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Manor Residents are Guests At Blind Picnic, Field Meet

On Wednesday afternoon June 17th, four persons connected with Halton Manor had the pleasure of being guests at the annual picnic arranged by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind for the registered Blind of Peel and Halton counties. The picnic was held on the spacious grounds at the rear of the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Grenville Davis on Main Street S. in Brampton. The four persons in question were Mrs. Ruth Tinline, Miss Muriel Thompson and Mr. Robert Preece, all residents of the Manor and Mrs. Murray Bridgen of Hornby. Mrs. Bridgen is Mr. Preece's daughter. Through the kindness of Miss H. Tremayne of Milton, the four guests were taken to the picnic by automobile. When all the guests, who numbered well over one hundred, had assembled on the lawn, official greetings and a warm welcome were extended to all by several officers of the CNIB. These include Mr. Wesley Stanley, who is field supervisor of the CNIB in Peel and Halton counties and by Mr. John F. Isard, who is on the advisory board for Halton county. With the aid of a loud speaker a short program of contests was conducted. Prizes for the best balloons blown up were awarded to a lady, a gentleman and all the children competing. Prizes were also awarded for a lucky spot walk. The oldest lady and the oldest gentleman on the grounds and the lady and the gentleman having birthdays nearest to June 17th also won prizes. Mrs. Ruth Tinline of the Manor group won the lady's prize for the nearest birthday, her birthday being June 25th. The prize for the above contests were presented by Mr. K. Y. Dick of Milton. A very delicious and bountiful supper was served to the guests, who were seated at long tables on the lawn. During the supper hour the guests enjoyed sweet band music supplied by the 34 piece band of the Originals Club, of Toronto. Lt. J. D. Wilson conducting. When leaving for home each blind guest was presented with a carton of groceries, a box of chocolates and a rosbud. The happy faces of the Blind and their escorts proved how heartily this annual picnic conducted in such a generous fashion and in such beautiful surroundings, had been enjoyed by all present.

On Saturday afternoon, June 20,

Blowing Our Own Horn!

We're taking this space this week to salute our colleagues of the weekly press who are holding their 40th annual convention in Regina.

Editors and publishers of weekly newspapers from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island have gathered in the famed prairie city to discuss the problems that confront them in this highly mechanized, rapidly changing world.

And those of you who are not familiar with the weeklies may wonder how they survive the competition of the big dailies, the national news magazines and radio and TV.

The answer is simple. Your weekly editor has changed with the times, and so continues to fill an important role in the communications network of his community.

He does the job of providing accurate local news and opinion in a way that meets the high technical and cultural standards of today's modern reader.

Gone are the days of the casual deadline and the "gone-fishin'" sign, which were mainly fables, anyway. Today, the weekly editor has one of the biggest and busiest jobs in the publishing field.

He not only has to compete for business against new and powerful media, but he has to do an ever improving job of reporting local news and interpreting his community to itself. Our higher education and living standards make this mandatory.

And the men and women who are gathered in Regina would be the last to claim that they are masters of the situation. In fact, they are attending the 40th annual meeting of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association to listen to experts and swap suggestions among themselves on how to do a better job.

One of the things they have done collectively through the CWNA is to set up a series of awards for excellence in the weeklies to encourage editors and publishers to strive for greater improvement and to recognize those who are making the grade.

They have, through CWNA, set up their own promotion and public relations program to tell their story.

And at this 40th annual meeting they undoubtedly will take further action to help them do a better job for their readers and their advertisers.

It is for this reason we ask you to join us in our salute to them. It may seem that we're tooting our own horn a bit. But we feel they've done a great job to date

HALTON COUNTY WEED CONTROL NEWS
by V. E. McArthur
County Weed Inspector

BARBARY SHRUBS HOSTS TO STEM RUST

Stem rusts of grain and leaf rust of oats cause serious losses each year in Ontario. The presence of two shrubs, the Common Barbary and European Buckthorn, increase the losses as part of the life cycle of stem rust occurs on Common Barbary and part of the life cycle of leaf rust on the European Buckthorn. The field crops branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture states that if these two shrubs were eradicated, there would be much less rust in Ontario because the life cycles of these two grain diseases would be broken.

Common Barbary is a tall graceful shrub, from six to twelve feet high. The leaves are green or purple with saw toothed edges, sharp spines are present, usually in groups of three. The flowers and red berries are borne in long, drooping clusters. This shrub should not be confused with Japanese Barbary which is not a rust carrier.

Last season we began to watch for Common Barbary in Halton and reported very little known at that time. Since then, however, several infestations have been located in Nassagaweya Twp. Farmers finding Barbary bushes on their farms are being supplied with the necessary chemical to eradicate this pest.

European Buckthorn, sometimes called Common Buckthorn, is a shrub or small tree from six to eight feet high with glossy, oval dark green leaves. The branches bear single, blunt thorns. It is easily spotted in late fall because it retains its leaves longer than most other shrubs. To date none has been reported in this county.

Eradication, or even control of Barbary and Buckthorn, may be an arduous and expensive task. For this reason grants are available from the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture to help finance county organized control programs.

Large hedges and fence rows containing Barbary and Buckthorn are best removed by a bulldozer. Scattered shrubs, on the other hand, are most economically destroyed by chemicals. Brush killers, such as 2, 4D and 2, 4, 5T combinations, are very effective if used according to the manufacturer's directions. Isolated bushes, in terrain too rough to operate a sprayer, may be treated with dry Alacide or Eroccide, applied at the rate of 4 pounds at the base of each bush. Alacide and Eroccide being poisonous to livestock, treated areas should not be grazed until all traces of the chemical have disappeared.

FARM NEWS
Land Judging Program Scheduled July 16th

The land judging competition is scheduled for Thursday, July 16th, for Halton County. The competition will include Junior and Senior programmes.

Competitors from 4-H and Junior Farmer clubs in Halton will take part in an instructional programme in the morning, and in the afternoon will judge four classes of soil on their ability to grow certain crops.

An afternoon programme is arranged for farm operators, based on a soils tour. The programme will conclude at the farm of Brock Harris, Appleby Line, Burlington. This program is under the direction of the Halton office of the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture; the Soils Dept. of the Ont. Agricultural College, Guelph, in cooperation with the Credit, Sixteen Mile and Twelve Mile Creek Conservation authorities.

FARM NEWS
Burlington Man Chosen For Leadership Camp

J. E. W. Donald Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor, of the Appleby Line, Georgetown, has been selected to represent the Ontario 4-H Agricultural club members, at the American Foundation Leadership Training Camp. Don is awarded the Wm. H. Danforth Scholarship, allowing him to attend the Camp held August 17th to 30th. The American Youth Foundation Camp is held at Stony Lake, Oceana County, Michigan, U.S.A.

The camp will be composed of one representative from each state in the U.S., and one from Ontario. The basis of awards includes athletic activities, scholarship standing, leadership in 4-H Club Work, and character. The curriculum is composed of courses in Christian ideals, personal foundations, personal enrichment, leadership, principles and leadership practices. A comprehensive programme with group social and recreational activities is included in the Camp schedule.

Don Taylor's selection is the result of his over all participation in Halton county.

FARM NEWS
OAC Economics Department Conducting Halton Survey

J. E. W. An agricultural adjustment survey is being conducted by the Economics Dept. at the Ontario Agricultural College, and during the week of July 13th, John Barber and Wm. Patterson will be visiting Halton farmers in connection with the Survey. They will be concentrating on dairy farms shipping fluid milk to Toronto.

The purpose of the project is to examine different aspects of the farm mixture. Consideration will be given to: labour, land, machinery investment, combined investment in livestock and forage crops; current expenses such as hydro, feed, veterinary, expenses, etc. and building capacity.

The material collected is confidential, and the results of the survey will be used in farm management studies.

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