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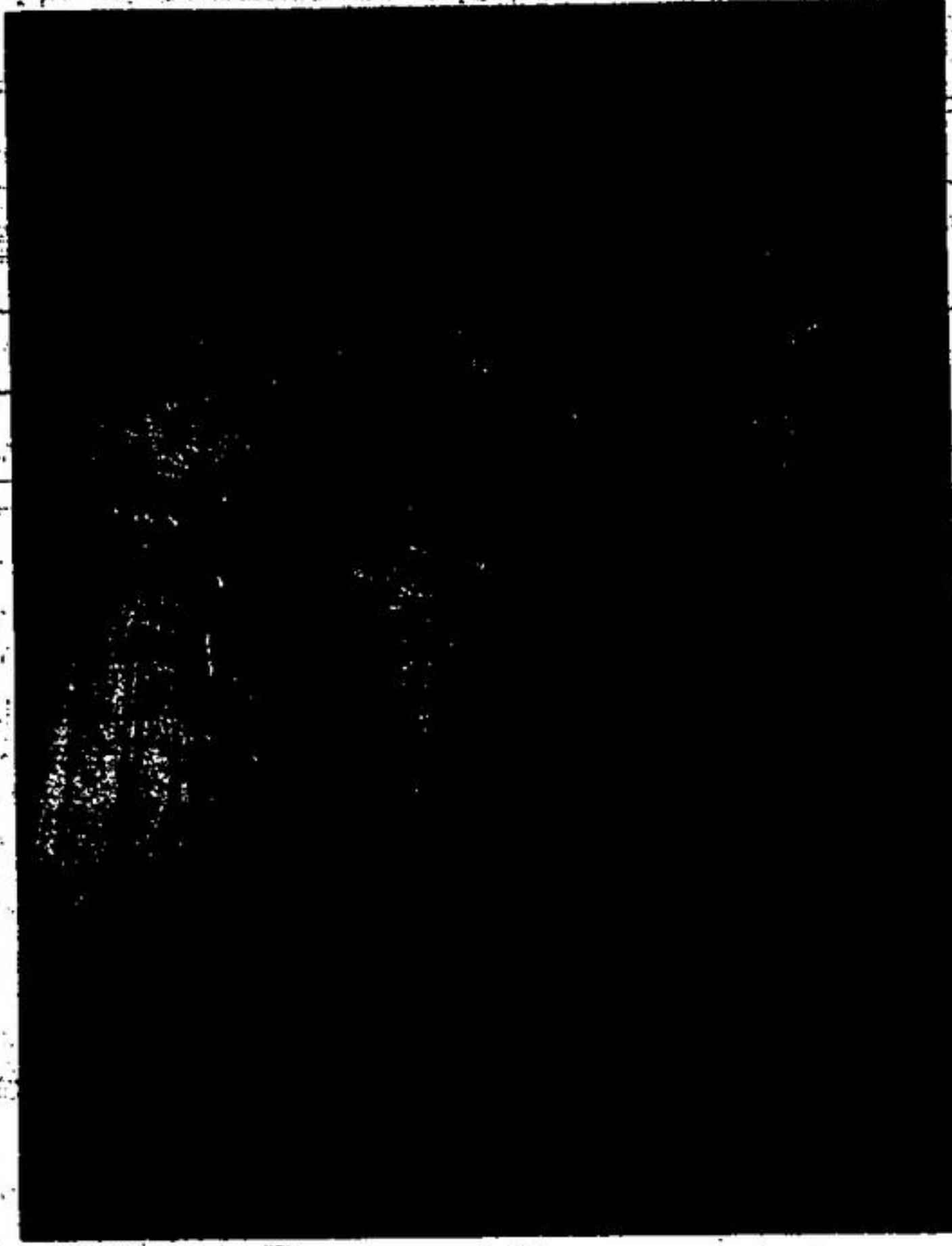
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MR. AND MRS. KENNETH NELSON-SOUTH were married recently in Norval United Church, with Rev. Lloyd Freel officiating. The bride, Marie Gibbs, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gibbs, Glen Williams. Her sister, Mrs. Charlene Robertson, left, was matron of honour, and the groom's brother, Bruce South, right, was groomsmen. Mr. South is a hydro employee, and they are living in Brampton. Photo by Gordon Campbell, Brampton.

Local Winners in County Weed Control Competition

WEED CONTROL
The two best local essays in an essay competition on weed control were submitted by Ginny Lee and Carroll Farnell, Grade 8, students at Wrigglesworth.

WEEDS
by Ginny Lee
A weed is an herbaceous plant that is not valued for use or beauty, and is considered troublesome to man, animals and (or) domesticated plants.

Weed seeds are spread by means of water, man, animals and wind. Seeds such as the ragweed are equipped with tiny air sacks which enable them to float and thus spread. Ragweed seeds are spread by water. Man, thro' carelessness, has much to do with the spreading of weed seeds. He will sow grain and clover, containing weed seeds and thus spread weeds. Several varieties of weeds, such as the burdock, have seeds which cling to the fur of animals, and some have berries which are eaten by birds and whose seeds are dropped in different places along the way. Seeds of the Canada thistle, being structurally adapted with a parachute type of affair, is enabled to be taken from place to place by the wind.

Weeds are physically similar to other plants, but where other plants must be induced to grow, weeds spread too readily under any prevailing conditions. There is a constant struggle among plants and weeds for light, space, moisture and soil nutrients. The leaves of weeds have a tendency to overshadow useful vegetation, thus receiving all the sunlight. The roots grow longer, more quickly and obtain the soil nutrients and so these unwanted pests choke out more useful plants.

Cold soil tends to retard the growth of a domesticated plant greatly, where a weed, being a much hardier plant would have a better chance of surviving. Weeds, though a nuisance seem to grow larger and more quickly than a cultivated plant. Even in clay a weed has a good chance of living, whereas a domesticated plant would die.

Weeds when plowed under, add food to the soil in the form of dead organic matter and are thus beneficial to man. Heavy weed growth controls soil erosion effectively while other weed seeds are important items in the diets of birds. Lichen or reindeer moss, as it is more commonly known, serves as food for the wild life in the tundra area. Some weeds are used as a medicine, such as horehound, whose bitter juice is used as a remedy for cough or sore throat.

The control of weeds is every man's responsibility and there are many ways which weeds can be kept under control. Farmers can prevent spreading them by cleaning their machinery before going from one field to another, while we can obtain helpful sprays or weed bombs.
As citizens of Halton County we should desire an attractive community and by controlling weed growth, we will be making our county more inviting to people, because where many people are, industry grows, and therefore taxes lower for the residents of the community.

If you think women never do anything on time, you've never gone shopping with them.

WEEDS
by Carroll Farnell
A weed is a useless, injurious, troublesome, and unsightly plant. Some weeds protect insects and diseases, which attack fruits and vegetable crops. The losses caused by weeds in agricultural areas exceed those of numerous other pests which worry the farmer. These troublesome plants steal moisture and soil nutrients, they choke out useful plants and prevent them from obtaining the necessary light and air for growth. Rag weed, goldenrod and several other plants produce a pollen which is injurious to health, poison ivy causes a most painful rash to many who come in contact with it.

When the plants have matured, the seeds are spread by wind, these seeds usually have tufts of fine hair attached to them, water, the seeds are buoyant which enables them to float, some seeds cling to the hair of animals and the feathers of birds; birds also carry weed seeds in their beaks, man also spreads seeds through carelessness.

To assist farmers and land owners to control weeds throughout Ontario "The Weed Control Act" was brought into force in 1927. The law states that seed cleaning plants must be kept up to standard, that farm implements moved from one locality to another must be cleaned. Grain elevators must dispose of refuse containing weed seeds. Villages and townships are to appoint inspectors. Valuable information regarding weed control is published throughout the province, stressing the use of weed free approved seed, the need for clean machinery, approved crop rotation, mowing or otherwise destroying weeds before they ripen. Roadside, railways and hydro rights should be under constant surveillance. To control weeds adequately we should have the knowledge of their structure such as the type of root, and the classification in which they fall, annual, winter annual, biennial and perennial.

As a resident of Halton county I am mainly interested in the control of weeds in this district. Rag weed, poison ivy and wild carrot are controlled by 2-4-D very effectively, except in subdivisions and built-up areas. Chicory is usually controlled by a short crop rotation. In October alone it is estimated that thirty to forty million dollars are lost each year through the destruction from weeds. There would be many more hours of carefree leisure and much more suffering avoided if weeds were more effectively controlled.

TRUE BLUE LODGE HAS HOLIDAY PARTY

The annual Christmas dinner of the Loyal True Blue Lodge was held at the North Halton Golf & Country Club on December 10th. After dinner the group met in the IOOF Hall for a short lodge meeting followed by an exchange of gifts and a very enjoyable party planned by Mrs. Bert Dixon and Mrs. Bert Bullock.
Two draws have been made during the past few weeks. One for a Christmas cake which was won by Mrs. Albert Carter and second prize went to Mrs. Bert Hunter. The draw for the doll was won by Dave Bryden.

Canada's northland, that is the space north of the 55th parallel, comprises two thirds of the country.

FARM NEWS
Brock Harris New President Halton Soil & Crop Assoc.

J. E. W.
The nineteenth annual meeting of the Halton Soil & Crop Improvement Association, was held in the main hall at Milton Fair Grounds, on Tuesday of last week. Some 70 odd Halton farm operators were in attendance for the morning session, which got underway at 10.30 a.m. under the leadership of president Maurice C. Beaty, who presided over what was considered by many, to be one of the best of the numerous excellent programs presented by this organization.

Featuring the morning program were brief but excellent reports on follows:

J. Allen Francis, on the 4-H Potato and Forage Clubs sponsored by the Association in 1958; county weed inspector V. E. McArthur, on Halton's Weed Control programme, Johnson Neelds, on his pasture fertilization project of 1958; Harvey Nurse, on his experience with zero grazing and use of rye both for pasture and silage; and J. Norman Bird, on his impressions as a judge of Halton's Pasture Competition.

Wins Gold Watch
Another feature of the morning programme was the announcement of the awards and presentation of prizes to the winners of the Pasture Competition. In this connection the Halton Co-Op gold watch was presented by manager Charles Harris to the winner, James McKay of Georgetown R. R. 3. Brock Harris who had represented Halton in the zone competition also came in for some special awards by the Canada Seed Growers' Ass'n. and Hogg and Lytle Ltd.

Other winners were as follows: 3rd M. T. Watson & Son; 4th M. C. Beaty; 5th Clarence Ford & Son; 6th Hugh Beaty; 7th Fred Nurse; 8th J. C. Bell & Son; 9th J. C. Marshall; and 10th R. C. Alexander.

Outstanding Address

The afternoon session with some 90 odd in attendance, was featured by an address by Charles G. Munro prominent farm operator and farm leader of Embro, in Oxford County. Mr. Munro, was introduced by vice president Brock Harris, took as his subject, "How I am adjusting my farm business to present day Agriculture." Mr. Munro who commenced farming for himself twelve years ago, stated that he had been fortunate in having his farm selected as one of a group of Oxford County farms for an economic survey. As a result of that survey and analysis, he stated that he had learned that too many farms of equal soil type, size, capital investment in livestock and equipment, quite frequently showed a terrific divergence in "take home pay." From that analysis he had also learned, first, of the necessity of adjusting his own business to present day agriculture, and secondly, of the necessity of using a sharp pencil a bit more than he had in the past.

Stated Mr. Munro "I haven't your advantage of proximity to a good market - consequently my milk goes to a pool plant and my average price for 1958, was around \$3.50 per cwt. In short, I found it necessary to cut costs and in my case improved pastures was a real factor in lowering costs."

"Nothing," he added, "will affect or vary costs as much as good hay or poor hay - good silage or poor silage. For pastures on my farm there is nothing to equal Orchard Grass and Ladino Clover."
For his hay fields he likes 50 per cent legumes and 50 per cent grasses. Charlie Munro, one of whose uncles incidentally, was a member of the famous tug of war team from Zurra which won the world's championship at Chicago in 1898, also is a great believer in the use of commercial fertilizer. "In my opinion," stated Charlie, "applying commercial fertilizer is the same as putting money in the bank, and realizes more interest. Furthermore, he stated, he has found the Farm Planning and the Soil Testing services of the OAC very much worth while."

His fertilizer programme basically is phosphorous and potash, and he believes in applying sufficient to carry the crops for three years. Speaking of nitrogen fertilizers, he stated, "I am fearful of using too much nitrogen except on pastures which are largely grass."

"In so far as my hay-mixtures are concerned," stated Mr. Munro, "I prefer to buy certified seed and mix my own, in short, the best is not too good."

In his practical, down to earth story of how he is adjusting his farm business, Charlie Munro also stressed the importance of rotations - the correct size of field to suit the size of herd, etc. It was also interesting to learn that he had switched to loose housing and a milking parlour for his dairy herd.

In concluding his thought provoking address, the speaker stated, "We've got to make greater use of our pencils - they are for our salvation in addition to providing the necessary information for Ottawa, Farm Income Tax."

The thanks of the gathering was ably extended to Mr. Munro by Fred Nurse of Ashgrove. Another feature of the afternoon program

which also had the audience sitting on the edge of their chairs at times, was the panel discussion on the topic, "The Status of the Family Farm in Halton in 1958." However that is, we believe, worthy of a separate article so will be left over until next week.

The newly appointed directors for this energetic organization follows: President, Brock Harris; vice president, Johnson Neelds; secretary treasurer, J. Allen Francis.

Directors: Trafalgar, M. C. Beaty, Walter Royle; and Clarence Ford, Jr.; Esqueving, R. C. Alexander; J. Norman Bird; and Fred Nurse. Nelson, Fred, Bell, and Ross Segsworth, Nassagaweya, Russell Hurren, A. R. Service, and Sam Finnie. Acton District - Calvin Allen.

Clown, Films Entertain Lions' Children Party

The Lions Club annual children's Christmas party was held in the arena Rose Room on Sunday, Dec. 21, when one hundred and ten children and their parents, enjoyed a variety of Christmas entertainment from 5 until 7 p.m. Lion Ernie Alcott emceed the affair and conducted a singsong accompanied by Bob Bardsley of Brampton on the electric organ and Dick Riddall on saxophone. After a program of Carols and Christmas songs three Chipmunks entertained with a Chipmunk song. In costume to sing their song were Dennis Wright, Bobby Alcott, and David Brewster.

Chico the Clown was also on hand to entertain the children and a series of children's films were shown prior to lunch served by the ladies and club members. When Santa arrived at 6.45 he was surrounded by children who had awaited the moment all afternoon. He greeted them all and with the assistance of several club members gave each child 12 and under a little gift.

Each boy and girl also received a bag of candy after forming a giant circle around the room in a procession behind Chico the Clown, Lions Stan Wade and Bob Hamilton were in charge of the party.

ENTERTAIN VISITORS AT CYO DANCE

Young people from Brampton, Cooksville and Dixie were guests of recently formed Georgetown Holy Cross CYO at the church hall on Dec. 31st for a Christmas dance.

Some sixty attended the dance, the first put on by the young group and many there won prizes for novelty dances and lucky draws. The door prize was a voucher donated by Cotton Brothers and won by Gary Glazebrook of Cooksville. Cory Hayward was the winner of turkey in a lucky draw and spot dance prizes went to Francis Hulme and Gail Smith, and Nick Haarsma and Anne Tucker.

The organization appreciated Club Midtown's loan of their PA system and records. The evening was convened by the Holy Cross CYO social committee.

Notice to Creditors

IN THE ESTATE OF the late David Allan Barber, deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of David Allan Barber, late of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Halton, construction worker, who died on or about the 4th day of October, A.D. 1958, are hereby notified to send in to the undersigned Administratrix of the said estate on or before the 30th day of January, 1959, full particulars of their claims; after which date the estate will be distributed, having regard only to the claims of which the Administratrix shall then have notice.
Dated at Georgetown, Ontario, this 30th day of December, A.D. 1958.

Davina Barber, Administratrix, by her Solicitor, M. E. Manderson, 61 Mill Street, Georgetown, Ont. 1-21

Notice to Creditors

IN THE ESTATE of Norman Burwell Hill, Retired Merchant, deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of Norman Burwell Hill, late of the Town of Georgetown, retired merchant, deceased, who died on or about the 12th day of July, A.D. 1958, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of January, A.D. 1959; after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person whose claim she shall not then have notice.
Dated at Georgetown, this 23rd day of December, A.D. 1958.

Marion Isabel Hill, executrix of the Estate of Norman Burwell Hill, by her solicitors, Dale, Bennett & Latimer, Georgetown, Ont. 1-7

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