

Ann McClure receives Halton W.I. scholarship

An R. R. 3 Georgetown girl has been awarded the Halton District Women's Institute scholarship and bursaries have been awarded to a Ballinfad girl and a Georgetown boy.

Ann McClure has won the Dr. Ethel Chapman Scholarship awarded by the Halton District Women's Institute. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruce McClure, R. R. 3, Georgetown.

For her efforts Ann will be receiving \$100 to further her education. She has completed 15 4-H Homemaking Clubs and seven agricultural clubs as well as receiving her Grade 8 and Grade 11 Theory diplomas in music. She has worked part-time during schooling at Milton district high school and plans to attend the University of Guelph this fall to take the family and consumers' studies course.



ANN McCLURE is the winner of Dr. Ethel Chapman Scholarship presented by the Halton District Women's Institute. She received \$100.

Two bursary winners also chosen by Halton W.I. included the first prize of \$50 awarded to Susan Jamieson, Ballinfad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jamieson.

Second prize of \$40 went to David Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Alexander, Georgetown.

Susan is an Ontario Scholar, having completed Grade 13 at Acton district high school. She is now enrolled in the two year legal secretarial course at Sheridan College.

David also an Ontario Scholar, attended Georgetown district high school, and has been accepted at the University of Waterloo in a co-operative math program.

It's a good thing to read between the lines; it tires the eyes less.

More rain need Halton farmers say

Despite an abundance of rain over the past week the situation on local farms is still pretty serious.

"It rained so hard in the spring that the ground is too hard the rain just isn't soaking in," Wilfred Leslie, an area farmer, said.

"We broke up the ground around the corn and it has a crust on it like a floor. Very solid," Chester Early, Norval, said.

After facing a deluge of rain, weevils, and then a dry spell, most observers had expected the farm situation to be well in hand since we have gotten considerable rain lately. But that has not been the case. Most farmers would agree with Leslie when he says "recent rain hasn't helped very much at all."

"The corn and grain are not growing. It's at a standstill," Leslie said. He said the corn has come out in tassels or flowers, and once this happens it won't grow any more.

His corn is only about three feet tall right now and it should be somewhere between six and nine feet at this time of the year. Leslie's

grain crop isn't much better off. It's only about a foot or a foot and a half tall when it should be two to three feet tall. It is also coming out in a head (flower).

Early's crops aren't quite so bad off yet because not that much has come out in a head.

"The corn certainly isn't advanced as much as it should be for this time of year," he said.

"I don't think we will have half the crop we should. I think even if we get a lot more rain it will come just a little too late," Leslie said. Due to this he is predicting a cut back in his cattle stocks because there won't be enough feed for next winter.

"It's a very grim situation. Only half a crop of feed, and that is going to be predominant around here," he said.

"The situation is not too good yet. We just haven't had enough rain," Early added.

Henry Stanley, the Halton Agriculture Representative, agrees that more rain is needed. "It's been quite dry but across the county the crops are about average for

this time of year," he said. Stanley pointed out that aren't as bad around here as they are in eastern Ontario where they have had far too much rain.

It's a fish's life

Lessons were carried on last week in spite of more cold, wet weather. In a way the weather helped us out. Karen Stewart, an instructor from the program came down with the mumps - on both sides! With her absent Sue Shoemaker and I had to take her classes - tightening the schedule. With less people around the program ran fairly smooth. It's good to have her back though!

After the nice long weekend the weather looks like it's finally clearing up! Yeah! This week is the last for the second session.

Thursday is pretest day. Friday and Saturday are D-days. We'll let you know the results next week.



Unwelcome visitor at Ashgrove

Truck hits house seven escape unhurt

Seven members of one family had a miraculous escape Tuesday afternoon when a large feed-mixing truck crashed through the wall of the room where they sat.

In the living room of the Guy Wilson house at the corner of the Seventh Line and Ashgrove Sideroad, Mrs. Edith Wilson and her grandchildren 11 year old twins, Karen and Cheryl, Lorrie, 20, and her sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brownridge were sitting chatting when they heard a roaring noise and the truck crashed through the walls, knocking out a corner of the house.

Mr. Brownridge's chair went flying, but like the rest of the family escaped serious injury.

A feed-mix truck owned by Blue Spruce Enterprises, R. R. 5, Milton, driven by Elmer French lost its brakes on the hill on Ten Sideroad as he approached the Seventh Line intersection, and collided with a dump truck driven by Steve Vasilakis. The feed truck was pushed around and careened into the house, hitting a parked car on the way.

Damage to the feed truck was extensive, with the whole front smashed. Damage to the dump truck was not so

severe. Both drivers escaped unhurt, shaking their heads in disbelief that they, and no one in the house was injured. Mr. French showed a small cut on his thumb, the only scratch on him.

Feature canoeing

This weekend Mountsberg Wildlife Centre is featuring a program on canoeing. Two films and canoeing demonstrations are offered Saturday and Sunday.

Seven GLT members take parts in movie

Those who see the Paradise Films production of Recommendation for Mercy, which is due for release to 300 movie houses across Canada in the spring of 1975, might see some faces they know in the cast.

Seven members of Georgetown Little Theatre spent three days last week working as extras for the movie which is based on the real trial of a 14-year-old boy charged with the rape and murder of a 12-year-old girl. The case caused a sensation in Western Ontario a few years ago.

Trial scenes were shot in and around the old Brampton court house using a crowd of 100 extras from various Little Theatre groups. Speaking parts were also taken by amateur actors including several members of Guelph Little Theatre. The lead is from Guelph and members of

the GLT group report he is a natural in his portrayal of the accused 14-year-old.

Extras were used to portray members of the public attending the trial. A variety of reactions were called for including horror, anger, sympathy and even laughter to relieve the tension in some places.

Pat Kentner and Lorrie Ryan, two of the GLT members, said the scenes inside and outside the court house were a real experience for them. The emotions called for were contagious. Both of them said they could now understand how mass hysteria could develop when you're caught up emotionally in events.

Not all the extras imported for the scenes were so strongly affected, however. Elderly people from a senior citizens' lodge in Brampton were recruited to add variety to the scenes and "most of them went to sleep," the GLT pair said.

Scenes outside the court house which called for a hostile crowd affected them most. They had to direct abuse at the youth charged with murder and although it was staged the emotional impact on the extras was frightening.

Peter McDonald of the Georgetown Little Theatre was selected as a member of the all male jury who tried

the youth while Isla McConnell, Mary Goebel, Joanne Grant and Pat Joyes were extras along with Pat and Lorrie. Most said they would not be forsaking the Georgetown stage for a career in the movies.

Interesting it may have been but a 10 hour day sitting on a hard bench under hot lights in sweltering weather isn't the kind of job that makes many recruits.

"It was fun but really tiring," Pat Kentner and Lorrie Ryan admit. They were both impressed with the thoughtfulness and politeness of the directors of the Canadian film and the fine treatment they accorded the elderly people who took part.

Among the cast their choice for excellent acting was the man who played the crown attorney, from the Etobicoke Little Theatre.

Auditions for the parts were held in Guelph and people from the surrounding area were invited to try out for parts. Extras chosen were given a free lunch and pay for their efforts. Funeral scenes for the murder victim were held in Elmira.

Recommendation for Mercy is directed by Murray Macrowitz who also collaborated in writing the script.

"Birds of Prey" weekend Owl, baby kestrel Mountsberg stars

Oscar, the five-month-old great horned owl who lives at Mountsberg, was the star of the Birds of Prey theme on the weekend. He made a special effort to get out of his cage and do a little public relations work for himself and some other feathered predator friends, the hawks.

The film, slide talk and owl handling demonstration was directed at changing public attitudes towards birds of prey. The Mountsberg conservationists would like to encourage people to appreciate the purpose and function of these birds, rather than shooting them. Visitors learned how hawks' and owls' sharp eyesight and strong legs, talons and beaks are put to beneficial use in keeping down the population of rodents and excessive squirrels and rabbits.

Sparrow-hawks Visitors also saw two baby sparrow hawks, recently moved from Hamilton, in their cage. They are part of a family of five inadvertently hatched in a city backyard and moved out to the wildlife centre.

Two are being kept for use in the centre's education program and the other three were released last week to manage for themselves.

Growing up in relative captivity is no without its problems, as Mountsberg biologist Gary told visitors, when you have to start learning to forage on your own. The three sparrow hawks, or kestrel, as they are more properly called, come back for handouts "between attacking ferocious dew worms," he said.



EYEING EACH OTHER from a mutually safe distance are Angela Walker of Burlington and Oscar, Mountsberg's resident great horned owl. Oscar was brought out by staffer Val Gloschenko so visitors could get a better look on the Birds of Prey theme weekend.

Summer school Math classes in big demand

About 1,375 secondary school students in Halton have taken advantage of summer school courses this year. About 20 or 30 students have dropped out since the beginning of the session and only two weeks remain.

In addition to that 528 students are taking English and mathematics courses for grades six, seven and eight.

Centennial School in Georgetown is the only school in North Halton offering that course. Lack of interest caused courses in Milton and

other north Halton areas to be cancelled. "We would have run a course even for 10 or 12 students but there was no response in Milton," summer school principal Willard Price said.

Night classes Night classes have attracted 120 people as well.

Most of the students spending summer in school are taking credit courses but about 100 people in adult classes are taking up sewing, typing and other interest courses.

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Has coins at his store

Bert Hinton phoned the Free Press last week to let us know his store still has a supply of Legion centennial coins available for customers.

It was thought only banks had coins left, but of course merchants may purchase them from the banks to use as currency themselves.

The centennial coin project has been most successful.

Most coins are being saved as souvenirs instead of being circulated.

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