

## Lands, Forest Tour Shows Mysterious Maple Disease

A mysterious affliction that has been plaguing the maple trees of the province since 1949, is being investigated by a team of experts from the Department of Lands and Forests.

Some fifty newsmen from this district, including Herald staff reporters Terry Harley and John Ollivier, got their first glimpse of the dreaded Maple die-back last Friday when they were the guests of the Ontario Dept. of Lands and Forests on a tour and inspection of the work being done by the Dept. in Westport, Wellington, Waterloo and Halton counties.

The particular wood where the die-back is on the 5th line, in Nassagaweya, and here the press party witnessed a mass felling of maples that had contacted the disease and had to be destroyed before they could pass on the invisible foe to other trees. The department considers the Maple in dire peril of either being wiped out entirely or suffering a numbers setback that will make it a minority species.

From Hespeler, the starting point of the tour, the buses transported the newsmen to Clearview Game Farm near Preston where a pheasant hunt was in progress and from there to Rockton Tract where the department showed the results of experiments in the survival of trees planted in shallow soil over limestone bedrock.

At Hyde Tract, the largest forest in Westport County, the party witnessed tree planting by machine and inspected a red pine plantation destroyed by European pine shoot moth. Four other tracts, Bond, Finney, Turner and Currie, the latter three part of Halton county forests contained stands of rust resist-

### Community Centre Sports Activity

Thursday, October 8th at 8 p.m. sharp. The roll call will be answered by articles to be auctioned. The lunch committee is Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Grant.

A number of changes have taken place during the summer in Stewarttown and we welcome our newcomers. Mr. and Mrs. John Wallings and family who have moved into the house vacated by the Koeslag family. Mr. and Mrs. Bart Merema have moved into the Clarence Kroil house. Mr. and Mrs. Peacock moved into the recently vacated home of Mr. and Mrs. Alois Nietespach who have moved to Georgetown.

We understand our new 5 room school is filled to capacity and we welcome back the former staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawson and Lynda spent the week-end in St. Catharines. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDonald on the birth of their daughter.

### FARM NEWS

#### Young Norval Farmer 4-H Tractor Champion

J. A. F.

Halton 4-H Tractor Club programme for 1959 was completed last week at the Milton Fair Grounds. The programme concluded with a Safe Driving test and a Quiz, in which members had to spot faulty adjustments on a farm tractor.

This programme is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Milton, in co-operation with the Canada Department of Agriculture, and under the direction of the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture.

Sandy Barnes, Norval, was the high member of the club, based on overall participation in the club programme.

The Tractor Maintenance Club is designed to promote safety in the operation of farm tractors and to instruct farm boys in the proper maintenance of the tractor.

To conclude the year's activities, the Club Members and their leaders were guests of the Milton Rotary Club at their regular meeting. The club standing is as follows:

Sandy Barnes, 933; Don Taylor and Jeff Agnew tie 930; Jack Robertson 913; Courtney Agnew 904; Bob Merry 898; Sandy Hepburn 895; Bill Robertson 891; Geo. Greenlee, 890; John Hepburn 875.

### WELCOME NEWCOMERS TO THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Herb Reid, R.R. 2, has returned from attending the cattle sales on Manitoulin Island.

Mrs. Earl Leeson of Manitoulin Island, has been visiting with her sister Mrs. Herb Reid, R.R. 2.

Will the members and all others interested please notice that the October meeting place of the Esqueving Women's Institute has been changed from the home of Mrs. Bob Harris to the home of Mrs. Herb Reid.

### Anglican Ladies Make Plans for Year's Work

A pot luck supper featured the opening fall meeting of the Daughters of the Church, held in the Archdeacon Thompson Memorial Room of St. George's Anglican Church on Monday, September 21st.

During the short business meeting which followed, the group agreed to buy the milk for the Little Helpers Tea, and plans were made to hold a bake sale on October 9th. Members were urged to try to sell more bottles of Rawleigh's vanilla, of which a large number were purchased in order to obtain the silverware premium for the church kitchen. President Mrs. Thomas Van Sicker, also reported on the collection of Canada Packers labels all of which have to be in by October 31st.

The rector, the Rev. Kenneth Richardson, spoke briefly, bringing with him specimens of the altar hangings which the Daughters plan to refurbish. Plans were also made to decorate the church for the Harvest Home Services on Sunday.

The next meeting will take the form of a shower of articles, soap, detergents, dish cloths, etc. for the church kitchen.

flowers and these are being given to the churches in Toronto for decorations for their harvest services.

### Chickens, Geese are Prey, Hornby Thievery

Mr. Wm. Robinson, Mr. Roy Ellis and Mr. Edward Robertson motored to Manitoulin Island last Tuesday, and attended the large cattle sale while there, returning home on Friday evening.

The ladies were really kept busy in the St. Stephen's Guild booth at Milton Fair on Saturday. It was a good day for them and the booth was well patronized.

Mrs. Jim Humphrey of Wainwright, Alberta, is visiting with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lee.

Mr. John Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson and family visited with relatives in Port Elgin on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Sampson visited with Mrs. Sampson's sister in Collingwood on Sunday.

Some farmers in the district have reported that some chickens and geese have been stolen this last week. Geese are missing from one farm and several chickens from another.

St. Stephen's Anglican Church harvest services were held last Sunday. The Rev. J. E. Maxwell conducted the morning service with Mr. Harold Brain assisting.

The Junior Choir sang a lovely children's hymn. The Rev. David Powell of Milton was the minister for the evening service with Rev. Maxwell and Mr. Brain assisting. The senior choir sang an anthem.

There was a large congregation at both services. The church was decorated with grains, fruits, vegetables and

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