



Weed Control News

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POISON IVY — THE VACATION SPOILER
Berries red, have no dread; Berries white, poisonous sight; Leaves three, quickly flee.

This very bad bit of verse is not as bad as the plant it attempts to describe. In fact, it touches on all the important identification characteristics of "Poison Ivy".

The berries are never red, but grey to white and in late fall, yellowish brown. The leaves are always alternate on the stem, and each leaf is always made up of three leaflets which are usually inclined to droop. The plant itself is usually a vine, which may creep along the ground, or may climb up fences or trees. When it climbs it is supported by aerial roots. It may, however, be a thick stemmed shrub, up to three feet in height. It has an extensive, it spreads along with propagation by seeds.

All parts of this weed, including the roots contain the poisonous substance which causes the severe skin irritation. Contact can be direct, or even from contaminated shoes, garden tools, pets or clothes. The vapors from a bonfire of poison ivy vines, roots, or leaves can also cause the rash, blisters and irritation in sensitive persons.

Thorough washing with strong soap immediately after contact may prevent infection or reduce

its severity. In event that symptoms appear an early visit to the doctor may prevent a later visit to the hospital.

Prevention is usually much better than the cure. This involves recognizing "Poison Ivy" and avoiding it. At least one in every scout camp, picnic, fishing party or golf foursome should be competent to recognize and point out this plant to members of his group. It grows on roadsides, woodlands, school yards, at summer cottages — yes and even in rough places at some golf courses. Its elimination rates priority in all these places but somehow a few plants manage to survive, and always someone walks through it, pulls it, or rests on it.

It has even grown unrecognized among rock garden plants with disastrous results to the owner. In autumn the leaves turn delightful colors of orange, yellow and red which tempt the uninformed to add to their collection of color leaves.

Fortunately, "Poison Ivy" can be controlled by readily available chemicals. Arnitrol-T is the best for one application treatment. Brushkill is also good but may require a second clean-up application. Silvex is also quite effective on "Poison Ivy". Whatever product is used be sure to follow directions on the label and spray anytime up until the end of September.

500 Holsteins off to Italy assemble at Georgetown yard

A boat load of 500 pure bred Canadian Holsteins has just left St. John, New Brunswick for Italy. The purchaser, Attilio Ladina of Cremona, Italy, will distribute the cattle to Italian breeders.

This shipment consisted of top quality animals secured from the provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. The entire group was assembled at Georgetown, and required 25 railway cars for transport to St. John.

Arrangements for purchase and shipment were made by Rockwood International Ltd. of Georgetown, while John Reison of Smith's Falls accompanied

the cattle to Italy. Among district breeders who participated in the shipment are Robert Alexander, John Brandier, Roy Thompson and Gordon Laidlaw.

Mr. Ladina expects to ship another boat load of Holsteins to Italy in mid-August. Included will be the 44 head of outstanding cattle that he bought at the dispersal sale of the Oak Ridges herd of R. R. Dennis, Oak Ridge, where Mr. Ladina was runner-up in the bidding for a bull calf that sold for the Canadian Record auction sale price for a dairy bull of \$46,000. His 44 purchases ranged in price from \$1,000 to \$2,600 cash.

Lucky 13 club members fete organizer at meet

The members of the Lucky 13 Club met at the home of Mrs. J. Dewey, 409 St. George Street, Rockwood, Thursday, June 16, to honor the organizing member, Mrs. Dorothy Dean, Harris St.

A happy time was spent with three tables of cards played. Prizes went to Mrs. Wray Thatcher, Guelph; Mrs. E. McFarlane, Mrs. J. L. Laidlaw and Mrs. M. Scott, Rockwood. Lunch was served by the hostess Mrs. Du by and a birthday cake centred the table. A presentation of a purse was made to Mrs. Dean

on the eve of her birthday. Those present were Mrs. M. Wietzel, Kitchener; Mrs. Lillian Gibbons, Ajax, Ont.; Mrs. F. Pummer, Mrs. W. Thatcher, Guelph; Mrs. N. Saunders, Mrs. L. Lintoot, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. R. Oakes, Mrs. E. McFarlane, Mrs. M. Milne, Mrs. Dean and Mrs. D. Dean, all of Rockwood. Those unable to attend were Mrs. H. W. Howell, Aurora, Mrs. J. McLelland, Toronto and Mrs. Rose Dyer, Rockwood. The Club was formed in August, 1934, by Mrs. Dean.



M. Z. BENNETT SCHOOL received two trophies during the grade 8 graduation banquet Tuesday, June 28. Left to right are Mike Marchmont with the inter-school sports trophy, teacher Ed Leatherland and Bill Field with the inter-school champion field day trophy. Each year both the M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little schools hold inter-school sports and field day events for the champion-ship.

Regains title

Margaret Hunter Dairy Princess

Halton County's Dairy Princess for 1966 is 20-year-old Margaret Hunter of R.R. 1 Burlington.

The pert, dark-haired graduate of Kempsville Agricultural School won the title for the second consecutive year on Thursday night, June 23, and earned the right to represent Halton in the Ontario Dairy Princess competition at the C.N.E. in late August.

Three County farm-girls — Margaret, Dorcen Carney of R.

R. 3 Georgetown and Elizabeth Norrington of R.R. 6 Milton — vied for the title and were judged on the basis of their interviews with the judges, their milking ability, their milking efficiency and personal appearance. Judges for the contest were Mrs. Jean (Peterson) Loos, a former Halton county and Ontario Dairy Princess; Lavorne Byrnett, a member of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board and George Drennan, a former field man for the Holstein-Friesian Association.

Upwards of 400 crowded into the Hays Sales Arena to watch the contest after enjoying a roast beef dinner as part of Rural-Urban Night, sponsored by the Oakville Chamber of Commerce and the Oakville Jaycees.

A special guest for the evening was pretty Ruth McKinney of Caledon, Ontario Dairy Princess for 1965-66. While the Halton girls participated in a milking contest, Miss McKinney commented on her experiences as the Ontario Dairy Princess and also described the various steps being taken in the milking contest.

"June is dairy month — but every day should be Dairy Day," Miss Hunter told the large audience. "In Halton we're living in the teeth of prosperity — we have the highest per capita income of any County in Ontario and dairying is one of our major industries." She noted, "Halton is a banner County".

Halton M.P.P. George Kerr suggested, "this is one of the best methods of focusing attention on the milk industry. I'm glad to see everyone came in a car tonight," he said as he referred to the farmers' tractor protest in western Ontario concerning milk prices.

Ross Segsworth of Burlington was chairman for the evening.



MARGARET HUNTER was selected recently as Halton County's 1966 Dairy Princess and will go on to compete in the Ontario Dairy Princess competition at the C.N.E. in August. Margaret, 20-years-old, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunter of R.R. 1 Burlington. The 1965-66 Ontario Dairy Princess Ruth McKinney of Caledon is shown presenting the sash to Margaret.



Halton 4-H Club News

ANNUAL HALTON 4-H BUS TRIP

A tour of the new City Hall in Toronto was one of the highlights of the Halton 4-H bus trip held on Wednesday, June 29th. The Kiwanis Club of the Kingsway, sponsors for the 4-H Clubs in Halton, conducted the program, High Park for lunch, and at Riverdale Zoo.

The afternoon program included a stop at the Howard Homestead at High Park, where the Original furnishings and horse drawn carriages were still in prime condition.

The 4-H Club members then visited the farm of Allan Collins and Sons at Woodbridge. This operation consisted of vegetable production specializing in radishes, beets, and green onions.

The day came to an end with the bus arriving back at the Milton-Fair Grounds in the late afternoon.

HALTON 4-H STRAWBERRY CLUB by Stuart Nurse

The Halton 4-H Strawberry Club was privileged to visit the Vineland Experimental Station, so farmers in the areas could learn of new plants and methods. Lou Ricketts, one of the head men at Vineland, pointed out the various plots and testing areas.

There was a short recess to allow the people to have a closer look at the varieties in the fields. A machine to carry pickers on a wing on each side, and one driver.

When the group had a chance to look around, discussions were held about varieties, herbicides and frost prevention.

It is through such meetings the modern farmer can learn to improve his crops. The Annual Strawberry Twilight was being held

Trustees, Board discuss by-law

Rockwood — The Board of Trustees sent a delegation of four, trustees Brain and Hills, secretary O'Brien and former trustee Robert Leslie to attend the Wellington Board of Health meeting in Fergus. This was to discuss the proposed land use by-law "For Rockwood Only".

The delegation was well received and had a full discussion on the by-law. It will require another meeting to determine the final outcome.

On the way home, the delegation dropped in on the meeting of the planning board and the township council being held in the township office. Several pertinent questions were asked by the delegation, who were invited to attend the next meeting when actual planning will be started.

A new culvert had to be placed in the village at the foot of Gowen St. to drain the water out of the pond which will be created by runoff water from Main St. This will be necessary when Cox Construction get the Main St. back to normal after installing storm sewers off Main St. down Stanley St. to Dowler St.

Provincial grant aids second Manor

A cheque of \$274,809.80, representing the second instalment on provincial subsidies on the construction of Halton's second home for the Aged in Milton, was received recently by Halton County Council.

"It is gratifying to know that progress is continuing on the construction," Hon. Louis P. Ceille, Minister of Welfare wrote. To date the total provincial contribution to the project has amounted to \$343,512.25.

Top meat sire

Ten steer carcasses, all grading Canada Choice has qualified an A.I. unit bull as a 100 per cent Certified Meat Sire. Elmer K.D. Spidel 38T a polled Hereford, is the first bull in Canada to have all of his tested offspring meet every carcass quality requirement of the three year old International Performance Registry program. He is owned by Central Ontario and Waterloo Cattle Breeding Associations.

Seven of the test steers had monthly weight gains of over 100 pounds. They were slaughtered at an average of 391 days, with carcass weights averaging 591 pounds.

Facelifts on the Free Press building is continuing this week. Two weeks ago, the tall chimney was painted and now painters are busy spraying and bushing paint on the outside walls.

Department of Agriculture gives tips on plant insects

Ontario Department of Agriculture extension branch Fruit and vegetable specialist Charles Warner prepared the following information on plant and shrub insect damage:

This is the time of year when garden plants and shrubs are quite susceptible to attack by insects, and many insects are prevalent in gardens at this time of year. Foliage is tender and succulent, and this is preferred by insects to the toughened foliage later on. Shrubs that are defoliated now will be weakened for the rest of the summer.

Some common caterpillar insects often seen eating foliage on hedges are sawfly larvae, looper, or tent caterpillars. Most of these caterpillar insects are more easily killed by spraying with DDT.

Roses seem to be quite susceptible to insect damage as well as diseases. Prepared sprays for roses are easily obtained and are probably desirable since they contain the proper fungicides and insecticides to control most of the common rose disorders.

Birch leaf miner is a common insect in birch trees, causing death to many leaves. A tiny worm crawls between the two layers of the leaf and feeds from this protective position. Most sprays are ineffective after this time.

Probably the easiest treatment for this insect as well as

other birch insects is Cygon 2 E; this material is a liquid and can be painted full strength on the trunk of the tree. It will then be translocated to all parts of the tree, killing the insects feeding on it. An advantage of this type of material is that it kills only insects which actually feed on the foliage and spares any harmless insects.

General garden insecticides that are easily obtained are malathion, DDT, Rhotomone, etc. These materials are easily obtained as a powder which can be mixed with water and sprayed on the plants. For many soil insects aldrin and chlordane are the materials to use.

Metasystox, Systox and Cygon are systemic materials which when applied to a plant, are absorbed into the fluid content of the plant and distributed by this medium. These are very good materials when properly applied, but can be dangerous if carelessly handled.

FATIGUE

Much has been said about fatigue, not only in driving the car, but also the farm tractor. If you ride a tractor all afternoon to the steady hum of the engine, and bounce of the seat, and sometimes in the dust and heat, you're bound to get tired. You may not realize it, but your attention drops and this could be dangerous. Take an occasional break and stay alive.

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