



TELLTALE SIGNS of chocolate cookies still lingered on the faces of Adam Clark and Tammy Andrews as they joined in for a sing song at the Y's pre-school gym class on Thursday.



We have a delightful subject to discuss today. Are you sitting comfortably? Close your eyes and project your mind. Ready? Now imagine your manure pile. I knew you'd be thrilled.

By now you're probably so sick of your manure pile you'd rather forget the whole thing. Unless, perhaps, it's buried under great snowdrifts like mine. In which case, you'll have smaller satellite piles, rather like a spider plant, thrusting their little heads above the snow in whichever direction you could stagger that day.

Of course, we all know it's very necessary to keep the pile compact and far away from the barn. If the pile gets closer and closer to the back barn door each week, by spring you'll be faced with a nasty swampy quagmire which the horses will love.

If Mack had his way, our pile would be four foot square at the bottom and twelfth-three feet high - with me tripping lightly up the narrow plank runway with the day's offering. Unfortunately, bionic women though I may be, building a stalactite pile is not within my many talents.

Consequently, our compost spreads far and wide and becomes even flatter when the horses get into the barnyard and have little picnics tromping the straw heap.

Bedding the best
Most experienced stockmen will have developed their own method of stable cleaning. But the poor old novice usually kills himself reading all those English stable management books and trying to keep his stall immaculate with every strand of straw gracefully plaited.

Phoney.
In our cold climate you can get away with deep bedding and weekly cleaning very satisfactorily, unless you have a full staff, boarders paying tidy monthly sums and want to keep up appearances.

Each time you clean the box, muck out all the manure throwing the reusable straw in one corner. When you get to the bottom use this to form an absorbent bed before laying fresh straw. I even use cleanings from the chicken pens for this purpose - it's usually mostly straw anyway. This forms a kitty-litter-type bedding. Throw one or two bales of straw around shaking out well, building up the sides to keep drafts out.

Each day you can pick out the wet centre part in a matter of minutes. Bring more straw down from the edge and shake in a couple more flakes.

In most cases, your horse will be very comfortable until the following Saturday cleaning rolls around.

Needless to say, this method only works for animals who are out in a paddock or field all day leaving half their goodies outside and cleaning their feet with the snow.

The floor of the box stall needs to be thoroughly scraped down every month or so and a fine layer of lime sprinkled all over, to kill any bugs.

Straight stalls need to be cleaned every day or the poor horse will end up standing down hill. However, a modification of the deep bedding technique can be adapted here.

Hopefully you now know all about bedding - horses, that is.

Churchill

Community extends sympathy to bereaved

All ladies of the community are invited to the World Day of Prayer service to be held in Churchill Community Church this Friday, March 4 at 2 p.m. Mrs. Eleanor McFadden will be speaking on the theme "Love in action", and members of the Churchill CC women will assist in the service. Lunch will be served afterwards to give everyone an opportunity for a friendly

time together. We were saddened to learn of the tragic death of Mrs. John McDonald, R.R. 6, Shelburne who was fatally injured in a motor accident last weekend. The McDonalds lived, until a few years ago, on lot 9 of the Fourth con. Erin township, where Mr. McDonald's brothers still reside. Mrs. McDonald was the former Jessie Watson,

and two of her sisters, Bertha (Mrs. Ken Robinson) R.R. 5, Caledon East and Mildred (Mrs. Ralph Sinclair) R.R. 3, Acton, taught in this area. A number from this community attended the funeral at Shelburne on Monday. Sympathy is extended to all members of both families.

Cancelled
Due to icy conditions on Sunday the Churchill Church service was cancelled. The township sand trucks managed to get around and school buses ran as usual Monday but many extremely treacherous spots remain. There are also mountainous snowbanks on the concession that threatened to spread across the roadway on each windy day. Winter hates to let go its grip on us.

Ospringle

Brownies hold birthday party

The first Ospringle Brownie Pack held their own International Birthday Party on Thursday evening, to celebrate "Thinking Day". They brought souvenirs from Holland, Germany, Jamaica and Mexico, to help to decorate the room. Brownie Shirley Fletcher gave a talk on Mexico, and showed some beautiful embroidered clothing, money and other interesting things from there. The girls enjoyed an evening of games from around the world. The birthday cake was in memory of the late Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Guides, and Lady Baden-Powell, the Chief Guide, who celebrated her 88th birthday on Feb. 22.

She spoke on "Killer Bees". The teacher of Area 1 met at the school on Monday at 4 p.m. to discuss the Math Curriculum with Robert McCall, Math Consultant for Wellington County.

Support
The school pupils will be participating in the Red Cross drive which will begin soon, and also the Acton Skate-athon which is coming up this week. They would appreciate your support for these two worthy causes.

George Lang is progressing favourably in Guelph General Hospital following surgery, and will soon be home again.

Accident

Icy roads were the cause of an accident Wednesday on Mill St. Cars owned by Maurice van Gils, 282 Main St., and Margaret Oliver, 79 Churchill St., collided around noon, causing \$225 damage.

Ballinafad

Weather is main discussion topic

The weather over the weekend was the topic of conversation. First, dense fog so school buses did not run on Thursday. It was Saturday's freezing rain storm which caused the most trouble. The back roads were very icy and treacherous. Several motorists needed help on the Townline and Eighth Line corner on Sunday morning. Church service at the Ballinafad Church was cancelled.

Mr. and Mrs. Morley Shortill returned home on Sunday after an enjoyable holiday in Hawaii.

Glad to be able to report that Richard Shortill is back at work after being laid up for some time with phlebitis in his arm. We are happy also that his mother Mrs. Reta Shortill was able to leave hospital on Saturday. Granddaughter Karen Shortill is looking after her while she is recuperating.

Mrs. Pat Laughnan and Mrs. Linda O'Connor accompanied their little daughters Kelly and Susan to the mothers and daughters Brownie banquet at Georgetown one evening last week.

Personal notes
Mr. and Mrs. Les Jamieson entertained a few friends on Saturday evening. They had as weekend guests, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell from Ancaster.

Ebenezer

Prayer service

By Mrs. Ron McLean
The World Day of Prayer is to be observed Friday night at 7.30, at the church. Everyone is welcome.

timely death of Mrs. Ethel Kitching.

Mrs. Horace Blyth had the misfortune to fall and suffer a badly broken ankle. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Rev. Russel and Mrs. Finley have returned from a short holiday in Hawaii.

Sympathy is extended to the Kitching family in the un-

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