



MOD SQUAD topped Limehouse School house league in volleyball, baseball and broomball. Team members are front row l. to r., Michelle Simpson and Christine Tudge. Back row l. to r. are Delia Gaskell, Linda Gaskell, Wendy Brown and Lee Anne Clark. —(Staff photo).

Free Press Farm Page

4-H members consider float for Acton Fair

By Cathy Lasby

The fourth regular meeting of the Acton 4-H Club was held at Thistleton Farm owned by Mr. R. A. McNair on Monday, July 12, at 8 p.m.

President Carol Somerville opened the meeting by leading the members in the 4-H Pledge. The roll call was answered by the Breed of the member's 4-H Calf. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted as read by the secretary. Among the new business discussed was a float for Acton Fair. Plans were made and a committee appointed to begin putting the plans into action.

Club leader Nino Braida introduced our host for the evening, R. A. McNair. Mr.

McNair, along with being a successful businessman, owns a herd of Charolais Cattle. Assisted by his manager Mr. Anderson, Mr. McNair gave the history and some information about his cattle. All members attempted to judge a class of Charolais heifers, which was followed by the official placings by Bob Lasby.

Tour feeding area

Mr. Anderson gave us a brief tour of the feeding area and explained his feeding program. Tom Parker introduced Robert Cutler, a Rural-Urban exchange delegate from Burlington. Nino Braida introduced Don Matheson, our guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Matheson, a director of the Ontario Public

Stock Yards in Toronto, gave a very interesting and informative talk on "Marketing Beef Cattle".

The four ways of marketing beef cattle mentioned by Mr. Matheson were: direct to the packer, rail grade, community auction and the public stockyards. Advantages for cattle producers to ship their cattle to the public stockyards in this area include: the dense population in the Toronto area, more buyers in Toronto and more packers surrounding the stock yards. Karen Pierce thanked Mr. Matheson on behalf of all members and Pat Murray thanked Mr. Anderson and Mr. McNair. The meeting was then adjourned.

Farm Safety Week

Urge safer farming methods

is particularly important because of the extra hazards found in a rural environment, such as chemicals and poison sprays.

Hazards of highways

The farm population also faces extra highway hazards because of faster speeds on rural highways and ever-increasing traffic density. Rural areas are the sites of three quarters of all traffic deaths and more than 42 per cent of traffic injuries although their populations represent less than 40 per cent of the national total.

Accidents take place when people are subjected to uncontrolled forces. The possibility of this happening is greater in the uncontrolled farm work environment.

The new sources of power and more powerful equipment are inherently progressive developments which save considerable manual labor and increase productivity to the benefit of farmers and the population they feed.

They become hazardous only when they are used improperly. There is plenty of evidence that this takes place much too frequently on farms.

Experiment white beans

Soy beans, white beans, and turnips were discussed at Bill Speck's at Hornby. Bill has increased his acreage of soy beans to 80 acres this year and is hoping for a yield of 30 bushel per acre or higher. He has an experimental crop of white beans, a crop which may have a future in this county.

The last stop was to examine a field of bird-foot trefoil. As this crop is resistant to the alfalfa weevil, and is much more permanent than alfalfa, farmers are being encouraged to devote a portion of their acreage to it.

The next event for our soil and crop improvement members is a bus tour to Eastern Ontario, July 27 and 28. Visits will be made to the Animal Research Institute at Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology, the Eastern Breeders, and dairy and corn farms throughout that area.

The rapid increase in the use of power equipment and chemicals on Canada's farms makes rural safety practices much more important.

The Canada Safety Council in co-operation with The Canadian Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute is sponsoring Farm Safety Week nationally from July 25-31. The aim of the campaign is to bring the urgent need for safer farming methods to the attention of the rural population.

"This is part of the safety movement's program to change attitudes towards safety from apathy to concern," J. C. Thackray, President of the Canada Safety Council, said in his campaign message.

Unsafe acts

"The great majority of accidents including farm accidents are caused by unsafe individual acts. Disregard of common sense safety practices causes far too many deaths and injuries on the farm. Often the victims are young children.

"Despite the great pressure to 'make hay while the sun shines,' there is no need to sacrifice safety in the name of speed," Mr. Thackray said.

The Canada Safety Council believes the proper place to start creating this new attitude towards safety is in the home when children are very young. Paying attention to teaching children safety in the farm home

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No children

Tractors, because of their traking characteristics and high center of gravity, are not designed for highway use. If farmers must use their tractors on roads, they should make sure children are not allowed to accompany them.

Nowhere else is a work area employing powerful machinery so integrated with home life. One result of this is a high proportion of young children killed or injured on farms.

These can be prevented by keeping children away from the work area and being especially alert for children when using machinery around the house and barn.

Modernization

The big majority of farm accidents are caused by improper operating procedures. Modern farming requires modern safety practices.

Farmers must think about the safety consequences of their

Road markings will change

Highway markings in Ontario will change over the next year to conform with standards being adopted by most provinces and states in North America, the Minister of Transportation and Communications has announced.

Quits fags brief shows

Esqueusing reeve Tom Hill, a two pack a day smoker, announced to members of the township council at the last regular meeting he had abandoned smoking for two weeks and felt fine. He expected there would be an improvement in the condition of the air.

Since business was brief there was also a "brief" fashion show when one lady suitably dressed for the hot, humid weather, showed off a hot pants ensemble while councillors ogled.

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—On two lane highways the centre line will be yellow and pavement edge lines will be white.

—On multi-lane undivided highways the centre line will be yellow and lane markings and pavement edge lines will be white.

—On freeways and other divided highways both lane markings and pavement edge lines will be white.

Basically, yellow lines will separate traffic flows in opposite directions; white lines separate traffic moving in the same direction; solid yellow lines indicate passing is not allowed and solid white lines indicate that lane-changing is not allowed.

It will take approximately a year to complete the changeover and it is expected municipalities throughout the province will change their pavement markings to conform to the new standards.

Garden party at Hornby park

Despite chilly weather, a crowd of about 4,000 attended the annual garden party sponsored by Hornby ball club in the park there. The 24th annual event was held last Saturday evening.

Glen Williams defeated the Hornby Bantams at softball and Vince Mountford was master of ceremonies for a variety program. Many booths did a good business.

Never cross the double solid line on the highway and don't try to pass on curves or hills. "Bring 'Em Back Alive!"

Sunrise farm tour of great interest

By Henry J. Stanley

A new event was undertaken by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement members this year — a Sunrise tour of projects in the County.

The first visit was to the

cornfields of Hurvey Nurse, R.R. 2, Georgetown. One field of corn is over eight feet high, considerably ahead of normal for this season of year. The herbicide trials were then inspected. Bldex, Lasso, and Atrazine were compared both

singly and in combination for control of grasses and broad leaf weeds in corn.

Everyone then travelled by car to Tom McGee's to inspect an Alfalfa field. A portion of this field was treated some six years ago with agricultural limestone as the pH was 5.7, somewhat too low for alfalfa. Yields on the treated section of the field were over one-half ton of hay higher with 75 per cent alfalfa in the stand as compared to only 50 per cent in the untreated section.

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Tax reform needed not more rebates

"The Ontario government should realize by now that tax rebates and credits are not the answer to unfair education taxation. What is needed is a basic reform of the entire tax structure."

That's how Ontario Federation of Agriculture President Gordon Hill reacted when he heard Ontario Treasurer Darcy McKeough's latest proposals for tax reform. Speaking at the opening of the regular quarterly meeting of provincial and federal finance ministers in Ottawa, McKeough said that pensioners and others on low incomes would get refunds of property and sales tax under a scheme being studied by the Ontario government.

"Ontario already does out more than \$150 million in tax rebates," Hill said in Toronto Wednesday. "I can't understand why it wants to get in any deeper — unless of course it's to keep useless bureaucrats busy."

More fundamental

"We must have a more fundamental reform of the tax system. To start with, the Ontario government should eliminate education taxes on property. It should introduce a special education tax on income to more fairly distribute the costs of education."

"Then it could do away with all the tax rebate schemes it's dreamed up to correct the inequities of the present system."

Chicken-egg war is almost over

"Supreme courts and provincial legislatures aren't going to solve farmers' marketing problems. Only farmers can satisfactorily solve those."

Ontario Federation of Agriculture President Gordon Hill was commenting on a recent meeting of egg producers from our provinces. Egg board officials and agriculture ministers from Ontario, Manitoba, Quebec and Nova Scotia met in a Montreal hotel on Monday, to discuss marketing problems. They established a committee to propose a solution to present marketing conflicts.

Right approach

"This is the right kind of approach," Hill said in Toronto Wednesday. "Courts and legislatures can give farmer-elected marketing boards authority to implement marketing plans, but only farmers can agree on the plans themselves."

"Milk producers and broiler chicken producers have already found this out. Last January Ontario and Quebec milk producers agreed to share markets. Now they produce milk to fill the markets' needs."

"And broiler chicken producers," continued Hill, "met in early July to discuss markets. Marketing board representatives from nine provinces agreed to request a delegation of federal powers, so they can equitably share the Canadian market."

"The so-called chicken-and-egg war is nearly at an end," Hill said. "Farmers in the different provinces are finding that they

can agree on marketing. They're finding that agreements between provinces can assure fair markets for all."

Jail super is promoted

W. L. Barber, superintendent of the Halton Jail in Milton since August, 1968, has been promoted to the position of deputy superintendent of the Toronto Jail. The appointment is effective July 20.

His successor has not yet been appointed but his assistant at the Milton Jail, Carl Hill, will be acting superintendent until an appointment is made.

Mr. Barber served at the Adult Training Centre in Brampton and Guelph Jail and prior to joining the department of Correctional Services worked as a staff sergeant with the Brampton Police Department for 15 years. He makes his home in Brampton with his wife and three children.

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