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Ruth Mason president Halton Junior Farmers

By Geoff Taylor
February 15 marked the occasion of the Halton Junior Farmers' annual meeting held in the board room of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, Milton. John McGee, who represented Halton Junior Farmers in the recent public speaking competition, Toronto, presented his talk on "Water Conservation" to the Juniors. He stressed the need for improved methods of conservation of water supplies, and cited many examples of water pollution in Ontario, which are rapidly depleting our supply. The new executive was elected, and officers are as follows: past president Harold Thompson, president Ruth Mason, vice-president Don Swackhamer, secretary Lois Hunter, treasurer Ernie Alexander, press reporter Bryan Bessey, provincial director Joy Hayward, joint institute convener Wilma Mason. A certificate was presented to Harold Thompson by a representative of the Hamilton Spectator, in recognition of his being chosen to attend the Eastern Ontario and Quebec Bus Tour this year.

Halton sends two delegates, entries to safety conference

(By Geoff Taylor)
The annual Provincial Farm Safety Conference was held at the University of Guelph, on February 1 and 2. Several delegates from the Halton Farm Safety Council attended to hear keynote speaker Joseph Connell, secretary-general of the Kitchener-Waterloo Y.M.C.A., twice proclaimed Citizen of the Year of the twin cities of Kitchener and Waterloo, give his interpretation of Safety in Our Environment Today, under the heading of "Epidemics".
"Today we face epidemics of accidents, that we have never had before. In order to remedy this, we have to teach the young, and start in the schools". He went on to say, we must re-design farm equipment so that it will be safe to operate by anyone.
"Safety is not a matter of chance — it is a matter of effort, and is a result of planning, in the form of posters, displays, campaigns and demonstrations".
Several speakers were featured during the two-day conference, including Dr. E. Mastronatelo, Chief Occupational Health Services, Ontario Department of Health. His talk was entitled, "Pesticide Residues and Its Affect on Humans". Dr. Mastronatelo mentioned that one of our most common pesticides, DDT, has saved 50,000 lives alone since

Leadership school teaches J. Farmers

(By Geoff Taylor)
On Saturday, February 18, about 15 Halton Junior Farmer members attended the Zone Leadership Training School, held in Orangeville. This is an annual training session and deals with public speaking, introducing and thanking speakers, giving demonstrations and skits.
Each County participating, which included Peel, Dufferin, Wellington, Halton and South Simcoe, was required to put on a short skit during the afternoon. In addition to this, delegates were required to participate actively in all sessions.
Guest speaker, Mrs. Don McCutcheon, the 1956 Provincial President of the Ontario Junior Farmers and former overseas trip winner, mentioned year of action. Take a defensive driving attitude".
Representatives of the Halton Farm Safety Council at the Provincial Conference were Mrs. Tom Alderson, President of the County organization, and Gerald Carton, director.
Several safety displays were entered in competition, including an entry from the Hornby North 4-H Homemaking Club, which won second prize in the display section; and the third prize entry in the Safety Poster competition, won by Grace Bird, a 4-H Homemaking Club member from the Georgetown area.



MRS. JOHN LYNCH, Mrs. Gordon Thomson and Halton-Peel home economist Mrs. Patricia Squire instruct members of the newly-organized Acton 4-H Homemaking Club at the first meeting at the home of Mrs. Thomson, R.R. 1 Acton, Saturday morning. In the top photo, left to right, Jane Fabian, Shirley Sayers, Mary Ann Freuler, Kathie Lynch and Joan Gibbins take notes from Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Squire. Bottom, the same girls inspect savory apple dumplings Mrs. Thomson has just taken from the oven. One member, Irene DeVries was missing when the photos were taken.

Acton Junior Farmers Ontario vice-president speaker

By Geoff Taylor
Ballinacree Hall was the location of the Acton Junior Farmers' annual banquet on Friday, February 17. A record crowd of 120 guests attended to hear guest speaker Mrs. Pat Kerr, vice-president of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario, give an address entitled, "What Do You Give to Junior Farmers?"
The first president of Acton Junior Farmers, Archie Kerr, commented on some of the activities of the club since its organization in 1933, at which time it was called the Actondale United Farmers' Young People's Organization (U.F.Y.P.O.), Chas. McKeown being one of the first leaders of the group. In 1932 an agricultural short course was held in the area, following which the group merged with the U.F.Y.P.O. to form the Acton Junior Farmers. Bert Davidson, another former leader, also attended the banquet and dance.
Executive officers for the 1967 club year were elected, and are as follows:
Acton Junior Institute, past-president, Judy Britton; president, Carol Freeman; vice-president, Marilyn Kirkwood; secretary, Linda Foster; treasurer, Barbara Britton.
Acton Junior Farmers, past president, Don Swackhamer; president, Earl Burt; vice-president, Bryan Bessey; secretary, Harvey Burt; treasurer, Albert Blom.
Joint secretary for the two clubs, Lois Kirkwood.
The Acton Junior Farmers and Junior Institute were quite active during the past year, giving donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, and to the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto, to purchase toys for the children at Christmas. In addition to holding monthly meetings, the boys and girls combined to hold a tug-of-war at the Acton Fall Fair, and submitted displays in the Junior Section at the Milton Fair.

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