

QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY TRUST, TAX OFFICIALS

Mr. K. Morris and Mr. F. Cooper, trust and tax officers respectively of Toronto General Trusts Corporation conducted a question and answer session for the Brampton Life Underwriters Association at their March 12th monthly meeting. The luncheon meeting was held in the banquet room of the Junction Diner, Brampton.

The speakers, introduced by Harold Long, Brampton, expertly handled a wide variety of questions pertaining mainly to the new Canadian Estate Tax Act. Mr. Cooper advised the Underwriters of needed changes in the Ontario Succession Duty Act, for desirable uniformity with the Canadian Tax Act. Colin Anderson, Oakville, thanked the speakers.

FARM NEWS

Weed Control Equipment Displayed at Trafalgar

J. A. F. Farmers, weed sprayer operators, municipal sprayer operators, and weed inspectors from Halton, Wentworth and Peel counties attended a Weed Control Day on Wednesday, March 25th, at Trafalgar. The programme centred around the use of chemical weed control. The morning programme started off with a demonstration by J. Orr, of weed control equipment used by Trafalgar township. Included in this machinery was a multi-purpose sprayer and a new reel type mower for cutting weeds along roadsides and waste areas. The programme was sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, in cooperation with the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture. Halton County Weed Inspector Vernon McArthur acted as chairman for the day. Mr. Ken Fallis, of the Crops Branch of the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture, was the speaker for the morning session. Mr. Fallis outlined methods of weed control for roadsides and gave the recommended spray recommendations for 1959. Two members of the staff of the Ontario Agricultural College headed the afternoon session. Prof. D. Clark of the Agricultural Engineering Department demonstrated the use of sprayers and methods of sprayer calibration. One of the biggest problems the farm sprayer operator has is

to properly calibrate the amount of material applied per acre. Since chemical weed control must be handled in an exact manner, the operator must find out the rate of application for his machine in order to apply accurate amounts of chemical.

Dr. C. D. Kelly of the Dept. of Botany, outlined the risks involved in using 2, 4-D and other chemical weed killers. Since these chemicals are harmful to cultivated crops, care must be taken in spraying. Dr. Kelly showed slides illustrating the various types of crop damage that can be encountered. Several weed sprayer and chemical companies were represented with displays of various types of equipment and spray material. The programme concluded with a panel discussion on general problems in chemical weed control.

Barbara Maxwell Wins In Halton County Weed Control Essay Contest

Barbara Maxwell of Snider's School, Trafalgar Township, was the winner in the 1958 Halton county weed control essay contest. The very successful contest which drew a total of ninety essays, was judged first by teachers from the county's seven high schools to determine the top ten entries and these were judged by the Field Husbandry Department of the OAC, Guelph, and Barbara Maxwell's essay given first prize.

Carroll Farnell and Ginny Lee of Howard Wrigglesworth School, Georgetown, submitted the best local entries, while in Esqueping, Karen Korzack of Glen Williams and Susan Brown of No. 10 Esqueping had their essays chosen. Terry Hamilton of No. 3 Nassau gaweya had the top essay in his township.

They were all among the top ten. A grade eight student, Barbara Maxwell, and her teacher Mr. Cantelon received their prizes at the Wardens' dinner at Oakville. She amazed the judges with this well-written entry:

MY PART IN WEED CONTROL IN HALTON COUNTY

Have you ever thought about Halton County and its weed problem? Probably not. I know that I simply took weeds for granted until approximately a week ago when our teacher began to talk to us on this matter. When one starts to think about it, one not only clearly understands that weeds take away the beauty of the countryside, but also ruin the crops by stealing the moisture and minerals from more valuable plants, and at the same time by causing much suffering through hay fever and asthma as their pollen is shed. What a lovely sight if one could go for a drive and see nothing but trees, flowers, and green grass, instead of fields of dock, dandelions, burdock, wild carrot and chicory! Anyone having seen parks must realize that it is not impossible to have weedless areas of land.

The other day, upon thinking seriously, I became determined that I could do something about these weeds. No more must I gather a handful of the brown dock seed simply to scatter it thoughtlessly to the four winds as I walk. Always must collect, very carefully, the burrs that I comb from my gollie, seeing that they are burned. Nor is it a good idea to blow the old, gray head of a veteran dandelion. As I roam the farm looking for baby calves born on the range, I must check for beginnings of poison ivy patches and any other unusual weeds so that my father can eradicate these before they become a menace to humanity and agriculture. It has never been work for me to pull weeds from among the flowers and vegetables on dewy mornings because somehow I got a thrill in eliminating anything that destroys beauty or prosperity on our farm.

Throughout my life I shall always lend support to my father's idea that land speculators must be forced to keep clear of weeds the farms that they are buying and leaving to lie idle all over Halton county. Next summer I shall make the sweeping and burning of weed seeds from the barn floor and under the thresher part of my general farm work. If I become a little more proficient in tractor work perhaps my father will allow me to do the summer fallowing so necessary in the killing of weeds on any well-cultured farm. Also by next summer I should be able to handle one of the smaller types of hand sprayers which would exterminate many noxious weeds which appear on our lawn and in the corners under the shrubbery.

Although weeds often have beautiful flowers we must remember that they are still plants growing out of place and thus we must not sacrifice otherwise useful space to them. Don't you think that if every school child did this much towards the eradication of weeds that a noticeable difference would soon become apparent in Halton county?

Have you mailed your income tax returns yet?

Announce Promotions at Charters Publishing



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A. H. CHARTERS

R. M. Charters, president of Charters Publishing Company Limited, Brampton, and Toronto, has announced two executive appointments within the company. Samuel R. Charters has been named assistant to the general manager; Alan H. Charters is to be assistant to the sales manager.

S. R. Charters first joined the company in 1939. Following the outbreak of war he served overseas with the Lorne Scots Regiment, and was commanding officer of the Regiment (Militia) from

1954 to 1957. He has had a wide variety of experience in all phases of the printing trade, on the practical side, selling and in managerial positions.

A. H. Charters now rejoins the firm, following his resignation as supervisor of public relations for the Anglican Church of Canada. He was formerly managing editor of a leading trade magazine and brings to his new position a thorough knowledge of newspaper, magazine and commercial printing planning and production.

Sugar and Spice

Dispersed by BILL SMILEY of the Winton Echo

Saturday the 21st of March was the first day of Spring. Would anyone care to join me in emitting a short, sardonic bark of laughter? Just try not to let it get away from you and turn into a peal of maniacal mirth.

Spring is birds and bunnies, Easter and daffodils, baby-carriages on bare sidewalks, little girls skipping, little boys getting wet to the tail, the smell of mud, the licking off of overshoes the feel of warm wind and sun.

It is not the growling of an overworked second-hand stoker in its lair below stairs. It is not the howling of a blizzard about the house. It is not the scowling of a housewife just about at the end of her tether. Nor is it four feet of snow and ice piled against your front door since New Year's.

Something went haywire this year. At least it did in this part of the country. We've had more than 12 feet of snow and four months of solid winter without a break. Even the old pioneers have ceased their clap-trap about the big winter of eight-twelve or what ever, and admit ruefully that this one 'sure has been a corker.'

Everyone is shabby, disgruntled and completely brassed off. Elderly folk are holding their breaths, fearful they won't make it, this time, until the sun warms us, their bones again. Even the kids are surfeited with skating and horsing round in snowbanks and are getting owl-ier every day.

As for the average householder, he's a wan shadow of his normal self. He walks with a perpetual snow shovel stoop. A perpetual cough racks his enfeebled frame. He has nothing to show for the winter but the loss of his health and good nature. Ahead lie the Scylla and Charybdis of a monstrous fuel bill and a poisonous income tax return.

The only thing that kept some of us going through March was watching the cowards, who spent the winter in Florida, arriving home all tanned and rested, and busting to tell us, what a grand winter they had, they got back to find roofs caved in, windows broken by icicles, water pipes burst and a raging blizzard in progress. We peasants who had held the fort could scarce forbear to smile.

Canadians should have a different calendar from other people. One with 13 months on it. That would give us a chance to stay even with the rest of the world. It would take that extra month to earn enough to pay our fuel bill. If we cut all the months down to 28 days like February, we'd have enough left over to make that extra month. It would also make November, January and March three days shorter each, which would put new heart into us.

But we'd still have one day left over, out of the 365. I would designate it, under the new calendar system, as a national holiday, about the end of January. It would be known as All Flu's Day. It would be a day for all Canadians to take that full day in bed which they are supposed to do when they catch the flu, and never have the time to.

However, don't sell a winter like this one short. It is not a complete loss. For one thing, it is a great moulder of rugged Canadianism. It makes, us tough, resourceful, and mean, like New Englanders.

Anybody who hasn't had a heart attack has got tougher than a sixty-cent steak wielding that snow shovel. Resourceful? I didn't know that I had it in me, some of the things I've done. Like my broken cellar window. Lots of soft, easy-living people would have put a new glass in smartly. Not me. Not this winter. I've got the opening blocked up as neat as you please with an empty beer case, held in place by one of those massive boulders left in my cellar by the excavators.

Mean? I can sit there at the kitchen window and watch my mother-in-law struggle over a four foot snow bank, wade through a foot of loose snow, and nearly murder herself on the icy steps, trying to get to the house, without stirring a finger or feeling a quail.

Well, one of us has to give, and I hope winter cracks before I do. The kids eye me warily these days. The dog cowers when I approach. But I didn't know how mean I was getting until I went out to chop some ice off the steps the other day. Went to come in and found my wife had locked the door. She wouldn't open it until I threw the axe into a snowdrift.

FARM NEWS

Palermo Juniors are Winners Halton County Drama Festival

J. A. F. The Palermo Junior Farmers' Club entry "Bird on the Wing" by James Reach, was the winner of the three awards in this year's Halton Junior Farmers' drama festival. The Palermo club was awarded the W. I. Dick trophy for the best play. Barbara Pickard of Palermo was the winner of the Margaret Alice Elliott trophy for the best actress. The J. E. Whitlock award for best actor was awarded to Palermo's Bill Kelly.

Other members of the cast were Phyllis Murray, Barbara Biggar, Marie Marshall, and Bill Marshall. The play was under the direction of Mrs. Evelyn Oates. In addition to the Palermo entry, the Acton and Norval Junior Farmers each had an entry. The Acton entry "Bobbie Pulls Up Her Socks" was directed by Beartha Watson. Members of the cast included Marg Early, Joy Hayward, Pat Hitchon, Neil Moffat, Jim McDonald, and George Robinson. "A Little Fowl Play" was the title of the Norval production and

was under the direction of Howson Ruddell. The cast included Marilyn Wrigglesworth, Barbara Cunningham, Garth Thomas, Ralph Cunningham, and Douglas Watson. The drama festival is an annual event, sponsored by the Halton Junior Farmers' Association, and ranks as one of the oldest established county projects. This year the festival was held in the Nelson high school in Burlington, on Friday, March 20th.

The adjudicator for the evening was Mr. Don McKay of the Guelph Daily Mercury. At the conclusion of the plays Mr. McKay announced the results and gave an appraisal of the performances. Mr. George Elliott presented the Margaret Alice Elliott trophy to Barbara Pickard, and the J. E. Whitlock trophy to Bill Kelly. Chairman for the evening's programme was Sandy Buchanan, the newly appointed president of the Halton Junior Farmers' Association. All of the one act plays presented this year were comedies. The Palermo entry will compete

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in the zone semi-finals, to be held at the Acton public school, on Friday evening, April 10th. The winner of the various zone finals will compete at the finals to be held in April at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. Interest in drama as a Junior Farmer project has increased during the past few years. Previously a one evening programme was held as an inter-county festival. Last year the inter-county festival was increased to two evenings. This year's large entry made it necessary to hold several zone festivals with the winners competing in the finals.

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