

Free Press Farm Page



GUEST SPEAKER at Halton Junior Farmers' annual Fireside service held in Knox Presbyterian Church recently was Ontario J.F. president Albert Taylor, shown being introduced by county president Brian Bessey. (Staff Photo)

Ontario president is speaker at Halton Jr. church service

The Junior Farmer motto, "Self Help and Community Betterment" was explained and praised by Ontario Junior Farmers' president Albert Taylor at Sunday May 5 in Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton.

Mr. Taylor was guest speaker at the Halton club's annual church service and fireside. The Halton Junior Farmers' choir led in two hymns with Halton president Brian Bessey conducting the service.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. K. McGown.

Following the service, an evening of entertainment was staged in the Knox Sunday School room. Performers included folk singer Earl Burt, the Haltonettes trio and Junior Farmers' choir. The choir presented their director, Mrs. G. Nowell with a gift in appreciation of her efforts in training and helping them. Mrs. Nowell played throughout the service and accompanied the entertainers at the piano.

Among the attendees was newly chosen Halton Junior Farmer queen, Marilyn Kirkwood, Miss Kirkwood was the most successful candidate in a contest including J. F. princess Ruth Mason, Karen Campbell and Kathy Bowman.

Jr. Farmer exchange success, another soon

By Ruth Mason

Halton Junior Farmers' County Board Meeting was held on May 1 in the Agricultural Office, Milton. Brian Bessey, President, called the meeting to order and introduced the three judges who would be judging the Junior Farm Queen Contest. They were Mrs. Kathy Williams, Home Economist; Mac Sprowl and Bill Wilson. The four contestants were Kathy Bowman, Karen Campbell, Marilyn Kirkwood and Ruth Mason. Final arrangements were made for the semi-formal dance at Leisure Lodge and for the annual church service. It was decided to cancel the induction service for this year.

This year's winning play, "The Longest Christmas" was won by Middlesex County at the Provincial Drama Festival in Guelph. A good time was reported by all who attended the country and western show, the tour of farms in our county, the dance at Brookville Hall and the car rally during the last weekend in April when Gray County visited with us. Club presidents reported that approximately 20 members were interested in participating in the Essex County Exchange in July.

A discussion took place on having a community night which could include slides and other activities taken part in by members of the three clubs.

Newsletter material for this month is due May 25 and the

members were in favor of mailing a copy to each Junior Farmer member in the County.

Field Day will be held at Acton High School on Saturday, May 25. Track and field will be held in the morning and baseball in the afternoon. Any Junior Farmer interested in playing volleyball is to contact Jeff Nurse.

This year, Halton will be hosting an exchange delegate from Scotland from May 31 to June 14. She is Miss Jeanette Wilson, age 21. Two host families are needed.

Following the business portion of the meeting, the four contestants for the Queen contest then gave their impromptu speeches. Ruth Mason presented the rose signifying "Roses Are For the Living" to Howard Roszell.

Mac walks for campaign fund

Ted MacDonald was the first to announce he would enter the "Walk for Winners" after he was named NDP candidate for Halton-Wentworth Wednesday night in Burlington.

The walk is plotted from the Skyway Bridge to the Dundas Driving Park and is hoped to raise money for the NDP campaign association, president Bob Randle announced.

The walk is a distance of about 10 miles and will be sponsored by individuals. The date is set for June 15 and all marchers are encouraged to enlist.

Philip Lanthier NDP candidate in Wellington

Philip Lanthier, assistant professor of English, University of Guelph, was elected Wednesday night of last week as the New Democratic Party's candidate for Wellington in the June 25 federal election.

Mr. Lanthier, a 29-year-old father of three, was unopposed, and was nominated by NDP provincial secretary, John Harney, a former candidate in the old riding, Wellington South.

Fine record

A purebred Holstein cow in the herd of W. J. Mahon, Campbellville, has recently completed a fine record of performance production test. As a five-year-old in 305 days on twice-a-day milking, Hilton Carnation Pabel Empress produced 19,029 lbs. milk containing 82 lbs. fat, average test 4.12 per cent butterfat. This record has a Broad Class Average of 169 per cent for milk and 190 per cent for fat.

A purebred Holstein cow in the herd of Joseph Schertz, Norval, has also recently completed a fine record of performance production test. As a four-year-old in 305 days on twice-a-day milking, Almamellek PochMargaret produced 19,119 lbs. milk containing 79 lbs. fat, average test 4.17% butterfat.

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Halton 4-H Club Reports

By Lois McNabb

HALTON 4-H STRAWBERRY CLUB

by Stuart Nurse

The members of the Halton 4-H Jersey-Guernsey-Ayrshire Calf Club had reason to feel like celebrities when they met for their second meeting at the Hornby farm of Ken Ella and Son on May 7.

Doug MacDonell, a former Assistant Agricultural Representative who is now employed for the summer with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, attended the meeting. He had with him a photographer who caught the members in action as the meeting progressed. These pictures will be used for a special 4-H display in Halifax.

President Bruce Pickering opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge, followed by the roll call, and the minutes of the last meeting.

Associate Agricultural Representative John Dunford discussed the dairy cattle score card for judging, and gave a type demonstration. The members used the knowledge to judge a class of three-year-old Jersey cows. After each member had given his reasons, and the official placing was discussed, the Juniors and Seniors divided for their separate meetings.

The Seniors, with John Dunford and club leaders Ken Ella and Mac Alexander judged another class of Jerseys. The Juniors, under leader John McNabb, discussed nutrients and livestock feeding terms.

Heather McCall thanked the Ellas for their hospitality, and for providing the fine classes of Jerseys for judging. With this practice behind them, the members will surely be prepared for Practice Judging Night on May 27.

Tom Chudleigh hosted the Halton 4-H Strawberry Club at his farm north of Milton on the evening of May 2. In addition to commercial apple orchards, the Chudleigh farm has a nursery operation producing many varieties of apple trees. Mr. Chudleigh explained that tree size can be controlled by the use of special roots producing the desired height. The farm has all the specialized equipment needed for a modern orchard or nursery operation. The nursery stock is kept in an insulated barn at low temperatures in the winter and remains dormant until spring planting.

Following a new policy of membership involvement, Bev Corman, Jean Wilson, Doug Stokes, Keith and Ken Austin, gave talks on the various aspects of strawberry management. Club leaders Chuck Warner and Pete McCarthy brought up many noteworthy points.

The second year members received Bordeaux mixture, Captan, and Thiodine to spray their strawberries, and new plants were distributed.

4-H SHEARING DEMONSTRATION

By Doug Gardhouse

The Halton 4-H Sheep Club held their May 7 meeting at Aberfeldy Farms owned by Robert Gardhouse. The meeting was opened by the Vice-President David Catton with the 4-H pledge, and the secretary took the roll call and read the minutes of the last meeting.

The main business of the meeting was the selection of four fleeces to compete against other counties throughout Ontario in the wool competition, the winners of which will be judged at the Royal Winter Fair.

Following this, the members judged a class of yearling ewes. Claire Wilson and son Bill Wilson, two excellent and well-known sheep shearers demonstrated the shearing of sheep and the proper method to prepare a fleece.

Joe Willmott took reasons from the members on the class judged. Jim Jenkins, Extension Assistant for Halton, gave a lesson on shearing. Mr. Willmott, Claire and Bill Wilson, and club leader Mr. Stokes all took part in the lesson.

The meeting closed with a quiz for the members, and the serving of refreshments by the hostess.

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Institute records farm accidents 40 mishaps, \$95,000 in damages

By H. J. Stanley

From April 1, 1967 to March 31, 1968 the Women's Institute of Halton County conducted a farm accident survey. This was similar to the survey conducted in 1959. A total of 29 W.I. members reported the accidents in their communities. During this period there were

40 accidents, two of which were fatal. These accidents accounted for 515 days off work, \$7,050 in medical bills, and close to \$95,000 in property damage.

However, in comparison to the 1959 survey this was a great improvement. That year there were 111 farm accidents in Halton County with the days off work, the medical bills, and the prop-

erty damage more than double this past year's figures.

Farm people are becoming more safety conscious because of the activities of our Halton Farm Safety Council. If Workmen's Compensation rates for farmers are to stay at the present levels, or be lowered, we must have an even better record.

Weed prospers here

Mow or pull Yellow Rocket

By Henry J. Stanley, Agricultural Representative

Yellow Rocket is now appearing as a mass of yellow in many hay and pasture fields throughout our county. Because of the early spring it is considerably ahead of normal in growth.

It is too late to spray it if it is in bloom. In fact, the recommended time for spraying Yellow Rocket especially in alfalfa fields is in late September or early October. At this time the alfalfa growth has been slowed up by frosts and the spray is less severe on the alfalfa. 2,4-DB at 20 oz. of acid per acre is the recommended spray. If Yellow Rocket is prevalent in a grass pasture, or in a concentrated patch in a hay field, it would be wise to spray it with 12 to 16 oz. of 2,4-D, either in September or early spring. The spray will kill the alfalfa, but should remove the Yellow Rocket.

For this spring, mowing just after the weed comes out in flower, or pulling by hand are the only recommended practices. If you pull the plants scattered throughout the field, walk over the field once again in 10 days and pull those that have been

missed. Do not throw the pulled weeds in a pile or they may set seed. They should be either burned or buried.

Yellow Rocket is increasing

at a very rapid rate in this county, especially on farms that are not properly being worked. Do not let it get a foot-hold in your fields, keep it under control.

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