



SCHOOL WINS SAFETY AWARD

STRESSING SAFETY in the schools is one of the jobs of the Georgetown Police Department, and recently Constable Ted Scott presented safety shields to a number of schools with accident-free records. Pat McKinnon and Robert Evis received the shield on behalf of Park Public School. Left to right, Principal Harold Catling, Mr. Scott, school board secretary James F. Evans, Pat, Robert, Bob Lane of Lane Transport, Councillor Anne Currie and school board chairman Edwin Wilson.

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Trend is Evident Toward Large-scale Farm Output

Despite the fact that large-scale farmers have recently been blamed for many of the farm surplus troubles of Canada, delegates, just as a big breakthrough in the production and use of modern farm equipment came at the end of the last winter. He referred to studies made in a favorable light by two rural sociologists who had been brought in from USA to lecture to educationalists a few years ago, to elicit his argument about the value of the large-scale farmer. According to the sociologists, the large-scale farmer was the person who tended to become the leader in farm organizations and in the community. The first farm member to get ideas, use them and do his own research is usually the large-scale farmer. This type is called an innovator. The mass of farm people do not readily follow his lead. But the group of farmers who fit into an "early adopter" class, the ones who use others' ideas and research on their own farms are usually younger men and tend to be large-scale farmers. These are the ones who often become leaders. Professor Campbell pointed out that if the people who take a leading role in the future are likely to be large-scale farmers, farm co-operatives must have their support.

A special panel discussion on the subject was staged. Panel members George McLaughlin, Beaverton, Angus Wilson, Ottawa, and Fenton Cryderman, Thamesville gave their opinions on what farm co-operatives were doing now and could do in the future to help the farmer. One point brought out by a panel member was that many of the small farm co-operatives might be able to better serve the farmer members through amalgamation of facilities and services within certain areas. Other points stressed by the panel were service, quality of goods handled by co-ops, plus bulk feed and fertilizer programs for large scale farming operations.

Probably the strongest plea for the large scale farmer was given by Ralph Campbell, professor and head of the Economics Department, OAC, Guelph. Professor Campbell quoted facts which showed that a positive trend to larger farms has been in evidence for many years. The trend is accelerating at present, with larger farmers putting out an ever-increasing percentage of the total output of food. Since 1921 census figures show that farms 480 acres or more in size had actually increased in number. Up to 1956 farms from 200 to 480 acres had increased, but were showing signs of falling off. "Size of farm can't be measured in terms of acres," Professor Campbell said, "output is now more indicative of size." The trend is a matter of efficiency, he said, with higher costs of equipment and labour requiring greater size of farm operation. He predicted that size of livestock and poultry feeding enterprises will increase even more in the future. A big breakthrough is coming in livestock feeding right now, he told

Honour Pianist With Presentation

In appreciation of her year's service as pianist, Mark McFarlane was honoured at St. Andrew's United Church recently during a brief presentation ceremony following choir practice.

Representatives from the official board attended and the presentation was made by K. Brown on behalf of the congregation. The ceremony also served as an opportunity to introduce the new choir director, Julian Reed, and pianist Mrs. Arnold Rathbun. Serving refreshments were choir members Mrs. Doug Wylie, Mrs. A. J. Wilkinson, Mrs. George Ventry, and Mrs. Merrill Birdgen.

SILVER-WOOD INSTITUTE TURKEY FEAST FOR SILVER-WOOD MEMBERS

The Christmas meeting of Silver-Wood Institute took the form of a turkey dinner at the home of the secretary, Mrs. George Burt, and 22 were present for the wonderful spread, arranged by the committee composed of Mrs. G. Sivill, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. W. F. Earle and Mrs. Pat Garbutt. Instead of an exchange of gifts, a collection was taken to go to Christmas hampers.

After singing several carols, with Mrs. Don Lindsay at the piano, the usual meeting followed, with the president Mrs. W. R. Norton in the chair, Mrs. Harry Scott gave Current Events, and Mrs. D. Lindsay reported on the canvas for the School for Retarded Children at Milton. Everyone was pleased that well over one hundred dollars was collected by the members in our district.

Ricky Appleyard had a fall recently that necessitated stitches in his forehead. Little Lawrence Peck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Peck, was lacerated, although he fell through an upstairs register to the main floor, he hadn't even a bruise to show for it.

CARS COLLIDE NEAR ENTRANCE TO PLAZA

A two car collision opposite the eastern entrance of the Delrex Market Centre, Monday December 7th, caused damage estimated at \$250 to cars driven by Maurice Hubert Melor of 9 Cleaveland Dr. and Ernest Victor Beck of 155 Prince Charles Dr. Neither driver was injured.

Chev coaches west on the highway when the first car driven by Beck slowed opposite the plaza. The Mellor car skidded into the rear end.

The accident occurred at about 5:15 p.m. and was investigated by Cpl. Jim Bilborough. The brunt of the damage, about \$175 worth, was suffered by the Mellor car.

CROP IMPROVEMENT GROUP PLANNING ANNUAL MEET

By J. A. F. On Wednesday, December 8th, the Directors of the Halton Crop Improvement Association held a meeting in the Agricultural Office, Milton, to make plans for their Annual Meeting.

In planning this year's programme, special emphasis will be placed on the role of management in the operation of Halton's farms. The meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 12th, will feature a speaker, and panel discussion, on the subject of economical management of Halton farms. Special emphasis will be placed on dairy and beef enterprises discussion, and also centre around poultry and hog problems.

The Halton Soil & Crop Improvement Association this year has carried on an extensive programme, with projects in Soils, and Crop Management. One of the outstanding projects carried on by the Association this year, is the Halton Pasture Management Competition. The competition was designed to promote improvement management practices on forage crops. The programme for the Annual Meeting will include the presentation of awards in the Pasture programme to project members in the morning, with the afternoon devoted to farm management.

Musical Evening Draws Full Auditorium Two Performances

A Christmas concert presented by pupils of Wrigglesworth Public School drew full houses on Thursday and Friday to the school auditorium.

Those who attended were well repaid in music, as class after class presented songs and skits slanted to the holiday season. The program concluded with an impressive pageant which told the story of Christ's birth.

The pageant began with a processional as the senior choir advanced from the back of the auditorium. They were grouped around the stage where various nativity scenes complemented the scripture reading by Jane Bradley. Many well known hymns and carols were sung by the choir and soloists Vivian Perry, Jenny May Brownridge, Bobby Alcott, Gary Poot and Bobby McMenamy. Kenneth R. Harrison was musical director and played piano accompaniment.

Earlier, other school classes performed. Kindergarten children grouped around a life-like snowman, and presented songs, rhymes and dances. Grade 1 told the well-known story of The Night Before Christmas, while Grades 2 and 3 actually had Santa arrive in a sleigh drawn by some human reindeer. Arlene Crawford and Lorne Teachout sang solos.

Dance of the Christmas Dolls was another highlight of the junior grades and Grade 4 pupils presented several choral readings. Following a wreath drill by Grade 5 girls, the choir sang The Twelve Days of Christmas and Arlene Brownridge and David Farnell were soloists. A "backward drill" by a group of boys was an enjoyable feature of this part of the show.

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Vacuum Cleaner As Polio Aid

Doctors at Ham Green Hospital, Mill, near Bristol, England, have successfully adapted a lightweight British vacuum cleaner as a breathing aid for poliomyelitis patients, according to information received by Health League of Canada.

In doing so, they have made it possible for patients hitherto confined to a small radius near their beds in the wards to move freely in wheel chairs, to make excursions near the hospital, and to take journeys by train or other transport.

The doctors have adapted the cleaners to convey air from them to patients' mouths, a small plastic mouthpiece being held in the mouth. This is unobtrusive, and the patient is easily able to control the flow of air through this mouthpiece.

In its ordinary form the apparatus is familiar to hundreds of thousands of housewives as a small hand cleaner, but the doctors saw it as a medical instrument, weighing only five pounds with a high delivery of air at a satisfactory pressure, it was found to be suitable as the basis of the portable breathing aid required.

The mouthpiece is held in the patient's teeth. The machine is switched on, and the lungs are inflated as required. Biting the mouthpiece stops the air supply and permits exhalation.

The simple breathing movements are easily mastered by the patient. Breathing by this method can go on for long periods, or the apparatus can be used for intermittent short periods as needed. The machine is battery driven. Talking is possible through the use of this machine, and the expansion of the lungs is extremely good. Wheel chairs have been adapted to carry the apparatus, or it may be transported by hand. Short and long journeys are undertaken which were never before visualized, and in addition, patient's morale is substantially improved.

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