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FARM NEWS

PEEL GETS DECISION IN JUNIOR DRAMA FESTIVAL

J. A. W.
The entry of Peel County was awarded the decision, in the Junior Farmer Zone Drama Festival held at Acton, on Friday, April 10th. Four counties were represented with one-act plays, including Peel, Halton, Dufferin, and Wellington counties.
Halton's entry in this program

was the one-act play presented by the Palermo Junior Farmers. The zone drama festival is a new venture, resulting from the keen interest in drama on the provincial level. The number of counties taking part in this type of program has increased greatly during the past two years. As a result of the increase in entries, several Zone Festivals will be held, and the winners will compete at a provincial festival at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, on Wednesday, April 22nd.

Chatting
M. H. R.

● **I'D LIKE TO TAKE** advantage of the fact that April 12th to 18th was declared "National Book Week", to chat a bit about my favourite preoccupation — reading.

● **I'M READY TO admit**, reading isn't as productive a pastime as many others. Perhaps to some people, having reading as a hobby even has slight overtones of laziness. "Do that as it may, if I am asked what I like to do best in my spare time, my answer in all honesty has to be reading." While absorbed in a book, I am enriching my mind as well as resting my body. And speaking as a busy housewife, I can tell you that this state of affairs just suits me to a "T".

● **IN FACT**, I have come to believe that to acquire a love of reading is one of life's greatest blessings. Apart from the pure pleasure to be found in well-written prose, or poetry, books can instruct, inspire, and deepen our perception of the people and the world around us. A good book can help you over many a rough spot in life. It is a shield against loneliness and boredom and can lighten the burden of worry, sorrow, and sickness.

... Never does there come a time when you can announce "I've read everything." With reading, the saturation point is never reached. I have found that over the years my taste in books keeps changing. Thus each new stage opens up completely new vistas in the world of books. Reading is a hobby which if anything, becomes even more rewarding as the years go by. From childhood to old age, a person who likes to read has a never-failing source of pleasure and inspiration.

● **THAT IS WHY** I think it is so important to try to instill a love of reading into our children. I know some children are more naturally inclined that way than others. But I think all children love a good "story" and that is the gateway to the world of books.

... The trick in getting a child started to enjoy books, is that phrase "good story" because what is a good story for one child, does not interest, or might even frighten another. It is a fact that fairy tales, for instance, do not agree with all children. Some become so frightened by them, they burn against storybooks altogether for some years — and the enjoyment of books is slow in coming back. There are lots of other stories for children to enjoy however, besides fairy tales. The reading habit is so richly rewarding, encouraging it in our children is infinitely worthwhile, even if it does mean time and perseverance on our part.

● **TO GO BACK** to adult reading for a moment... one of the big advantages of reading for adults, as well as children, is that there are books to suit all tastes. But something that has disillusioned me a little in the past year or two, is the type of book which has become a "Best Seller." I read a couple of these, and afterwards wished I hadn't. I felt as if I needed a "brainwashing" to get me back to normality again. Why do these books come best sellers? I'm all for realism in fiction, but these writers emphasize the sordidness and sex to a point that their books become more a nightmarish distortion than a portrait of reality. They were just not my type of book.

● **BUT THERE ARE** still endless books that will give me pleasure — my public library, long may it flourish, has shelves full of them. For me... and for the millions of others who share a love of reading... just one week to celebrate having books is not nearly long enough. Even fifty-two weeks in the year isn't long enough. For us, there just never is enough time for all the books we'd like to read.

SILVER-WOOD

Mrs. W. R. Norton is Institute President

The annual meeting of Silver-Wood W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. D. Williamson on Thursday evening, with a very good attendance, 17 members being present. After the singing of the Ode, and the Mary Stewart Collect, the Roll Call brought suggestions for program improvement and payment of dues for another year. After the reports of the conveners were given, the election of officers took place, with Mrs. E. L. Miller in the chair. The executive was returned as of last year, but several new conveners were elected, with two on each committee, instead of the usual one. The evening meetings will be continued, with an occasional one in the afternoon, if more suitable.

Mrs. H. Marchington reported on the District Directors meeting at Milton, giving the date of the District Annual as May 26th and the place, the United Church at Acton. Mrs. K. C. Lindsay and Mrs. H. Marchington form the Tweedsmuir History committee, with it is hoped, some help from non-members in the community.

The following is a list of officers for the coming year.
President, Mrs. W. R. Norton; 1st vice president, Mrs. Bert Corbett; 2nd vice president Mrs. Russell Miller; secretary treasurer, Mrs. George Burt; assistant secretary treasurer, Mrs. George Henderson; district director, Mrs. H. Marchington; alternate, Mrs. E. L. Miller; branch directors, Mrs. T. Appleyard, Mrs. H. Lindauer; Mrs. F. Campbell; pianists, Mrs. D. Lindsay, Mrs. George Henderson; auditors, Mrs. R. Corbett, Mrs. E. Miller.
Conveners: Agriculture and Canadian Industries: Mrs. G. Sivill, Mrs. H. Scott; Citizenship & Education, Mrs. D. W. Shier, Mrs. K. C. Lindsay; Historical Research, Mrs. D. Peck; Home Economics & Health, Mrs. Ian Carmichael, Mrs. H. Lindauer; press reporter, Mrs. H. Marchington; courtesy, Mrs. E. Miller; Flowers and Fruit, Mrs. D. Williamson.

Mr. Frank Miller of Vancouver, and Mr. and Mrs. O. McLeod of Sudbury were recent visitors with Mrs. W. J. Roe and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Miller.
Miss Lisa Hoare spent the Easter holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Marchington.

DAIRY PRINCESS TO BE SELECTED AT HOLSTEIN TWILIGHT MEETING

by J. A. F.
This year's Halton Dairy Princess will be selected at the annual Halton Holstein Twilight Meeting, to be held on Friday, May 22nd, at Hays' Sales Arena at Trafalgar.

The Dairy Princess will represent Halton at the Canadian National Exhibition in the Dairy Queen Competition for Ontario. The decision to hold Halton's selection at the Holstein Twilight Meeting was made at a Directors' meeting of the Halton Holstein Club held in Milton, on Thursday, April 16th, after reviewing a request made from the Halton Dairy Queen Committee. This decision should be a proper one, since the annual Halton Holstein Twilight Meeting is always well attended by dairy enthusiasts in the county.

This year's Twilight Meeting will follow the format of other years, with demonstrations in judging, grading, plenty of prizes, and lunch. One of the highlights of this year's programme will be Dr. Gordon MacLeod, of the Animal Husbandry Department of the O.A.C., who will be the guest speaker.

HALTON PLOWMEN TO TAKE PART IN INTERNATIONAL

by J. A. F.
Plans for the Local Day at the International Plowing Match, were made at a meeting in Dundas on Friday, April 17th. The Local Day programme will be the first day of the International Plowing to be held in Wentworth County, and will include seven counties.

Halton Plowmen will be represented in the programme, and two representatives of the Halton Plowmen's Association will be acting as stewards.
Messrs. Clebert McDowell and Ray Edleston attended the meeting in Dundas, and will be acting as the Halton Plowmen's representatives in the Local Day Programme.

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by J. A. F.
Miss Dorothy Clough, English young farmer delegate, will be visiting with members of the Halton Junior Farmers' Association, from July 27th to August 4th.
The visit of Miss Clough will be a further step in the series of exchange visits between Junior Farmers in Ontario, and members of young farmers' Clubs in England, Scotland and Ireland.
Miss Clough is from Lowland Farm, Conston Cold, Skipton, Yorkshire. She first joined the Young Farmers' Club in 1945, and has held various offices as Regional and County representative. She is at present working at home, particularly with the Poultry enterprise carried out by her farm.
During her stay she will visit farms in Halton, and study farming methods carried on in the County. While here she will be entertained by the Halton Junior Farmers' Association.

Here's one for the road

The little old lady driving a small European car stopped to help a second little old lady, when she spotted a similar model stalled at the roadside with the front hood up. "My stars, I've lost my engine," said the stranded one, looking into the empty space where the engine usually is. "Don't worry my dear," said the first driver. "I just happened to look in my trunk the other day and I have a spare one in there."
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