

Pre-Marital Course Aimed at Engaged Couples and Newlyweds

A pre-marital course — ranging from sex problems to financing — is being inaugurated in Halton County this winter.

It will be one of the first of its kind in Ontario.

"This will add a new dimension to our family counselling service," said Rennie Vivian, Director of Family Planning for the County. The service, to help marriages off the rocks, has only been in operation here a short while.

Vivian said the new course, still in the planning stages, will open to engaged couples, newly-married couples and interested young people.

Show Pitfalls
"The idea is to show them some of the pitfalls they can run into in marriage," he said.

"Many young people do not seem to have any concept of the obligations and responsibilities of marriage."

"The purpose of pre-marriage counselling is to prepare them better in such areas as understanding themselves, as well as each others personalities," said Vivian, a former Halton probation officer.

He said the course would delve into the sexual, economic, legal and spiritual aspects of marriage.

Frank Discussion
"They will be frank, open discussions with the aim to give these people a basic foundation to marriage."

Discussions will range from birth control and sex problems to mortgage and family budgeting.

Vivian said three separate courses are planned — one in

Oakville, another in Burlington and a third in the north end of the county.

Each would be of approximately four to five weeks duration, taking up one night each week.

The first would be a general discussion, with the possibility of giving personality tests.

Next lecture and discussion would delve into the sexual aspects of marriage with a medical doctor there to talk to the

group and then answer questions:

Financial Problems

Third lecture would go into financial problems faced by young couples. Banking, budgeting and insurance aspects would be covered.

A fourth lecture will outline problems of house buying and mortgages.

"We would like to stress the spiritual side of marriage," Vivian said. "But we are

considering referring the couples to their own minister for this kind of guidance."

"We hope to cover a wide, yet basic scope."

Vivian said the biggest problem young couples often come to face is lack of communication.

There is also alcohol, sexual problems and finance troubles to cause frustration and often lead to divorce.

Vivian said he is hopeful the first class will be held in January, 1967.

Sour Milk Main Source of Credit River's Pollution

Sour milk is the main source of pollution in the Credit River stated R. K. McMillan, Credit Valley Conservation Authority chairman, at Peel County council Thursday.

He said the milk, from dairies, kills everything it touches. Mr. McMillan was clarifying a point made by Warden Jack Graham of Streetsville. Mr. Graham contended that beer and pop cans were polluting Canada's rivers.

For the second time in two months, Peel County has attacked the makers of canned drinks and non-returnable bottles.

Reeve O'Graham said bottles and cans were littering Canada's conservation centres.

E. S. Blair, deputy-reeve of Chinguacousy, said broken bottles could be seen all over Streetsville.

Mr. McMillan said tin cans were littered all through his hay field.

But Reeve of Toronto Township, R. W. Speck, disagreed. He said Canada has had non-returnable bottles for 50 years.

"All liquor is in non-returnable bottles," he commented.

"There's about as much liquor being sold as there is pop. I think we're away off beam," the Reeve continued.

He said he was strongly in support of metal containers and that industry would keep

on making them "whether we like it or not."

Council finally decided to endorse a resolution from Victoria County which deplored the use of non-returnable bottles.

Five voted against it. Reeve Speck included. "I hope they put booze in a cardboard container and you spill it all over yourself," he laughingly commented to the warden.

Western Delegates Fly In For Two Weeks Area Farms

Three Saskatchewan 4-H Delegates arrived at Toronto International Airport on Monday, August 8, to begin a two week stay in Halton county. The members are staying with host 4-H families throughout this county.

Diane Lockhart, from Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, is presently visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Brownridge, R. R. 2, Georgetown, and their daughter, Marg, who is an active 4-H Club Member in Halton. From August 14th to 19th, Diane will be visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunter, and their daughters, Lois, Marg and Janet.

Les Haugen, from Kinistow, Saskatchewan, is presently staying with Mr. and Mrs. Brock Harris and their son, Murray, and will spend the second week with Mr. and Mrs. David Lawson and their son, Art.

Ted Walker, the third visiting delegate, is with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McGee and son John, of Norval, and will spend his

next week with Mr. and Mrs. G. Wallace Lasby and sons Bob and Bill, of Rockwood.

The visitors, in company with eight Halton 4-H Conservation Club members, got a chance to observe Ontario's conservation practices in action, when they attended the Peel 4-H Conservation Club's Invitational Camp which was held at the Albion Hills Conservation School, just north of Bolton, Ontario.

The host families in Halton County have devoted much time to entertaining these delegates from Saskatchewan, by planning several visits which would be of special interest to them. They returned to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on Friday, August 19th, and took back with them many fond memories of their stay in Halton County.



ROBSON-MANSLEY WEDDING

MR. AND MRS. K. A. ROBSON sign the register following their wedding in Georgetown. The bride is the former Carole June Mansley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mansley, R. R. 2, Carrying Place, Ontario, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Robson, R. R. 2, Woodbridge.

COUNTY OF HALTON WEED CONTROL NEWS

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Leafy Spurge is one of the worst weeds known, it has been classed as Public Enemy No. 1 in the war on weeds. It has also been listed as Prohibited Noxious in the Canada Seeds Act. This makes it illegal for even one Leafy Spurge seed to be present in any seed offered for sale in Canada. Its seriousness is further emphasized by the fact that in some areas it has driven farmers right off their farms.

Patches of "Spurge" can be recognized at a distance by the yellowish-green colour. A closer look will reveal that this yellowish-green colour is in the upper portion of the flowers and flower branches. The plants grow from one to one and a half feet in height and usually are found in light soil. I past years it was sometimes introduced as an ornamental in Pioneer Cemeteries. A sure method of identification is to break open a stem or one of the numerous long narrow leaves and a thick, sticky white sap will appear. During late summer the leaves drop off and the stems become woody and reddish in colour.

Leafy Spurge is a long-lived, deep-rooted perennial which grows both from seeds and underground rootstocks. The root system may extend to a depth of two feet or more. This deep extensive root system makes the Spurge very hard to kill, either by cultivation or with chemicals.

Small patches should be treated with chemicals because cultivation may drag roots to other parts of the field, thus spreading the weed, since a half inch section of root can produce another plant. There are several Chemicals recommended for treating "Leafy Spurge", which include — D. B. Granular, Simazine, Atrazine, Benzoic Acid and Sodium Chlorate mixtures. The use of any of these Chemicals will result in a degree of Soil Sterilization according to the rate of application and soil type.

Large infestations are costly to eradicate, either by cultivation or with chemicals. It can be kept under control with the use of commercial brush-killers. These will not kill the grass or render the soil sterile. At least two years of continuous Cultivation is required to make much impression in cleaning up "Leafy Spurge" by cultural methods.

War on Machinery Accidents Theme of Poster Competition

The Directors of the Halton Farm Safety Council met at the Agricultural Office, Milton, on Monday evening, August 8th, to discuss present and future plans of the Safety Council. The highlight of the meeting came when five 4-H Safety posters were judged. The competition was open to 4-H Homemaking and Agricultural Club members, and consisted of constructing a poster based around the 1964 Farm Safety Council of Ontario theme "Let's Reduce Farm Machinery Accidents."

First prize award went to Grace Bird, a 4-H Homemaking club member from the Ashgrove district. Second prize was awarded to the poster submitted by Verna Thompson. Third prize went to an entry from the Hornby Squirts B group, submitted by Mrs. James McKay. The poster placing fourth was owned by Carl Middlebrook, and the fifth entry was that of Elizabeth Norrington. Winners were awarded prize money according to standing.

It was decided to order Safety First-Aid Kits in plastic containers, which will be sold by the Farm Safety Council, and will be available at the Agricultural Office at Milton.

Two Georgetown men charged with assaulting Georgetown P.C.

The younger man is accused of striking Constable Bell in the face with his fist, and the second man with grabbing him and tearing his shirt.

The 30 year old also faces a charge of causing a public disturbance at a Georgetown restaurant.

All charges relate to August 12.

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