

72,000 dogs, cats vaccinated against rabies during 1966

By Henry J. Stanley
Department of Agriculture
More than 72,000 dogs and cats were vaccinated against rabies in 1966 at free clinics conducted by the CEA Health of Animals Branch.

Reported cases of rabies in wildlife and domestic animals in 1966 numbered 1,241—down 500 from 1965. The total included 966 in Ontario.

Wildlife, mainly foxes and skunks, accounted for 636 of the cases, while cats and dogs were involved in 153, (240 in 1965), and farm animals in 432 (430 in 1965).

This disease is caused by a virus and is so small that a very special kind of microscope is required to study its presence and effect in the cells of the body. It attacks nerve cells and finally reaches the brain. At this point severe symptoms of nervous disease occur, followed by a short period of paralysis and finally death.

Rabies is spread from one animal to another through the saliva, hence the great importance of animal bites. Although the virus may be present in other tissues of the body it is not transmitted except through the broken skin. On occasion the virus has been demonstrated in the milk and flesh of infected cattle, but it is not believed that rabies is transmitted by eating the milk or meat of infected animals. However, good sense should prevail in not using the milk or eating the meat of any sick animal.

The incubation period from the time the virus enters the body until the appearance of symptoms of the disease varies greatly. It may be as short as two to

three weeks or longer than six months. More important, is the period of infectivity. By this is meant the time during which the virus may be passed in the saliva. This may last from four or five days before the symptoms of rabies appear until the death of the animal, or a total of 14 days, whichever is sooner.

There is a change in disposition and behaviour of the rabies infected animal. Whenever rabies is known to exist in wildlife, both young and old should restrict their interest to observing and feeding them at a safe distance. Children need to be reminded of this often and older persons should always set an example.

The Canada Department of Agriculture, Health of Animals Division, under authority of The Animal Contagious Diseases Act, is responsible for investigating all cases of suspected rabies in animals. When there is reason to suspect rabies in an animal, the Health of Animals Branch, Brampton, should be notified.

Except in the case of wild animals or in defence against a vicious attack, the animal should not be killed. The head should never be injured since the diagnosis of rabies will depend on a laboratory examination of the brain cells. Whenever possible, the suspected animal should be confined for necessary observation and kept securely tied away from people and other animals. If a person is bitten or scratched by, or come in contact with saliva of a suspected rabid animal, the affected parts should be thoroughly washed with soap and water immediately, a physician should be consulted without delay.

Fire extinguisher saves tractor, shop

During the past two years the Halton Farm Safety Council in co-operation with the Halton Junior Farmers, distributed many fire extinguishers throughout the County. Len King, Hornby R.R. 1, purchased a small scissor-type fire extinguisher, which he placed on his tractor, and a large two and one-half pound dry chemical extinguisher, which he located in his machine shop.

Recently, his tractor caught fire in the machine shop, when refuelling. He was able to use both extinguishers and quickly put out the fire. If these had not been available, he might have lost his tractor, building and other machinery.

Are all Halton County farmers prepared for such an emergency? If not, they should immediately purchase reliable fire extinguishers.

Accidents, 4-H training school M.P.'s visits in week's news

Mrs. K. Klooster visited on Monday with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Herman Klooster and family, Erin, Mrs. R. Ellis and Mrs. R. Sinclair, attended the Training School in Hillsburgh last week for the 4-H Club Girls' Spring project "A world of food in Canada."

Alfred D. Hales, M.P. called on several friends in the locality last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gemmill of Orangeville spent a day with their daughter and son-in-law Ross and Mrs. McEwan. Friends of Miss Ella Kerr will be sorry to learn she fell recently in her room and cut her arm and wrist, which required several stitches to close but are pleased it is healing nicely.

Mrs. Wm. Thompson, who cut her leg quite severely before Christmas, is in hospital again for plastic surgery. Her mother, Mrs. Jack Johnstone, Third Line, is looking after the children during her sojourn in hospital.

Miss Bonna Weeks, student at Alma College, St. Thomas, was home for the weekend. Norma Smith entertained a number of his school mates on Saturday afternoon on the occasion of his birthday.

Friends were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Lynn Baker of Campbellville, in a car accident near Milton on Saturday night. Before moving to Campbellville area Mr. and Mrs. Baker farmed on the First Line above 22 Side-road. In addition to farming both were greatly interested in antiques.

Dwight May, Gail McCallum head Norval Junior Farmers

By Geoff. Taylor
Department of Agriculture
Norval Junior Farmers held their annual meeting, banquet and dance, on Friday, February 10, at the Stewarttown Hall.

A large crowd attended to hear guest speaker Herb Norry, Peel County Agricultural Representative, explain to those in attendance what Junior Farmers and their motto, "Self Help and Community Betterment," could do.

New executive members were chosen, with Dwight May replacing Ernie Alexander as president of the Junior Farmers; and Margaret Alexander replacing Gail McCallum as president of the Norval Junior Institute.

will be held this week to start making plans for the celebration of Centennial Year in the Township.

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Esqueusing council adjusts salaries sets remuneration for councillors

Esqueusing Council instructed the clerk to prepare a by-law setting the remuneration of members of council at \$750 per annum, at their regular meeting Monday, February 6.

The annual remuneration of the reeve will be reviewed in November. Adjustments were also made in the salaries of the assessment commissioner, assistant assessor, the clerk-treasurer, assistant clerk-treasurer, and the clerical assistant in the township office.

Council read for a third time and passed a by-law for the stopping up and closing the road known as Barnard street in the village of Limehouse.

The treasurer was authorized to cash the Province of British Columbia bonds belonging to the Township of Esqueusing Clergy Reserve Fund to the amount of \$7,000.

Road accounts amounting to \$10,641.37 as presented by the road superintendent were ordered paid.

Accounts ordered paid included: Bell Telephone \$35.03, Town of Acton rent of town hall for magistrate's court \$39.00, Association of Assessing Officers re two membership fees \$20.00, Robert McDonald \$15.05, Georgetown Herald \$7.50, Georgetown Hydro Commission re Glen street lights \$59.88, Office Specialty — 1 desk \$215.28, Acton Free Press \$9.00.

Accounts instructed to be paid and charged to Esqueusing Fire Area No. 1 included: Canadian Tire Corp. store \$12.18, Mavel Motor Sales \$12.68.

The treasurer was instructed to pay Stanley Norton seven dollars for shooting one fox. George Herrington made 12 pickups for the dog pound and he was paid \$94.00. County of Halton was ordered paid \$78.00 for use of the

county jail and \$665.10 for Ontario Training School accounts for 1966.

Other Accounts ordered paid included: Co-Operators Insurance premium \$116.00, Nellis Construction for covering dump \$228.00 and Thompson Motors, Acton \$94.24 and charged to Fire Area No. 2.

K. C. Lindsay, division registrar, was ordered paid \$94.20 for registering 323 births, 52 deaths and three stillborns in the township.

Reeve George Leslie presided at the meeting with councillors Thomas Hill and C. F. Patterson present.

Husband, whispering to wife, who is chattering away with their hostess: "You've dropped one more name than she has — we'd better go while you're ahead."

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Nassagaweya Council Briefs

At their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, Nassagaweya Council:

• Referred to the Township Planning Board for its suggestions, an application for a wrecking yard licence. John and Doug McLean attended the meeting and asked council to consider the application. They explained the "yard" would be on swamp, farm land in the north end of the township. "I don't think anyone would be building a house near it and I don't see why anyone would object," councillor Ross Gordon said.

• Approved an application by William Mahon for an easement to water rights on the Mahon farm on Five Sideroad. A large portion of the farm has been sold to the Halton Region Conservation Authority for its Hilton Falls project.

• Learned the Moffat cemetery now legally belongs to the Township. Council hopes to adopt some program to take care of cemetery lands which are not used. It was noted the gravestones in some are being destroyed and the lands are used only for "lovers' lanes."

• Approved the road superintendent's voucher for \$20,247.83 and general accounts for \$792.19.

• Learned the next meeting of council will be held in the Esqueusing Township Hall on February 15. Council will meet with the Milton District High School Board and Esqueusing Council to discuss the proposed addition to Milton District High School. Following that discussion, the two councils will consider possible action on the location of a dump to service both townships, the problem of dumping on the town line and the pollution of water supplies in the Milton Heights-Peru area.

• Learned the County Roads committee agreed with the petition signed by ratepayers and backed by council concerning the dangerous Guelph Line and 20 Sideroad intersection. The county engineer is contacting the Township engineer in the near future to try to work out a solution.

• Approved the appointing of Planning Board chairman Maurice Newton and vice-chairman Grant Campbell as the Township's representatives on the county planning association.

• Agreed to back the expenses of the Township's Centennial Committee to the extent of one-eighth of a mill which is equal to \$500. The first meeting of the committee

Halton 4-H Club News

HALTON 4-H STRAWBERRY CLUB
By C. Warner

The first regular meeting of the Halton 4-H Strawberry Club will be held on Wednesday, February 22 at 8 p.m., in the Board Room, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food offices, Milton. This will be the last opportunity to apply for membership in this Club this year.

For some members, it will be the beginning of the second year of a two-year project. For new members the club is designed to complete a one-year project in 1967, and then follow this up the next year for a complete two-year project.

Members plant and care for 200 strawberry plants (one-twenty-seventh of an acre), of one or two commercial varieties. They must keep accurate records of costs and returns from their project. Members are taught and encouraged to use the best possible cultural practices while caring for their projects.

This first meeting will serve as an introduction to strawberry growing, and to the club project itself. The members will elect officers and make plans for future meetings.

New members will be welcome at this meeting. For further information about the 4-H Strawberry Club contact the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, Milton — Phone 878-9991.

HALTON 4-H SHEEP CLUB
By Lyle Stokes

The regular meeting of the Halton 4-H Sheep Club was held on February 7. It began in the Board Room of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food office. Geoff. Taylor spoke on the kinds of feeds used for sheep and also on the nutrients and protein contained in feeds.

The Club then proceeded to the farm of David Gargent, where he took the members on a tour of his building and explained his different enterprises. A social half hour was enjoyed by the members at the close of the meeting.

PESTICIDES
Fascinating spray cans, candy-coated medicines and colorful bottles and cans of pesticides all come in tempting colors and shapes. At least, they are tempting to the children, so it is no wonder they are confused and parents have difficulty teaching pesticide safety to them. Probably the first protection is to keep all potentially dangerous materials out of the reach of little fingers — under lock and key.

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Halton production of hogs down 10% but quality is up

By Henry J. Stanley
During 1966, 22,349 hogs were produced in Halton County — a decrease of over 10 per cent from the previous year.

Total production in Canada of 4.8 million was down by over 3 per cent from 1965, however Halton hog producers continue to improve the quality of their hogs marketed. 46.6 per cent were grade 'A' compared to 46.0 per cent in 1965. This is 3.3 per cent above the provincial average.

Waterloo County markets the highest number of hogs in the province — over 316,000. The average national price per hundredweight for grade 'A' hogs in 1966, was \$35.14 — an increase of \$3.37 from 1965.

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