



ENJOYING A CUP of tea are Mrs. Laura Jordon and Mrs. Jean Precious. They attended the annual C.G.I.T. spring tea on Saturday.



NANCY PATTERSON prepares tea for visitors of the C.G.I.T. spring tea held at the United Church on Saturday.

Lady directors to raise funds

Plans for a fund-raising euchre and penny sale were the topics of discussion at the third meeting of the lady directors of the Acton Agricultural Society. Two visitors were welcomed to the meeting, held at Acton library Thursday evening.

President Irene Swackhamer gave a report on the convention of Ontario fairs held in Toronto on February 18 and 19. The report gave insight into the two day affair and made recommendations for those attending the event next year.

A committee was set up to select and decide upon gifts for winners in each section of the "specials" classification in the prize book. Reports from the euchre and penny sale committees were given and advance tickets distributed.

Gifts prior to the event on April 23. It was also decided posters would be made and distributed about town and district to advertise the project. An advertisement will also be placed in the paper the week before, to acknowledge the event. Lunch served by Mrs. C. Cobham and Mrs. L. Hignett concluded the meeting.

Last meeting prepares for Achievement Day

The Dublin North French Knots have just completed their club unit on March 31 when they held their eighth and last meeting.

The girls also worked on ideas for their cover for their booklets. At the eighth meeting the club again worked on exhibits for achievement day. They then gave the final decision for the cover of their booklets.

20 tables at euchre

There was a full house Friday at St. Joseph's church with 20 tables full of players at the regular euchre. Dessert was served to the players.

The club is doing an exhibit and the speaker will be Julie Pierce. Other members in the group are Mona Tonelli, Bonnie Metherel with president, Penny Kirton and vice president, Beverly Metherel. The girls hope many parents will attend Achievement Day, on May 8 at the Ontario School for Deaf in Milton.



A NUMBER of workshops were conducted Saturday in Georgetown, Acton and Woodstock YM-YWCAs. Using the case study method the workshops delved into various problems in organizing programs and ways of strengthening Stephanie Lister, Georgetown (standing), Doug Brock, Georgetown (left) and Helen Van Stekler, Acton (left) discussed financing. Other members of the group are from Woodstock.

Gardening safety on minds

Yes - Spring is finally here! And those who possess "green thumbs" (and even those who don't) will soon be spending much of their spare time in the garden deciding where they are going to plant the petunias and making sure laws and hedges look respectable. When they do, remember that a garden like any other work area—has the potential for serious injury.

Don't wear loose clothing or jewelry when operating power tools. Never operate a lawn mower in bare feet, keep proper footing and balance at all times—don't overreach; keep children a safe distance away from work area.

Keep the cord away from sharp edges, oil and heat; keep appliances sharp and clean for best and safest performance. Disconnect an appliance before servicing, changing accessories, or lubricating. Follow the manufacturer's directions for servicing the appliance.

That's why St. John Ambulance is suggesting these guidelines for gardening safety: keep work area clean and tidy; don't use electrical appliances in a wet or damp area; store your garden tools in a high and dry place; never force a tool to work faster than the speed for which it was designed or do a job other than the one it was intended for; don't carry an appliance by the cord, and never yank the cord when removing it from a receptacle; grasp the plug, not the wire.

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A couple of weeks ago, I was helping our friend and neighbour, Pete, wrestle his Shorthorn calf back through a hole in the fence. While steering (parton the pun) the front end as I hung on to the tail, Pete growled "Why don't you write one of those cute little articles on handling a calf? You're always telling people what to do with horses!"

Here is Pete's cute little article telling people what to do with a calf, besides the obvious. It's destined to be a very short column because I don't know much about calves, having learned the hard way as a farmer's wife.

The first experience I ever had was in University. It was an agricultural college and I was assigned a dear little Ayre-shire calf to train for our annual agricultural fair.

Being a horsewoman, I approached the eight-month old heifer with kindness and tact. She was introduced to the halter very gently and quietly taught the art of leading. A month later I was tired of getting dragged down the barn alleyway at top speed, or run down by a totally nerve-less beast.

Wondering if I was frightening her in some way, I asked Mack's advice. He gave it—short and to the point.

"First you get a piece of 2" x 2", he said, "Then you trim her up around the ears. When you've got her attention, you wrap her on the nose everytime she tries to run away with you."

Horrified, I watched him put his advice into practice—and it worked. The heifer was the epitome of good manners for him. So calves were different from horses, I found.

When we were first married, I used to assemble the milkers for morning chores while Mack went for the cows. That year we had 13 first-calf-heifers, all somewhat short on brains. Every day the heifers would come racing into the barn with Mack bellowing behind them. He had a string of extremely colourful words he used quite regularly as he wacked the cows' rumps with a tree limb.

Getting fed up with his childish tantrums I declared I was now the official cow fetcher. But the next morning the cattle came racing into the barn with me in tow using language Mack never even guessed I knew. I had spent an unbelievably frustrating half-hour trying to herd those stubborn uncooperative creatures to a barn bulging with delicious and available feed.

In the past 13 years little has happened to change my opinion of cattle training. It's sort of walk-softly-and-carry-a-big-stick approach one needs.

Don't get me wrong I've known and loved some great bovine personalities. We have a little calf now I wouldn't trade for all the horses in the country.

However, cattle seem to respond to a firmer hand than you need with horses. Naturally kindness is the key, but you don't fool around trying to coax a calf to go somewhere, you pick him up and put him there. If you can't herd him (and use a stick when you do this—you can't traumatise a steer like you can a horse by waving a stick at him—however, you can stop yourself from getting runover), grab him by the head and tail, bring his tail up over his back—and he'll go where you want without resentment.

One last note: cattle hurt more than horses do. Last time I kicked a cow, I dislocated my big toe!

Invitation for details of special events

Community groups conducting special events open to the public during the June - September period are invited to submit details of the events to the Halton Hills Recreation Department.

If space permits, the information will be printed in the Summer Recreation Brochure expected to be delivered to all Halton Hills residents in early June.

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Service Sunday

Holy Week services, which have been a tradition in Acton for almost 20 years, begin next Sunday. All three inter-Church services will be in the Christian Reformed church this year.

Preacher is Dr. Murray Ford of McMaster Divinity College.

Services are Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Seven names were missing

The names of seven Heart Fund volunteer canvassers were missing from the list. They are Mrs. T. Boufield, Miss J. Coles, Mrs. J. Collins, Mrs. G. Jordan, Mrs. D. Melton, Mrs. G. Butler and Mrs. F. Perkins.

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