



SUNNY ACRES NATURE PARK is a scenic park-site located behind the owners' home in Nassagaweya. Two pools, a volleyball court, and space for other games are located in a sylvan setting beneath the trees.



A LARGE SWIMMING POOL at Sunny Acres Nature Park, Nassagaweya Township, awaits club members. There is also a smaller pool for children.

# Nassagaweya Nudists ... Sunbathing in a sylvan setting

By Roy Downs

Half a dozen children splash and puddled about the children's wading pool; each of them nude, boys and girls together. Nearby in a larger adult pool, a man, his wife and his teen-aged daughter dove into the clear cooling waters; laughed and talked with each other. Each was naked.

Two men played a rousing game of table tennis on a green table set beneath a towering maple tree. They wore no clothes.

And a few feet away, enjoying a sunbath without the encumbrance of scratchy bathing suits, two young girls and five more adults sprawled on towels to talk or read or doze.

It wasn't a page of pictures from a men's magazine, or an art film, or even a sex orgy. It was just another day of care-free, relaxed nudism at one of Ontario's small (but rapidly growing) nudist nature parks.

The resort is Sunny Acres Nature Park in Nassagaweya township, just a few miles away from Milton, Campbellville, Guelph and Acton. The people we mention were members of some families who belong to this club.

And the club is just one of 15 similar nudist playgrounds in Ontario where young and old, men, women and children of various races, creeds, colors and walks of life go to enjoy their favorite pastime — the freedom from being confined to clothing.

John and Irene Pries, who operate Sunny Acres park, have been nudists for about 11 years. They love it, and each of their four children, ranging in age from two to 14 years, loves it too.

The sprawling, rolling grounds encompass 10 acres of heavily treed and neatly landscaped property, set well back from the roads to ensure their members of the privacy they require. Heavy stands of maple and beech, balsam and cedar, and fields of high grass shield them from the world where clothing confines them, where puritans warily eye them, where nudism has not yet been fully accepted by the masses.

Members at Sunny Acres can visit anytime, although most visits are on weekends and holidays. A large filtered swimming pool and a separate children's wading pool have been provided for relaxing dips, and members can enjoy other sports including volleyball, badminton, table tennis, horseshoes and croquet, in a sylvan setting.

The beautiful woodlands, sunny glades and open lawns lend themselves to walks or sunbathing, and showers and washrooms are right nearby. The park is laid out to accommodate a large number of tents and trailers, and the proprietors offer snack bar facilities and light snacks.

Sunny Acres opened in July of 1961. Most of the members are city people from as far away as Kitchener, Toronto, Hamilton and St. Catharines.

Nudism is most prevalent among the German race; for it was in Germany as early as 1903 that social nudism began. However,

this way of life has been rapidly growing, especially since the late 1940's, and has spread throughout Europe and Great Britain. Only in more recent years has nudism become accepted in North America. The United States is launching new clubs almost daily. Canada's first was organized in 1939, and the second not until 1949; today, there are 15 in Ontario alone.

Nudism is definitely not a fad, and not a cult. Its prime purpose is "healthy and happy family recreation" and it is almost entirely limited to family memberships.

A nudist will tell you he enjoys nudism because of the sense of freedom it gives him. Some describe it as giving you a "closeness to nature". Others find it is the only way to really relax. Another will extol the values of the all-over sunbath, or the new social life and friendships the hobby brings.

Children in nudist families enjoy it even more so. They have never been taught it is wrong to undress in front of the other sex, except in public. They do not grow up curious about the physical structure of the opposite sex, but they grow up as strong and healthy as the fresh air and sunshine will allow them.

And what boy will ever forget his first "skinny dip" down at the "old swimming hole"?

For John and Irene Pries, nudism has been a wonderful way of life since they first discovered it 11 years ago. He is a native of Germany and she came from

Poland. After they were married, they lived at Westerland on the island of Suhl, Germany, and one day John wandered by accident into the nudist beach.

At that time, the nudist beach was right next to what they called the "textile beach" (where bathing suits were repaired). When he came home, he told Irene he would like to join and she, like most women when first confronted with the idea, rebelled. She even laughed at the suggestion.

But the next summer, John gave her a choice — accompany him for nude bathing, or stay home with two small children. She decided to give it a try once, and they cycled six miles to a beach in another town so no one would recognize them.

"After the first visit, I loved it," she reports. She admitted being nervous, but her fears and false inhibitions disappeared with her clothes that first day. "Now it is a normal part of our life," she adds.

They came to Canada nine years ago, and began working at a Burlington orchard. Homesick and with little social life in their new country, they sought out a nudist camp at Sun Valley Gardens near Fenwick, and immediately made many new friends. When John bought the Nassagaweya property in 1960, they decided to open their own naturist park to serve the last-growing populations of the cities in the immediate district.

"People in the city are cooped up all day and all week. They really want to get out here every chance they get," Mrs. Pries explained as she told of the immediate welcome the new park received from district nudists.

"Nudism is an excellent way of relaxation for those who are fed up with the public beaches, where you have to step over one another and hide to change your clothes."

Mr. Pries agreed. "We really enjoy it and we are pleased to have other nudists to enjoy it with us." The children feel the same way. Twelve-year-old daughter Angela, presently away for a holiday with relatives in Germany, had to purchase a bathing suit for the trip and she hates it. "The children don't know anything different," the Pries explain.

The club season lasts from May until October. Even in winter, members keep up their social life, although the Canadian weather is not conducive to outdoor nudism. They frequently drop out to visit John and Irene for an afternoon or evening in the winter months.

The proprietors have had virtually no trouble from people attempting to gain unlawful entry to the camp, or spying from the bushes. Once a group of boys attempted to get in but the police were nearby at the time and the boys were caught. No trespassing charges were necessary — the boys never came back.

The neighbors have been "wonderful" in their acceptance of the camp, Mrs. Pries reports. None have so far found the camp objectionable or noisy, and several new homes have been built nearby since the camp opened.

John, a masonry contractor by trade, built their home and painstakingly cleared and improved the land for their resort. Camp rules are based on the standards of polite, normal behavior and are similar to rules in almost any organization. Courtesy and good manners prevail at all times, and the owners have the right to ban members who do not observe the rules.

No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the grounds, and any-

one suspected of being under the influence of intoxicants, is barred. Members are introduced by first names only, and all members are bound by the rules from revealing names of other members. Parents are responsible for their children at all times, and no pets are allowed on the property.

Cameras, while allowed, remain under close supervision and members must give permission for photos to be taken. Members of any club are allowed to visit other clubs if prior arrangements have been made and the person is a bona fide nudist.

Fees are based on family memberships, and the family rate at Sunny Acres is \$40 per year plus \$5 for S.C.S.A. membership. Tents and trailers are allowed in the camp for a minimum fee.

Sunny Acres is affiliated with the Eastern Canadian Sunbathing Association and the International Naturist Federation.

And, to quote from a recent E.C.S.A. publication:

"Perhaps some of the greatest misunderstandings about nudism occur because other people have jumped to conclusions of how the clubs are operated. Nudists do not insist on nudity at all times within the clubs — if the weather turns cold, they put their clothes on, or if they feel they are in danger of sunburn, they will cover themselves. They are not food faddists, exercise faddists or any other faddists, and they certainly do not consider nudism a fad.

"They do not expect that everyone will become nudists. They do not expect or desire the abolition of clothes. They do not expect to see department stores and supermarkets a mass of naked humanity. All they ask is that everyone will respect and agree with their belief that the nude human body is not unpleasant, is not indecent and is not an incitement to sex.

"They believe that the total exposure of the body to sun, air and sunbathing, swimming and participating in many sports, is

## Marg loses title hopes

Margaret Hunter Halton's 1966 Dairy Princess title was eliminated Thursday in her bid for the Ontario Dairy Princess title. The slim, dark-haired 20-year-old lost out in the preliminary round at the Canadian National Exhibition.

Margaret, who also vied for the title in 1965, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunter of R.R. 1, Burlington. She is a graduate of Kemptville Agricultural School. At the competition on Thursday, five contestants talked to the judges, displayed their milking ability and gave a brief talk on milking in their county.

## 11c wheat rebate highest on record

The Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board has reviewed their auditor's statement and set the rebate on the 1965 crop at 11.87 cents per bushel on the 9,832,700 bushels marketed between July 1, 1965 and June 30, 1966. This will amount to \$1,167,000.00.

The board further set aside a reserve of two cents a bushel, or approximately \$196,000.00. The board's operations for 1965 included marketing 277,000 bushels of wheat, an unusually small amount in comparison with many previous years, resulting in the highest rebate ever made by the board. The rebate will be made to 26,000 wheat producers prior to the board's annual meeting on October 4.

a health-giving process. "They believe that one day, here in Canada, their beliefs will be accepted by the majority of right minded people and as a result, nude swimming, stanning and sports will be accepted as normal and permissible at Canadian beaches and recreation centres."

## New regulations

### Must stop for school bus

Hon. Irvin Haskett, Minister of Transport, introduced in the Legislature the following amendments to the Highway Traffic Act which have been enacted at the session just concluded.

Starting September 1, motorists will be required to stop when overtaking and when approaching a school bus stopped with signals flashing.

Where a school bus is stopped on a highway on which the maximum speed limit is greater than 35 miles per hour for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children, the driver of a vehicle when overtaking a school bus on which the words "do not pass when signals flashing" are marked and two red signal lights are illuminated by intermittent flashes, shall stop the vehicle before reaching the school bus and shall not proceed until the bus resumes motion or the signal lights are no longer operating.

Like-wise when meeting on such a highway other than a highway with separate roadways, a school bus on the front of which two red signal lights are illuminated with intermittent flashes, motorists must stop before reaching the school bus and proceed only when the signal lights are not operating.

### Halton herds improve in D.H.I.A. production

Halton County herds have showed considerable improvement in the 1965 progress report of the D.H.I.A. The average production of the 59 associations across Ontario for the past year was 10,606 lbs of milk, 388 lbs. of butterfat. West Halton Association with George McCormack as supervisor moved from 10th position to fourth in the province. The 440 cows complete record production was 11,543 lbs of milk, 446 lbs of fat for a breed class average of 112 and 113.

East Halton Association under Frank Chisholm moved from 16th to 13th position with 11,168 lbs. of milk, 420 lbs. fat for a B.C.A. of 106 and 110. Halton Centre under Howard King moved from 28th to 19th with 11,215 lbs of milk and 428 of butterfat, 105 and 108 B.C.A.

The total of 1,315 grade herds were tested during the year. Halton had 8 herds out of the top 30 compared to just three in 1964. Highest production in this county went to Walter Eggar, Milton R.R. 6 West Halton Association — 14,646, 570 for a B.C.A. of 136 and 143, seventh in Ontario; 11th, S. W. Waters, Georgetown R.R. 2, East Halton Association — 14,609,565 for a B.C.A. of 132 and 140; 15th, R. Lawrence, Milton R.R. 1, West Halton — 14,299, 535 for a B.C.A. of 133 and 136; 16th, Galbraith Bros., Burlington R.R. 1, West Halton — 13,239, 537 for a B.C.A. of 129 and 139; 19th, J. O. Bradley, Hornby R.R. 1, Halton Centre — 13,702, 546 for a B.C.A. of 127 and 136; 24th, C. Barth, Glen Williams R.R. 1, East Halton — 13,750, 542 for a B.C.A. of 125 and 135; 25th, F. J. Brown and Sons, Limehouse R.R. 1, East Halton — 13,776, 537 for a B.C.A. of 126 and 134; 27th, C. A. May and Son, Hornby R.R. 2, Halton Centre — 13,592, 525 for a B.C.A. of 127 and 133.

In addition to receiving the following report on the production of each cow in the herd, each D.H.I.A. member received a report on the cost of production of milk and the profit per cow in his herd. He then is able to change his management and cull the poor production in an attempt to improve his profits.

MILTON **ROXY** 878-3272

THURS.-SAT.-SAT. SEPT. 1-2-3  
**"LAST OF THE SECRET AGENTS"** — in color  
 MARTY ALLEN — STEVE ROSSI

MON.-TUES.-WED. SEPT. 5-6-7  
**"FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX"** — in color  
 JAMES STEWART  
 Cartoon — "Loyal Royalty"

NEXT THURS.-FRI.-SAT. SEPT. 8-9-10  
**"GHOST IN INVISIBLE BIKINI"** — in color  
 TOMMY KIRK — DEBORAH WALLEY

**"THE RAILRODDER"** — in color  
 BUSTER KEATON  
 CARTOON — "ELEPHANTASTICS"

SHOW TIMES  
 MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY — 8 P.M.  
 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7 AND 9 P.M.

SUNDAY MOVIES  
 START SEPTEMBER 11  
 MATINEE AT 2 P.M. — FREE FOR CHILDREN  
 EVENING SHOW AT 8 P.M.  
 All Adults and Children of 12 and Older — FREE ADMISSION  
 (Free Admissions for Opening Show Only)



YOUNG CHILDREN enjoy nudism just as much as (if not more than) adults. Here two children romp and splash in the children's pool.

**JACK RIDLEY CARTAGE**  
 Limited

- CONCRETE BLOCKS
- CINDER BLOCKS
- SAND
- LIVESTOCK and FERTILIZER
- FARM SERVICE and SUPPLIES
- CONCRETE BRICK
- CLAY BRICK
- STONE

DUMP TRUCKS FOR HIRE  
 Fully Insured PCV Class FS & F ACTON PHONE 853-0730

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
 TO  
**LEDGER'S IGA**  
 ON THE INSTALLATION OF THEIR NEW  
**HUSSMANN**

- Refrigerated Meat Counters
- Metal Shelving and
- Bread Display Counter

BY  
**FOX REFRIGERATION LTD.**  
 590 BARTON ST. E. HAMILTON, ONT.  
 HUSSMANN DISTRIBUTORS

# BUS ROUTES

## Acton District High School

Students and parents living in ESQUESING AND NASSAGAWEYA TOWNSHIPS are asked to please note times and routes travelled by school buses.

Beginning Tuesday, September 6, school buses will leave Acton at 7:30 a.m. and arrive with pick-ups at school at 8:50 a.m.

**ROUTE No. 1 (Esquesing)** — Acton to 4th Line, south on 4th to 22 Sideroad, east to No. 7 highway, up No. 7 to Town Line, East on Town Line to 9th Line, South on 9 one mile, Turn around to Town Line, East to 10th Line, Turn around to Ballinafad, South on 7 to Acton Crossroad, West on No. 7 to 4th Line, North on 4th to Town Line, West on Town Line to 3rd Line, South to school.

**ROUTE No. 2 (Nassagaweya and Esquesing)** North on 25 Highway to Town Line, Turn around and back to No. 7 to 6th Line, South on 6th Line to No. 20 Sideroad, East on No. 20 Sideroad, East on No. 20 to Town Line, North on Town Line to 20 Sideroad, East on 22 to 1st Line, South on 1st Line to 17 Sideroad, West on 17 to Town Line, South on Town Line to 15 Sideroad, East on 15 to Speyside, North to 22 Sideroad, East on 22 to 3rd Line, North on 3rd Line to Quarry, Turn around to 2nd Line, North on 2nd Line to 25 Sideroad, West on 25 to 1st Line, to school.

**ROUTE No. 3 (Nassagaweya)** — No. 7 Highway to 5th Line, South on 5 to 30 Sideroad; West on 30 to 4th Line, South on 4 to 25 Sideroad; West on 25 to 3rd Line, North on 3rd to Town Line, West to Eden Mills, South on 1st Line to 30 Sideroad; West on 30 to Town Line, South on Town Line to 25 Sideroad; East on 25 to 3rd Line, South on 3rd to No. 20 Sideroad; East on 20 to 4th Line, South on 4th to 15 Sideroad; East on 15 to 5th Line, North on 5th to 25 Sideroad; East on 25 to 25 Highway, north to school.