

Weed guide available



LARRY BRASSARD is the new Halton Hills Fire Prevention Officer. He started his job last week.

Ontario weeds, a new publication available from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food will help anyone, from farmer to home gardener, to identify easily 270 of the most common weeds in Ontario.

The publication, released in November, includes with the description 185 drawings and 53 color photographs.

Dr. J. F. Alex, co-author of the publication and member of the faculty of the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) in Guelph, said that although the book is primarily aimed at farmers it will be useful to a number of other people.

He said the book would be a valuable aid to agricultural representatives, weed inspectors, agricultural colleges, schools, naturalists and gardeners.

"What the book will give you is the name, habitat, locality and description of the plant in layman's language, an illustration and characteristics of a particular weed," said Dr. Alex.

Special features of the publication include eight pages of color photographs, enlargements of drawings pointing out the most characteristic identifying features, and names of weeds in both English and French.

"There are basically two ways to use this book," said Dr. Alex. "People will be able to thumb through the book looking at illustrations to identify a weed or use the identification key."

Dr. Alex explained that the identification key uses features of the plant such as the type of stem, leaf, flower and root system to identify the plant.

"The whole idea of the book is to make it easy to identify weeds," he said. "This will cut down the need for specialists to go out to farms to identify weeds."

Used in conjunction with Publication 75, Guide to Chemical Weed Control, Ontario Weeds will enable farmers to get the most effective weed control.

Ontario Weeds has been prepared by members of the OAC faculty periodically since 1891.

The new version, prepared by Dr. Alex and C. M. Switzer, Dean of the OAC, is a complete revision of the 1967 publication.

The publication is now available from Information Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Legislative Buildings, Toronto M7A 1A5.

Payment of \$2.50 must accompany orders for Ontario Weeds, publication 505. Cheques should be made payable to the Treasurer of Ontario.

Electrical tools are either double insulated or provided with three-prong grounding type attachment plug. Never break ground pin off.



TOSSING THE RING IS 4-year-old Mike Brook during Beardmore's annual Christmas party for employees and staff. Holding Mike is his dad Ken while concessionaire Joe DePieri watches. Many families attended.

Don't place immersible appliances in dishwasher or oven. The heat may destroy watertight seal.

Never insert forks or knives into slot of toaster while plugged in. Never place foil-wrapped food into a toaster.

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Safety hints from F.P. officer

by Fire Prevention Officer Larry Brassard

Cheerful lights of Christmas bring a special warmth to the holiday season, but each year tragedy strikes somewhere through electrical fires or other accidents. The main reason is either worn or defective equipment or sheer carelessness.

Christmas lights and electrically-lit decorations are tested and certified by the C.S.A. for safety. However, people often forget the most basic rules when handling electrical equipment. Fire safety precautions should head the list of every sensible family's precautions for Christmas.

There is no place like home for the holidays—there is also no place like home for Christmas fire hazards.

We at the Halton Hills Fire Department would like to give you just a few hints to make your holiday a safer one.

Three steps to safe enjoyment of a natural tree:

—Don't purchase a tree that

has dried out. Test Twigs and needles to see that they are not brittle.

—Store tree out of doors until used.

—When a tree is erected, recut tree butt diagonally and maintain a good water supply.

—Never decorate a tree with candles.

—Do not allow the tree to block access to doors or windows in the event of a fire.

—Some plastic trees are flammable, other artificial trees are fireproof.

—Set up tree away from drapes and from heat sources such as fireplaces, TV sets or radiators.

—Use only CSA certified lighting sets and only non-flammable decorations.

—Switch off tree lights at bedtime or when leaving the house.

—Declare the tree a no smoking area and keep matches out of reach of children.

Once again we would like to wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas.

New position for fire department

Larry Brassard, a Georgetown native, is the first Fire Prevention Officer for Halton Hills.

Mr. Brassard started his job December 14 after being hired by Council. He has served on the Georgetown volunteer fire department for one year before applying for the new opening.

In his job, Mr. Brassard will be working in both Acton

and Georgetown, although he will be based in Georgetown. He will be attending some fires to help find out how the blaze started, and will be doing home and business fire inspections as well as talking to various groups and schools on fire prevention.

Mr. Brassard has taken a fire prevention course in Milton put on by the Halton Region Fire Prevention Association.

Pet of the week



MISTY, A FIVE-month-old West Highland terrier, has one problem, say her owners Tracey and Brian Patterson. She thinks the green shag carpet in the living room is grass. Misty also has a stubborn side as she will not eat any dog food in the morning until she has had her toast. She likes to eat flowers as well.

Collision at intersection

Police estimate about \$1,300 in damage occurred to two vehicles involved in a collision at the intersection of Highway 25 and Milton-Halton Hills Town Line at 3:25 p.m. Saturday.

George Youngson of Acton was northbound on Highway 25 in his 1973 Ford when a 1976 Toyota driven by Cynthia Barker of Milton tried to make a left turn at the intersection.

The two cars collided but no one was injured in the accident.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

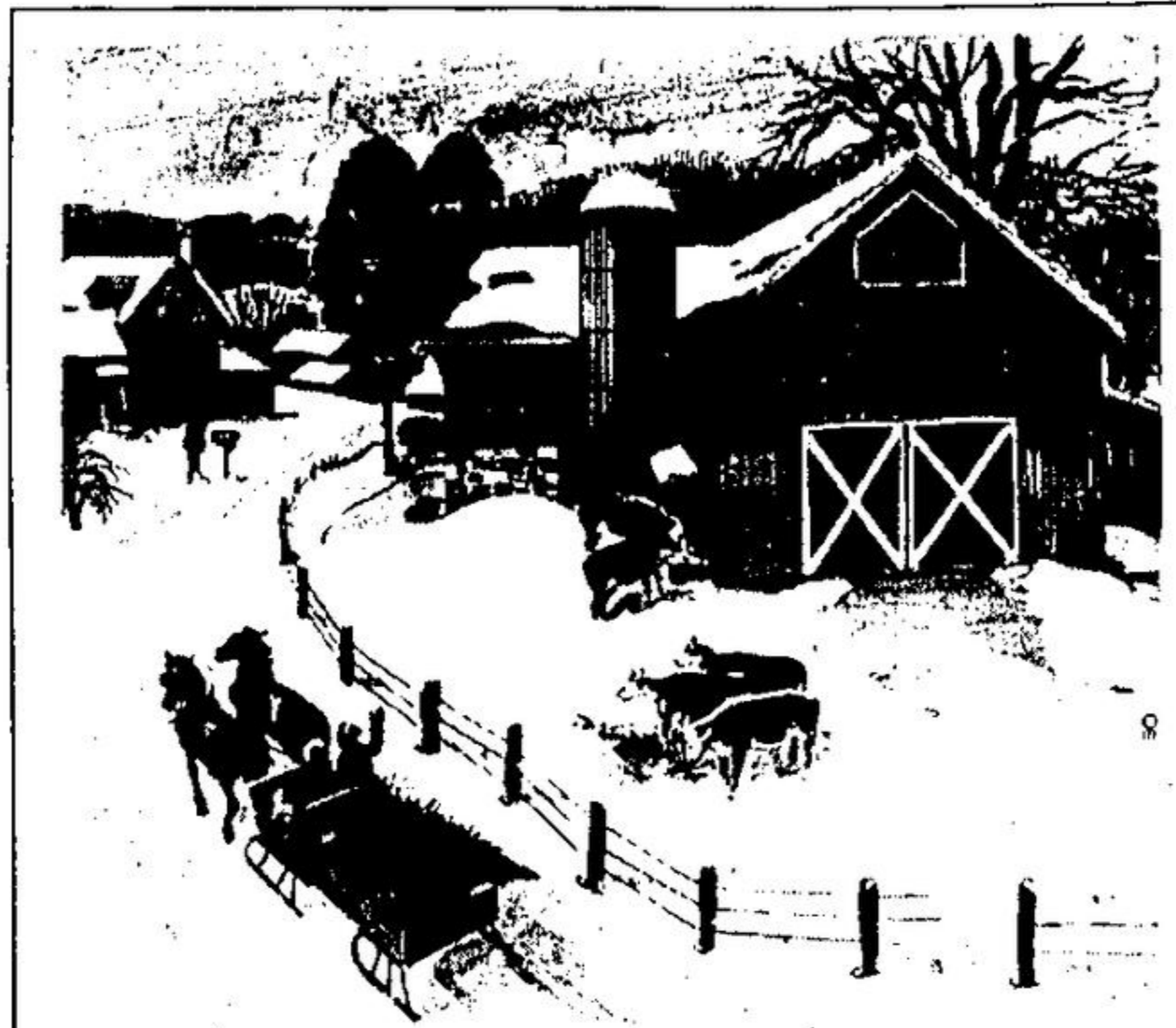
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