



ESSAY WINNERS at Acton District high school received prizes Friday afternoon during assembly in the gymnasium. Left to right are Vivian Smith who placed second to receive \$10; Mrs. John Turkoz, president of the local chapter of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded; Leslie Johnston, first place winner who received a cheque for \$15; Mrs. Chester Anderson, treasurer of the local Association and Beverly Anderson, third place winner who received a \$5 cheque. The essays were on mental retardation and the contest was sponsored by the Acton branch of the North Halton Association.

HARLEY...to HALTON

By DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P.

For the past week debate has continued on the proposed changes in Parliamentary procedure to streamline the work of the House of Commons. It has been very slow progress, with suggested changes in the proposals by the Opposition and counter proposals by the Government. At the present time the troublesome area is the proposed limitation of debate on legislation that would be brought before Parliament for consideration.

A business committee representing all parties would meet and discuss the time to be spent on any one measure. If they agreed their decision would be made an Order of the House of Commons. If the business committee could not agree, the time allowed for debate would be moved by a minister of the Crown, but could not be less than two days for the second reading, two days for committee study and one day for third and final reading. If an amendment was proposed, the Speaker would have the authority to allow two extra days of debate. There is no question that this move will limit debate to a given number of speakers and several suggestions have been made to ensure that any Member of Parliament may take part in any debate if he so desires.

The object of the Government is not to limit debate as such but to permit decisions on legislation to be made in a reasonable length of time. This limitation of debate has been used in the United Kingdom for many years with apparent success. Debate has centred around these varying matters the past week and continues.

Royal Assent was given early last evening to the Bill regarding the Senate. Senators over 75 years of age are now in the Senate may have the option of retiring on pension now or may continue serving until ill health or death intervenes. Senators appointed in the future will have no option and will have to retire at the age of 75 years. I certainly agree to this beginning of reform of the Senate.

I am sure the residents of Oakville and Burlington are well aware that the Post Office Department has been investigating mail delivery in the northern areas of both towns. I would appreciate having the opinion of constituents in these areas as to the present services and any suggestions they have for improving the services. A letter addressed to me, House of Commons, Ottawa, does not require postage, and I would be pleased to hear from my constituents in these areas.

Heather McGeechie Top All Round Girl

Heather McGeechie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGeechie of Acton, received a trophy last week for being chosen the top all round girl student in grade nine. The trophy was presented during a physical education class by her teacher, while her classmates applauded their approval. Heather has taken a very active part in athletics this year. A member of the Girls' Athletic Association, she assisted at all the many functions held throughout the year. She was a member of the teams which won not only the grade nine volleyball championship, but the softball championship, too.

At the local track and field meet held at Acton District High School, Heather placed first in the running high jump, which enabled her to represent her school at the big CWOSSA meet in Guelph, where she placed fifth out of 30 jumpers. In the badminton tournament, in which there were 68 grade nine girls participating, Heather and her partner placed third.

Heather is a well mannered, cheerful person to work with and her contribution this year to Acton High has been strongly felt.

The loss of timber caused by insects and diseases is estimated to be greater than that from forest fires.



COUNTY OF HALTON WEED CONTROL NEWS

BY V. E. McARTHUR WEED INSPECTOR

WEED ACT REVISED
A number of changes have been made in the Weed Control Act this year which are effective as of April 14, 1965. Sections 3, 10 and 13 and Regulation 5 were revised by the Ontario Legislature. We do not expect all citizens to be able to quote the Weed Act. However, all owners or occupants of land should be aware that these laws exist and can be enforced.

The above mentioned portions of the Act now read as follows:
Sec. 3 is expanded to read: "Every person in possession of land shall destroy all noxious weeds thereon as often, and at such times as is necessary (a) to prevent the ripening of their seeds; (b) to prevent dispersal of their pollen and grain and spores produced on them; (c) to eliminate their toxic parts."
May Order Destroyed
Sec. 10 is revised to comply

with the expanded Sec. 3 and now reads "Where an Inspector finds noxious weeds or weed seeds on land in the area within his jurisdiction, he may order the person in possession of the land to destroy the noxious weed or weed seeds."
Sec. 13 is revised to read 10 acres, instead of nine, as it applies to newspaper notices.
Regulation 5 is amended by deleting all of clause (b) and (c). Provided all other conditions of Reg. 5 are complied with, it is no longer necessary for an Inspector to obtain the consent of the district inspector before destroying noxious weeds.

Weeds to Graze
Each year, several thousand acres of spring grain are sprayed to prevent the growth of broad leaf weeds. Detailed information may be found in Ontario Department of Agriculture Publication 75.

Lawn Mowing

Many good lawns are ruined at this time of year with improper mowing in extremely dry, hot weather such as we are now experiencing.

The lawn mower should not be set to cut as low as possible. It should be raised to approximately one and one-half inches above ground level, otherwise the lawn will turn brown and die.

Heavy Application
When watering a lawn you should apply about one inch of water every few days, rather than a light application every day. This permits the water to seep down into the soil, giving a deeper root zone for the lawn grasses. Frequent light watering causes the roots to grow near the surface, thus drying out occurs.
Now is the time to sharpen the blades of your rotary lawn mower. Dull blades fray the grass, causing it to turn brown. Be very careful to disconnect the spark plug before working on the blade.

THINK OF IT
One thoughtless or careless moment can cause disaster! Please help to keep the forest green and clean.

Win Prizes At Dog Show

An Acton dog breeder John Foley and a beginner, eight-year-old John Timmings, brought honors to town after winning several awards at the Western Ontario Fox Hunters' Association show at Blair, Sunday. The Timmings boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Timmings, was attending his first show and won first prize in the children's class up to 14 years of age. There were 37 competitors in the group.

John Foley took a first, second, fourth and fifth prize during the day's competition.

MILKING MACHINES
Not long ago an Ontario farm when a milking machine he was boy was almost electrocuted (using short-circuited). This may be an unusual accident, but it indicates there may be other similar machines that have deteriorated under damp stable conditions and become dangerous.
A regular check by a qualified electrician is good insurance against this type of farm hazard, advises the Ontario Farm Safety Council.

A pedestrian is currently known as a man who has two cars, a wife, and a 17-year-old daughter.

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