



HALTON'S PLOWBOY WARDEN Bill Coulter of Nassagaweya showed 22 other competitors there's still a rural tinge in Halton when he entered the wardens' class at the International Plowing Match at Barrie last week. Warden Bill, shown here with the walking plow drawn by a team of horses, placed second to the warden of Oxford County. "You would have to put it down to pure luck," admitted jubilant Bill later, "it has been about 16 years since I touched a plow". (Photo by Merle Gunby)

Cultivation, chemicals rid orchard of mice

By Charles Warner

At this time of year, the evidence of mice can be seen in most orchards. They will be scurrying about in the grass under the trees, looking for food. This consists of many different things, including grass and weeds, dropped apples, and the bark from the tree trunk and roots.

The main damage is caused when they eat the bark from around the lower part of the tree trunk. If a mouse eats a portion of the way around the tree, the tree will be considerably weakened. If the mouse eats completely around the trunk of the tree, the tree will die. This can happen to trees of any age, and is a most serious loss when a 10 or 15 year old tree is killed in the matter of a few weeks.

There are several methods of controlling mice in orchards. Sometimes combinations of these methods can be used to best advantage. Culturally, mice are virtually eliminated under clean cultivation. However, this is not a very good system for keeping an orchard. Usually orchards are kept under sod cultivation, and sometimes with a mulch under the tree branches. This is ideal for mice. If the grass can be clipped extremely close to the soil this will help to eliminate mice, but this is not a beneficial practice from the standpoint of the tree.

Keeping the soil clean, or fairly clean close to the trunk of the tree will often help. This means don't apply manure, or mulch, close to the trunk of the tree. Keep the mulch back a foot to three feet from the trunk. Wire guards attached around the trunk of the tree and inserted an inch or two into the soil will eliminate most mouse injury, providing a fairly fine mesh is used. These wire guards, however, must be properly maintained and leave no openings for mice to enter. Chemical poisoning of mice is

commonly practised. It is very often a secondary measure, as a follow-up to one of the cultural methods already listed. Mouse baits can be applied throughout the orchard. Things such as corn with a poison treatment, can be scattered throughout the orchard for the mice to eat. This will kill off the total mouse population in these orchards, supposedly leaving the trees free from injury. The mouse bait can be scattered evenly throughout the orchard, or in some instances is banded in each side of the row, so that the mice must cross the line of bait before they will get to the trunk of the tree. Also, it might be advisable to place an additional band of bait around the total edges of the orchard. This will help to kill any mice that may come in from other areas. This is one area where additional applications of bait might prove quite beneficial.

When baiting, it is important that the majority of the apples that have fallen to the ground be picked up. If this is not done, then the mice are more likely to eat the fallen apples than the bait, and the kill will not be very good. Baiting is best done on a warm, sunny day, when the mice are quite active.

Another chemical control for mice is a spray-on treatment. The material endrin can be sprayed on the grass under the trees, and this material will kill all the mice that run through this grass. This is a very effective mouse control method, but is also very dangerous to other animals. The material is extremely dangerous to the person doing the application, too, so if this is used, extreme caution must be exercised.

Mice will almost always be present in one quantity or another, and in most winters will cause some injury. Don't forget too, that some injury may be taking place at the present time, so early treatments are often

Write Wimpey over 20 sideroad

At their regular meeting Monday evening Esqueping councillors decided to write Wimpey Construction about the condition of No. 20 sideroad before it intersected at No. 7 highway near Georgetown.

Councillors reread the original agreement with Wimpey agreeing to redress any damage the company might cause. By motion, the clerk was instructed to write Wimpey regarding the storm sewer on the road, replacing the guard rail, dressing the left bank and clearing the area in general to the satisfaction of the road superintendent.

How do you keep your children out of the cookie jar? Lock the pantry door and hide the key under the soap in the bathroom.

necessary to stop this. Often mouse injury is not immediately seen by the orchardist. The trees may just not do very well for the next few years, and since the damage is usually just below the soil surface, unless you look for it, it will not be readily seen. I have seen many orchards that when left neglected, even for a period of one or two years, have incurred severe mouse injury. For the amount and cost of labor involved, mouse control is a practice that a commercial orchardist cannot afford to ignore at any time.

Corn, Holsteins, wool, calves

Halton winners at Erin Fair

By Henry J. Stanley
Agricultural Representative

Ken Alderson, a member of the Halton 4-H Corn Club, exhibited the champion 10 ears of corn in this class at Erin fair. Ken, in competition with the top entries from Halton, Peel and Wellington counties, will receive the Tibb Miller Pharmacy Trophy. Next to him were Philip Agnew, John

Nurse, David Austin and Bryan Robertson, in the first prize group.

Keith Aitken, of the Acton 4-H Forage Club, exhibited the winning oats, with Verna Thompson and Ted Brown, Halton 4-H Forage Club, and Rae Swackhamer, Acton 4-H Forage Club, in the first prize group. Norma, Bob and Leah Leslie, Acton 4-H Forage Club, placed in the first prize

group with their 4-H barley, with Bob Harris of the Halton 4-H Forage Club, in the second prize group.

First prize Leaf Collections were exhibited by Dennis McClure, David Austin, and Ed Bird.

Many of the top grain and corn exhibits will be sent on to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

active Wool Growers, Weston, was judge.

The prize money of \$20.00 will be divided among these club members at the Halton 4-H Awards Night on Friday, October 27.

HALTON 4-H CALVES

For the fourth consecutive year, Halton had the winning group of three dairy calves at Erin Fair. Bob and David Tarzwell and Mary McGee of the North Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club won over nine other 4-H Calf club groups on October 7. Another group from the same club -- Nancy Tarzwell, Miriam Kavanagh and Murray Brownridge placed fourth. In fifth place were Sandra, Larry and Paul Bennett, of the South Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club.

In the individual classes, Mary McGee placed second with her Senior Holstein heifer, with Bob Tarzwell fourth, and David Tarz-

well fifth. Miriam Kavanagh was third with her Junior Holstein, and Nancy Tarzwell was fourth. Murray McCaig had the winning Senior Jersey, with Linda Nixon third, Susan Nixon fourth, and Gail Nixon fifth.

On Monday, October 9, Bill Lasby won the championship in the Shorthorn Steer Class, with Bob Lasby fourth. Cathy Lasby was third with her Shorthorn heifer, with Keith Aitken fourth.

In the 4-H Jersey-Guernsey-Ayrshire 4-H club competition, Stuart Nurse placed first, with his Jersey calf, and Peter Lynch and Ken Lynch showing their Ayrshires were second and third respectively.

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Most of the slow-moving farm vehicles are off the road now for this season. However, there are still some corn pickers and tractors and wagons travelling public roads. So, when you see that orange and red triangle it means "slow down". That's the sign of a slow-moving vehicle. Whenever you see farm vehicles, remember they're probably not going any more than five or ten miles an hour.

Dublin Sleeping Beauties hold first, second meetings

The Dublin Sleeping Beauties held their first meeting on Mon., Oct. 2 at the home of leader Mrs. J.F. McCarron. Telling names so they could get acquainted, members are: Doris Black, Cathy Lasby, Marilyn Barber, Laurene Rennick, Margaret Slaven, Gail Douglas, Sylvia Cygan-

ek, Adele Hatfield, Cathy Hinton, Bonnie Armstrong, Kathy Boyd, Karen Pierce and Denise Shubert.

The treasurer took up the collection.

Officers were elected as follows: president, Doris Black; vice president, Gail Douglas; secretary, Marilyn Barber; treasurer, Cathy Lasby.

OBITUARY

Harry Price

After an illness of about two years, Harry Lawrence Price died at Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, October 4.

Born in Esqueping Township, August 19, 1897, he was one of a family of four of the late James and Margaret Price.

After attending schools in the township he served with Canada during the first world war and moved to Hornby in 1917, staying until 1965.

On January 20, 1940, he was married in Toronto to Minnie Andrews.

Mr. Price was affiliated with the Anglican Church, and was a past master of L.O.L. 165, Hornby and of Halton County Lodge. He was a member of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120.

Funeral service was held at McClure Funeral Home, Georgetown, with Canon J. Maxwell officiating.

Representatives from the Loyal Orange Lodge and the Canadian Legion attended.

Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Pallbearers included Thomas Alderson, C.W. Simpson, L. Simpson, R. Weller of Hornby, J. McClennan of Milton and C. Dawson of Georgetown.

Mr. Price is survived by his wife, and brothers Stanley of Hornby, Ernest of R.R. 4, Milton, and Gordon of Shelburne.

Space heater fire on Sunday morning

Fire in an overheated space heater at the upstairs apartment of the farm home of James Breen highway 25 south, was extinguished by firefighters Sunday morning shortly after 10 a.m.

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SWEET BLACK CHERRIES 5 for \$1

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