

School's garden club project is unique learning experience

To learn by doing seems to be a principle enjoying ever-increasing popularity in many Halton County schools. If the principle works as well as it should, Pineview School will have more than its fair share of students boasting "green thumbs" by the time the final school bell rings in June this year.

In February youngsters at the school got involved in a garden club. The club started out with just a few members but as the year progressed, observers reluctant to take part earlier were intrigued by the fun those in the club were having. Soon numbers increased and interest around the school became intense.

Now the club includes about 30 members, each member has his

own plot of land on which he or she can grow vegetables. Four of the classes at Pineview have plots which they maintain jointly in addition to the individuals who have plots. In all there are 32 plots and about an acre of land. Each plot is about nine feet wide by 48 feet deep.

Do work themselves
The great bulk of the energy required to keep the land worked and productive comes from the students themselves. However several adults in the school and the community have contributed to the project in a variety of ways.

Principal Grant Hutchings and teacher Tom Hunter were fundamental in getting the project started. George Currie, former reeve of Esqueving and Warden of Halton County, made land available and numerous other people contributed in one way or the other.

The garden club is run by an executive of three. John Dufour is chairman, Wayne Best is secretary and Doug Hagensen is treasurer.

Each of the youngsters in the garden club contributed 25 cents to buy seed and other materials needed to get started.

During the past few weeks the field opposite the school has been

a beehive of activity with youngsters working in the field during regular periods of the day as well as some time during lunch.

Goes on weekends
Wayne Best is among the several who spends much of their free time at his plot. On weekends he rides his bike over and makes sure everything is the way he wants it.

Bill Wilcox took advantage of his dad's early trips to work and arrived at the mini-farm before 8 a.m. on a couple of occasions to do the planting as he wanted.

According to members of the club, everything from squash to pumpkins has been planted and the young gardeners are watching growth carefully and with eager anticipation.

Once the crops are harvested there'll be prizes for the biggest and best of each crop planted. Winners will be taken to a movie or out to dinner or receive some other suitable reward.

After discussing the matter, several of the youngsters felt they would show their appreciation for the use of the land by giving the prize winning samples to Mr. Currie. A presentation has already been made but the vegetables would be something more representative, youngsters felt.

Sell it later
Students plan to hold a special

market or set up a roadside stand to sell their crops and use the money for a school trip.

John Dufour suggests the project has been a lot of fun and work. "We learn a lot too. Instead of just being told about what happens, we can do it and see it. Learning is more fun this way."

Teacher Tom Hunter looks on the project as a practical application of a classroom lesson and agrees with young Dufour's suggestion that it is more meaningful and more fun too.

Many of the youngsters live on farms near the school in rural Esqueving. Several of those who chatted with a Champion reporter explained why they favored country living over life in a town or city.

Open and free
Mike Baumbler probably was the most articulate in his explanation. He denounced one chap's statement about making more money. "It has nothing to do with money. In the country you have more space and you're not blocked in by little fences. In the city there is too much fog, cars, people and violence. You are more free in the country. You can do what you want, it's free and open."

Besides, you can grow a grand garden in that rich Esqueving soil.

Holstein dispersal

The Garway Holstein dispersal sale held May 18 at Brubacher Sales Arena, Guelph, saw 36 registered animals average \$760.

Highest price of the day was \$1,500 paid by Garnet N. Laidlaw, Norval, for the 3-year-old Garway Herdmaster Josie. She was sired by Glenafon Herdmaster, who is classified Excellent for type and is a Superior Type sire, and she is a daughter of Cedar Sands Tex Rose.

The next highest price went for Garway Herdmaster Beth—also a daughter of Glenafon Herdmaster. Walter F. Jackson, Downsview, paid \$1,275 for the 3-year-old that is a daughter of Garway Inka Sharon, who has a ten-year-old record of 15,072 lbs. milk, 539 lbs. fat, testing 3.58 per cent in 305 days.

Following is a complete list of averages and totals: 25 milking females averaged \$751 for a total of \$20,130.; 7 heifer calves averaged \$494 totalling \$3,460.; 3 bred heifers averaged \$856 totalling \$2,575.; and 2 babies averaged \$462 for a total of \$925.



GEORGE CURRIE visited young farmers and gardeners at Pineview School last week. Youngsters took Mr. Currie on a tour of the growth chamber and the garden the youngsters have outside. Mr. Currie made the land available to the children for the project. The field is opposite the school. (Photo by B. Burt)



YOUNG FARMERS get their start at school. Members of the Garden Club at Pineview School have been working towards this year's crop since February. Last week they made a special presentation to George Currie, former Reeve of Esqueving and Warden of Halton County to show appreciation for the land he made available for them. Katherine Whaley made the presentation.

\$80,000 value

Building in Nassagaweya Township is exceeding last year's rate by about \$80,000, building inspector Terry Gallimore reported this month.

The total construction in May was valued at \$377,000 bringing the total to date to \$1,100,500.

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THE 1974 INTERNATIONAL Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Demonstration will be held in Halton County next September. Last week a committee from the Ontario Plowmen's Association met on the site with local police, telephone and service company representatives plus several members of the Halton

Plowmen's Association, to lay plans for the big match expected to attract 250,000 visitors. The site is the Reidson Farm owned by Craig Reid on 15 Sideroad in Esqueving, just west of the Ninth Line. Local signpainter George Swann had erected the sign a few days before the meeting. (Photo by R. Downs)

Esqueving to consider Churchill Rd.

A proposition from Acton council to share the cost of paving limits to Acton Curling Club and 450 feet on Churchill Road South from the town limits to the entrance of the landfill site.

The town plans to extend asphalt surfacing 600 feet on Churchill Road from the town

Estimated cost of the project is \$5,900 which council hopes to share with the Township of Esqueving evenly.

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Notice to the residents of Ontario County, Durham, Peel, Halton, Wentworth, Oshawa, Hamilton and Wasaga Park.

We're counting on you in this early enumeration.

The Province will be making an enumeration of residents in certain areas east and west of Metropolitan Toronto during the two weeks starting June 18. The enumeration is designed to gather basic information for municipal purposes.

Should the proposed restructuring of local governments proceed, the normal information collected by an enumeration may be required in early fall for the Cities of Oshawa and Hamilton, the Counties of Ontario, Durham, Peel, Halton and Wentworth and the Municipality in the Wasaga Park community. To ensure that the required information is available, should it be needed, it is being gathered in June while most residents are at home before the beginning of the summer vacation period.

The information collected will be used for: The identification of electors who will be eligible to vote for municipal councils; The division of education property taxes between the public and separate school systems; The distribution of provincial grants to local governments to help re-

duce municipal tax bills; The provision of information for the preparation of jurors' lists; The tabulation of an accurate population count.

When the local enumerator knocks on your door, the procedure is simple. The enumeration notice is pre-printed by computer with the names of everyone currently on record in your household. If you agree the information is correct and complete, you simply sign that you have received your notice. If there are changes, such as an addition to the family, corrections are made on the notice, verified and signed by you or any other adult in your household. A revised notice will then be mailed to you.

If you are not at home, the notice is left together with simple instructions on how to check and revise it. You mail it, in the postage free envelope provided, only if there are changes.

This early enumeration will be carried out only within the area included in the proposed new regional municipalities of Durham, Peel, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth and the Town of Wasaga Beach.



The Municipal Enumeration starts June 18. Without you it won't be right.

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