early January, local police will be staying a sweeping "crack-down" on the drinking and careless drivers that usually abound around holiday time.

Every police department has instructions to keep every man and available piece of equipment on the roads, with a sharp eye out for anyone doing any irrational driving that might endanger lives or property. The local police remind you, "If you drink, don't drive — take a taxi."

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