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Offer interesting programs for Farmer's Week at Guelph

Cockburn is Peterborough rep Taylor leaves Halton office

By H. J. Stanley

Three members of the staff of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, working in Halton, will be leaving in the near future. They are John Cockburn, Associate Agricultural Representative; Geoff Taylor, Extension Assistant for the county of Halton and Peel; and Mrs. Anne Duxan, clerk-stenographer in the Halton office.

John Cockburn has been working out of the Brampton office since May 1, 1965. He has been co-ordinating the 4-H and Junior Farmer work in both counties, and was the Acting Agricultural Representative for Peel for 1966, while Herb Norry took time out to receive his Master's Degree at the Ontario Agricultural College.

John has an outstanding Agricultural Club record as a member of Ayrfoyle 4-H Clubs in

Wellington County. His father was a 4-H Club leader for many years. John received training in his 4-H program under Herb Norry and Henry Stanley, when they worked in Wellington.

The farm people of Peel County are meeting in the Junior Farmer Building, Brampton, on Wednesday evening, February 21 to honor John, who takes up his duties as Agricultural Representative in Peterborough, by March 1. Any Halton County friends would be welcome.

Geoff Taylor arrived in Halton on November 15, 1965, to work as Extension Assistant for the counties of Halton and Peel, working out of the Milton office. Prior to this he had graduated from the Kemptville Agricultural School and worked for a year as a salesman for the United Co-Operatives of Ontario. During the past two years he has

built up a reputation for hard work and enthusiasm in 4-H and Junior Farmer activities.

In recognition of his efforts in 4-H Club work, the Halton 4-H Club Leaders' Association presented Geoff with an armchair at their annual meeting. He will be leaving the Department on March 11 to take up farming at R.R. 1, Corrie, in Huron County. He will be married on March 23, to Miss Susan Marlen, a member of the Junior Farmers' Association, and a graduate of the Kemptville Agricultural School Home Economics Course.

Mrs. Anne Duxan has worked full time for the Milton office, since April, 1967. She will be leaving in mid-March for Calgary, where her husband, the Rev. T. M. Duxan will be assuming his new duties as rector of St. Stephen's Church.

Farmer's Week '68 will be held Monday through Friday, February 19 to 23 in the War Memorial Hall at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

The week is set out in a series of "packaged programs", dealing with a particular subject. Speakers from the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, the University of Guelph, and leading farmers will give presentations on various topics.

Another change in the program for the week is that on Tuesday, the ladies program will be integrated with the men's program. The morning session that day will be mainly concerned with "Youth and the Farm Family."

On Friday, the women's program will be held at Harcourt Memorial United Church, Dean Avenue, Guelph. The topic for the day is "Family and Community Relations." Outstanding speakers, among them Dr. Margaret Nix of New York, will participate in the program sponsored by Macdonald Institute and the Home Economics Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food.

Daily sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. and are scheduled to end by 3:45 p.m.

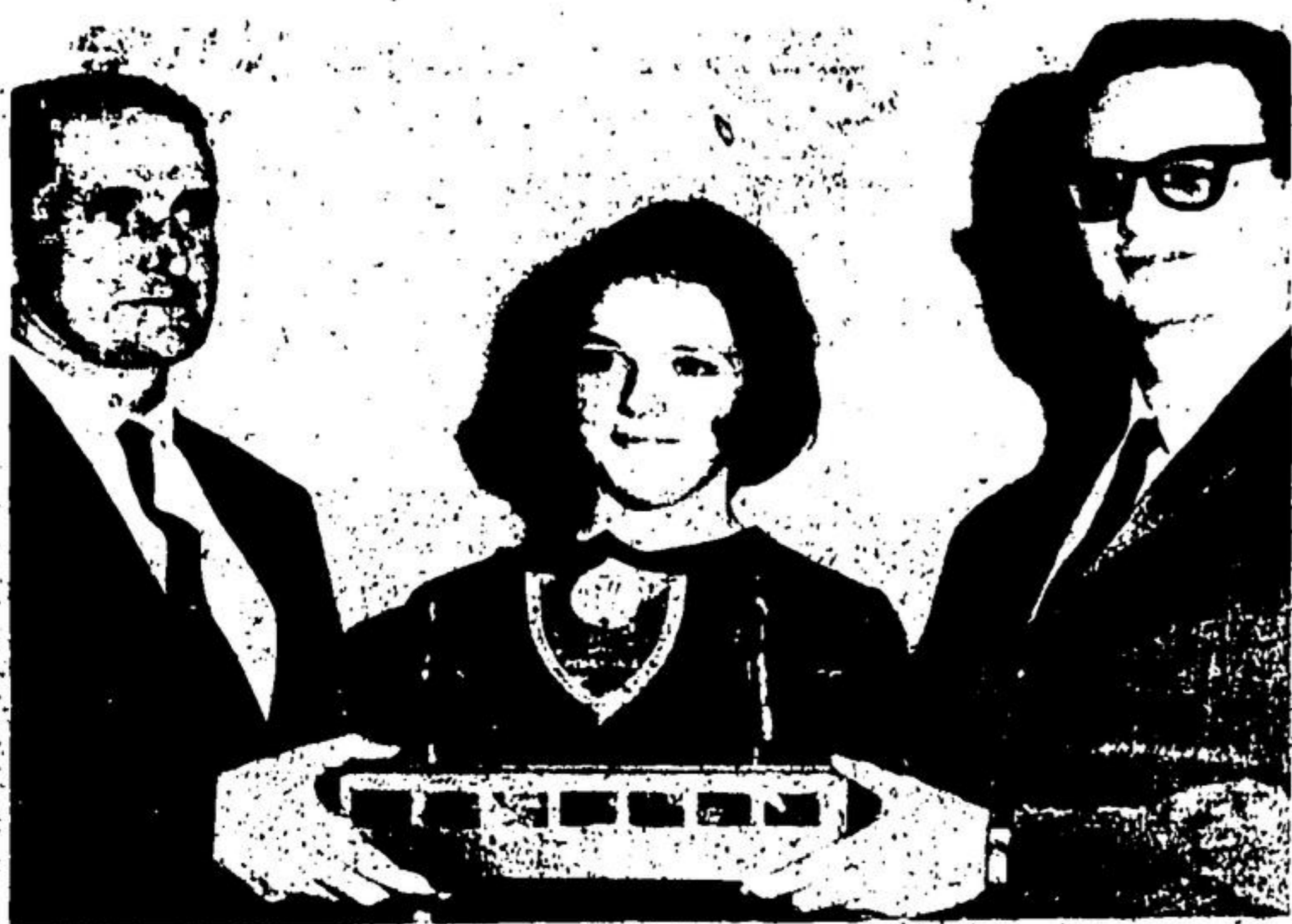
Monday's theme is "Marketing and Handling Grains." Economists, an animal scientist, and a marketing authority will discuss problems and factors involved in the marketing and handling of grain.

"Business Systems for Farming" is the Tuesday afternoon theme. Farm Management and the impact of man-made products on agriculture are the main topics of discussion.

Thursday has two topics: "Soybeans in Ontario" in the morning and "Manure Handling" in the afternoon.

On Friday, the increasingly important topic of "Silages and Feeding Programs" will have the attention of the speakers and the people who attend. Silage rationing, silage supplements, feed handling systems and the use of silos will be discussed.

Each year several Halton County Farmers travel to Guelph for one or more of these sessions.



ERIN TOWNSHIP school board chairman, Roy Wheeler, left, presents the public speaking trophy to Osprings school principal, Brenda Bruce, centre, and Roy Macpherson following Thursday's contest. (Staff Photo)

Brenda Bruce, Osprings student takes first in public speaking

Osprings student Brenda Bruce, speaking on L.S.D., took first place in the Erin township public school speaking contest at Osprings school Thursday evening.

Runners-up were Betty Van Zoelen of Brisbane school and Jean Wetering of Hillsburgh's Ross R. McKay school. The former spoke on the pros and cons of Canada's four seasons and the latter chose Abraham Lincoln as her subject.

Judges were Mrs. Cecil Chambers of Erin, Mrs. Marshall, a teacher at Erin Union and Lorne Brown, Principal of the Erin school. They admitted experiencing a difficult time choosing from among the nine contestants, three from each school.

The judges complimented the speakers on their stage presence and noted one boy, Gordon Smith of Brisbane, had come up. They advised students who used biographies as subjects to inject their own interpretation into the story to add interest.

Top speaker Brenda Bruce, the judges said, "knew what she was talking about in spite of a difficult subject." They complimented her on an "excellent job," a fact borne out by the attention she attracted from the audience.

Brenda was presented the winning trophy by Lloyd Watson, school board member and official timer.

Brenda's win was also a victory for Osprings school and principal Bruce MacPherson received a large trophy, up for annual competition for the first time this year. The school producing the top speaker each year will be presented the trophy.

Betty Van Zoelen of Brisbane school, second place finisher, was complimented on her good delivery as well as an interesting talk.

Other Osprings contestants and their subjects were: Valerie Hill of Osprings who spoke on Mustangs; Barbara Gates of Osprings who spoke on Winston Churchill.

Brisbane's other two contestants were Gord Smith and Marilyn Delaney. Gord spoke on the first Russian in space.

Hillsburgh School's two other contestants were Jackie Irving, who chose Joan of Arc and Marie Graham who spoke on Queen Elizabeth.

School board chairman Roy Wheeler of R.R. 1, Orton, acted as chairman for the contest and brightened the interlude when judges were making their decision with humorous anecdotes. Mr. Wheeler also introduced Erin township school board members present.

He urged formation of a Home and School Association to cement relationships between parents, teachers and pupils in the area. Mr. Wheeler also congratulated speakers on the quality of their performances.

Winners of the contest will compete in the next level with Erin Union, Eramosa and Puslinch township school winners at Rockwood centennial school on February 19.

Farm accidents costly safety survey shows

"Man, Machinery and Fire," has been chosen as the 1968 theme of Farm Safety Council of Ontario. The annual conference of this organization was held at the University of Guelph, February 5, 6 and 7. Representing Halton Farm Safety Council were Gerald Carter and William Harris.

The use of Slow Moving Vehicle signs was graphically illustrated by Ontario Provincial Police Constable H. G. Elson, Traffic Safety Co-ordinator, in his address "Slow Moving Vehicles vs. High Speed Traffic."

It was indicated that this triangular warning signal is still not completely accepted by both urban and rural people, in that many are not yet aware of its purpose.

This was designed to be used on all vehicles traveling at speeds under 25 m.p.h., which includes all farm vehicles. It is easily visible in daylight, and luminous at night on reflection from headlights.

Oscar Snyder, Farm Safety Co-ordinator for the Farm Safety Council of Ontario, reported on the Farm Accident Survey held in nine counties, during 1966-67. He said that a total of 632 accidents had taken place, or in other words, one in three

farmers had an accident during the year. Of those, there were 36 fatalities, and 36 permanent injuries. In addition, 448 temporary injuries were received, including broken limbs, bruises, cuts, etc. A total of 9064 days off work were recorded, and an average of \$20 per day, this would equal \$181,000.

Medical bills totalled \$89,867, property damage \$548,000, giving a total of \$819,000, or an average per county of \$91,000. This loss could be greatly reduced if each and every family were to stop and think of the terrible consequences resulting from carelessness on the farm.

Two important meetings for farm community

Two meetings of importance to two segments of the farm community will be held in Toronto during the week of February 19. It was announced at Queen's Park today.

The Ontario Plowmen's Association will hold its annual meeting and convention in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto on Feb. 19 and 20 with the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies holding their sixty-eighth annual convention on February 21 and 22.

Delegates representing 65 plowing matches will attend the Plowmen's convention when reports on the success of last

year's International Plowing Match will be presented. Delegations from six Counties will seek to host future plowing matches. Wellington County delegates will report on the arrangements being made for the 1968 match which will be held on the Jack Gilchrist farm near Guelph.

Guest speaker at the annual luncheon will be Rev. Dr. F. C. Stewart of Kitchener. A registration of close to 1,000 delegates is expected at the Agricultural Societies Convention. A program has been prepared which will include discussion on the problem affecting the farms of the province.



WINNERS IN THE Erin township schools' public speaking contest Thursday at Osprings school were Brenda Bruce, centre, who took first with her "L.S.D." topic, Betty Van Zoelen, left, of Brisbane school and Jean Wetering of Hillsburgh school, came second and third respectively. (Staff Photo)

Irene de Vries 4-H club president

The first meeting of the Acton group for the current 4-H project "Featuring Fruit" was held at the home of Mrs. MacNaughton on Saturday, February 10.

Officers of the club were elected and the results were as follows: president, Irene de Vries, vice-president, Corio Maxwell, secretary, Kathy Lynch, treasurer, Hloko Bollert, reporter, Mary Ann Froular.

Other members of the club are Shirley Sayers and Diane De Vries. The leaders, Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. MacNaughton will teach several techniques by which fruit can be used in baking and cooking. A few of the dishes they'll be preparing are shortcakes, pies and puddings. Also a study of the storing conditions, food values and decorative values will be taught.

The girls expect to find this a worthwhile and very interesting club.

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