

W. Swackhamer farm scene 4-H safety rally

Forty 4-H members, parents and friends were present on Thursday, June 22 for the Acton area 4-H Safety Rally. Site for this popular annual event was the Churchill district farm of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer and family.

Also on hand to assist in the program were visiting 4-H leaders Ernie Alexander of Norval and Bill Wilson of Georgetown, president of the Halton 4-H Club Leaders' Council.

During his introduction of the hosts, club leader Nino Braida drew the attention of the gathering to the gate sign which designates "Bona Vista" as a "Century Farm". He went on to explain that the original title to the property was secured from the Crown in 1812 by the great-grandfather of the present owner.

He cited the splendid contribution that the Swackhamer family have made to 4-H in Halton County with four members having already made outstanding achievements in 4-H

and expressed confidence that a younger daughter would carry on the family tradition.

Extension assistant Geoffrey Taylor who had charge of the meeting divided the members in three groups to conduct a "hazard hunt" which covered the main barn, implement sheds and surrounding premises.

The first group reported on electrical and fire hazards with the second and third reporting on mechanical hazards and child safety hazards respectively. Reports were given by Keith Aitken, Janet Henderson and Bob Leslie.

Club leader Russell Murray spoke to the group on the proper handling methods of harvesting equipment both self-propelled and P.T.O. driven. The main points he stressed are always to keep P.T.O. shields securely in place and to shut down machines before making repairs or adjustments.

Special emphasis was placed on tractor safety since many

young people operate a tractor on the farm. The mechanical aspects were discussed by Ernie Alexander and Wayne Aitken and Nino Braida pointed out the operational hazards of a farm tractor.

The safety code the members were asked to follow is: never operate a tractor at excess speed; avoid steep grades and side hills; never hitch an implement or tow-chain above the drawbar; never refuel a tractor or running engine; avoid fatigue when operating a farm tractor; never carry passengers, especially children on tractor platform or drawbar. In summary Mr. Braida reminded the members that "accidents don't just happen — they are caused by human negligence."

Principal speaker was Alex R. Chisholm of Oakville, market development specialist for Niagara Brand Chemicals. In his address Mr. Chisholm told his audience that insecticides, pesticides and herbicides have become an ac-

cepted and very important part of agriculture. He warned that although chemicals are a servant of the farmer, they can become a deadly enemy if not treated with respect.

The speaker demonstrated the proper equipment which should be worn by operators during spraying operations to prevent exposure to toxic chemicals. He stressed the importance of keeping spray materials out of reach of humans and livestock and disposing of empty containers by burning them immediately.

Two color cartoons were shown depicting fire prevention and highway safety. In a draw that followed the safety quiz, Keith Aitken won a "slow moving vehicle" sign. Leah Leslie won a fire extinguisher and Peter Lynch a first-aid kit.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting through the courtesy of the Halton County Safety Council. Bob Lindsay expressed the appreciation of the entire gathering to the hosts.

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TRYING OUT the teeter-totter, exploring under the trees or just resting on the grass, there was much gay laughter at the Credit Valley Conservation Authority Foundation School north of Hillsburg when 60 youngsters visit-

ed it recently. In the background can be seen the King farm. The present owner's grandfather sold this acre to build a school in 1900.

(CVCA Photo by Joan Rollings)

Three from Halton attend conference

By Mrs. K. Williams, Home Economist

On June 27, 28, 29 and 30 the Annual Girls' Conference for 4-H Homemaking Club members will be held at the University of Guelph. Two hundred delegates from all over Ontario will meet together and take part in group discussions and listen to speakers on the theme "You and Canada's Centennial".

Halton County 4-H Homemaking Clubs will have three delegates representing them at Guelph. The girls are Mary Lou Brown, R.R. 1 Limehouse, Norma Moffat, R.R. 2, Rockwood and Laurie Allison, R.R. 1 Campbellville.

There will be many special speakers during the three and a half day session, including Dr. Ethel Chapman from Toronto and Mrs. E. Small, president, Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Museum tours

School children in the hundreds have been touring Halton county museum the last few days of school. On Friday, picnickers numbering about 800 went through the complex Kelso Conservation area.

More than 500,000 New York City children use the subways or buses to get to school each day.

4-H LEADER Russell Murray explains some of the things to watch out for on a tractor for John Timmings, Paty Murray, Carol Somerville and Mary Fuchs at last Thursday's 4-H safety rally. Held at the Wallace Swackhamer farm on the third line, 40 attended and kept notes (below) as speakers demonstrated the proper use of farm equipment and showed movies.

(Staff Photo)



Credit Authority farm thrills city school children on tour

"Can we see? Look, sir, what we found in the upstairs! That's an awfully big lamb!" (This last remark directed toward the resident ram.)

Excitement was the order of the day when 60 grade four students of Willow Glen School, Clarkson, spent a morning at the Credit Valley Conservation Authority Farm at Hillsburg recently. Principal Jack Smythe and teachers Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Armstrong, with several willing mothers along to help, assisted farm manager Walter Huxley in explaining all the things the children wanted to know. Mr. Huxley, who's father and grandfather lived on this farm before him, stayed on a farm manager when the farm was purchased by the CVCA.

Each fascinated child had to tour the barn and drive-shed, look at the new lambs and calves and stare back at the curious steers in the barnyard. When Mr. Huxley came across a pigeon's nest with two newly-hatched tiny, rather bare birds, each had to look and question. The boys enjoyed the tractors and questions flew about how they worked.

The root house attracted like a magnet although several little girls came out holding their noses and exclaiming "Ooh, it smells like potatoes!" Many of the students had seen ponies but the size of the black Belgian team, Molly and Dolly, brought round-eyed wonder. Following their tour of the farm the pupils were taken to

the Foundation School, formerly USS 15, Erin and East Garafraxa Townships. This school, two miles north of the farm, has been closed for two years, but it lived again as lunches were brought out and baseball games organized in the yard. When lunch was through all the children had a chance to look at the school and see how pupils were taught in a one-room school back about 1900. The school has been furnished with books, maps, desks and even a gilt-framed picture of Queen Victoria.

When the students returned to school they wrote letters to the Authority, thanking them for the fun they had and explaining what they liked best

about the farm and school.

Both farm and school are in the embryo stages and much is still to be done but the Credit Valley Conservation Authority is opening them to the public on weekends beginning July 1. The collection of old farming implements at the farm and the Hillsburg Railway Station, moved there recently from the village, should interest the parents while their children look at the animals.

A pleasant hour's drive from the metropolitan area on paved roads, the setting is beautiful and the children, (not to mention their parents) will get an insight into the workings of a farm and school in years past.

New publication discusses dairy breeding, management

By H. J. Stanley

A new publication No. 519, "Dairy Husbandry in Ontario" is available at the Agricultural Office. New trends in dairy cattle breeding, feeding, management and health are discussed.

It is pointed out that during the past 20 years our dairy cows have declined by over 18 per cent to below the one million mark. However, milk production has increased by 20 per cent to almost 7,000,000,000 lbs. in Ontario.

Creamery butter production accounts for over 30 per cent of our total production, closely followed by fluid milk sales of 30 per cent.

In Halton County three-quar-

ters of our dairy farmers sell fluid milk. During the past year approximately 20 have sold their dairy herds. Herd size is gradually increasing, but is limited by the availability of labor.

Our Halton Princess competitors — Carol Swackhamer, Lois Murray and Laura Henderson — will be telling you more about the dairy industry in Halton County on July 15 at the Hornby Garden Party.

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Safety rallies held for 4-H club members

A series of three 4-H Safety Rallies were held last week, to replace the regular June 4-H Agricultural Club Meetings.

On Monday, June 19, North Halton 4-Hers were at the farm of Sam Harrop, Milton, and on Thursday, June 22 at the farm of Wallace Swackhamer, Acton.

All members were divided into groups and sent on hazard hunts around the farm buildings and property, following which reports were given on the numbers of potential hazards on the farm. Machinery safety demonstrations were given by Club members and leaders.

Alex Chisholm, Marketing Development Specialist, with Niagara Bran Chemicals, Burlington, summarized the dangers involved in using agricultural chemicals, and the safety precautions that should be taken when dealing with these very poisonous materials.

Safety films and a quiz completed the evening's program.

and a draw for Fire Extinguishers, Slow Moving Vehicle signs, and First Aid Kits was held. Among the prize winners were: Mr. Fred Agnew, Fern Lawrence, Nelson Lawrence, Keith Aitken, Leah Leslie, Peter



Lynch and Bill McDonald. Prizes and refreshments were provided by the Halton Farm Safety Council.

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