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City coons cause local farmers grief

The practice of dumping stray raccoons from Oakville and Burlington into the rural areas by the humane societies is causing thousands of dollars in damages to corn crops, the Halton Federation of Agriculture has charged.

Frank Anthony of Limehouse, who farms a large acreage, estimated his crops sustained \$15,000 in damages from raccoons last year. Anthony said the coons destroy the entire plant by tearing down the corn stalks to eat a few cobs. Damage from the raccoons is increasing, he added.

The Halton Federation of Agriculture said the problem could be alleviated if the humane societies from Oakville and Burlington would stop relocating their raccoons to the rural areas.

Robert Burr, manager of the Oakville Humane Society said the problem is not as simple as the farmers believe.

While the farmers are complaining about the damage caused by raccoons, they are setting leg-hold traps to catch coyotes, the natural predators, of raccoons and rabbits, he said.

"The more coyotes you get rid of the

more problems you have with raccoons and rabbits," said Burr. "You're getting caught in a vicious circle by trying to cut down some animals and getting an abundance of other animals."

Burr suggested it was time the farmers' the department of natural resources and other involved parties discussed the problems together rather than acting singularly.

Burr said the Oakville Humane Society relocates more than 100 raccoons each year from the city to the rural area.

It only kills those raccoons which are severely injured.

Burr said the raccoons are usually released in the Bronte Creek Provincial Park, Lion's Valley Park and along the Bronte and 16 Mile Creeks. The humane society attempts to release the raccoons in different areas, he said.

"We don't just take them out to somebody's field," said Burr.

A few raccoons have been released as far north as Collingwood, when humane society staff members go camping, he said.



Lacing them up are Carol Arseneault, Linda Flisay, Gail Lamorea, Adam and Jennifer Vickery at Rockwood's outdoor rink in the park.

Rockwood

Bahais to hold party for Days of Happiness

The Baha'i Community of Rockwood are having a "Days of Happiness" party for the children of Eramosa on Sunday, February 28 at 2 p.m. at the Rockwood Town Hall.

Challet company will be performing excerpts from Cinderella. The ballet was choreographed by Bernd Jucke, formerly a dancer with the Stratsvad Ballet Co. of East Germany. Rosemary Doyle, a former dancer with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet will be performing.

Besides the ballet, there will be a magician, lots of music, a pinata and many other treats.

There is no admission charge.

Eramosa Public School will again be having a theme day this year. The theme will be the color "green", and will be on March 11, coinciding very nicely with St. Patrick Day. The children will be divided into 10 or 12 groups with each group made up of children from all grades. The school asks any parent who can think of a "green" activity or can donate time for the day

to let the school know. Parents are also invited to drop in and see the fun on that day.

The last lecture on World Religion is tonight (Wednesday) in the Music Room at Rockwood Centennial School beginning at 8 p.m. Tonight's lecturer will be Mr. C. Fraser who will speak on the Baha'i faith.

Mrs. Nancy Munnings has been appointed secretary to the Eramosa Planning Board. Her duties will begin on March 1.

Euchre at St. John's Parish Hall is this Thursday (February 25) night beginning at 8 p.m. There is a general admission of \$2 and \$1.50 for seniors. Prizes will be given for high, lone and low scores. Refreshments will be served. All proceeds go to the restoration fund for St. John's.

Friday night (February 26) is Movie Night at Rockwood Centennial School. The Lions are again presenting a "Walt Disney" movie along with cartoon. Show time is 7 p.m. with a general admission of \$1. Everyone is welcome.

Churchill

Learn about cosmetics

The February meeting of Churchill C.C.W. was held at the home of Mrs. Eleanor Thompson, Tuesday February 16. Vice-President Mrs. Lydia Kerr presided.

Joanna Turner led in devotions using scripture Luke 4:6-20 and offered some thoughts about the Ten Days for World Development movement.

Linda and Craig Cullingham recently enjoyed a week's holiday in Florida. They flew down to attend the Daytona 500, then spent the next few days relaxing at Coco Beach. From the beach they could see the space shuttle upright on its launching pad at Cape Canaveral and so took a tour of the Kennedy Space Centre which they found fascinating. During their absence Craig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cullingham stayed at

the farm with the children.

Eden Mills

25th anniversary for village couple

Valentine cake and ice cream. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rinehart entertained Jean's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomson of Unionville and Ms. Susan Dewar, Toronto, at a dinner party last week.

There were 16 people out to the Friendly Seniors meeting on Wednesday. Congratulations to Jack Milne who will be celebrating his 89th birthday on February 24. Some social games of euchre were enjoyed and refreshments were a

and Tammy. Sincere congratulations to Donna and Trav on this special celebration and best wishes for many more happy anniversaries.

Friends and relatives met in the Community Hall on Saturday evening to honor Mr. and Mrs. Travis Clifford on the occasion of their Silver Wedding anniversary. Among the guests were their six children, Tyler, Tim, Tracey, Terry, Trudy (Alger)

Communion was held on Sunday at the Presbyterian Church and Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Patterson were welcomed as new members.

The U.C.W. will be serving their March noon luncheon on Wednesday, March 3—come out and enjoy the food and fellowships.

Ospringle

Elect new church board

After church service at Knox Presbyterian on Sunday morning a pot luck lunch was enjoyed. Then while the children watched some films, the rest of the congregation had their annual meeting. Rev. Noble Dean was chairman for the occasion, and Laurel Vlietstra was secretary. Alex Morrison, Ralph Sinclair and Toni VanManen were elected Board of Managers, and Glen Jackson auditor.

Rev. Noble Dean will be on study leave for the next three weeks. In the meantime Rev. George Lewis will be taking the services.

The Sunday School will be having an indoor winter carnival on Sun. March 7, from 10:45 a.m. to 4:22 noon, at the church. All the children in the community are welcome to attend. For more information you may call the Jacksons at 855-4389.

The Ospringle Guides recently enjoyed an afternoon of skiing and tobogganing. After a vigorous ski through fields and woods, the girls enjoyed hot chocolate and homemade cookies around an open fire.

Four patrol leaders of the Guides attended a training school in Guelph and learned new skills to bring back to our company.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken made a round trip of a few days to visit their family - Mike and Joan Hutchinson and family at Elgin; John and Penny Aitken and family, Sherlock and Mary Aitken and Heather at Ottawa.

Ospringle school basketball team had a very close and exciting game with Erin Public school last Tuesday.

Ospringle won 20 to 18. A white elephant sale will be held at Ospringle school March 19. They will welcome any items sent to the school, including rooted plants for the plant sale.

Congratulations to Mark Milicevic, a grade 6 student, who placed first in oral communications, and will represent Ospringle school at the area finals in Hillsburgh on Wednesday. His topic was "Bees". Second place went to Heidi Scholtsch, speaking on the Rideau canal, and third place was Julie Lewandowski on Skiing.

Honourable mention was given to Debbie Sinclair with her speech on Rubex, and to Brian Thomas on Currency. Judges were David Woodall, student minister at Mimosa United Church, Joanne Turner and Doris Fines. Questioners were Ian Sanders and Nancy Trimble.

An exchange of valentines was the roll call for the February meeting of Ospringle Ladies' Aid. Mrs. Bruce W. Smith was the hostess, and Mrs. Ward Bruce opened the meeting with a couple of readings, "Love Affair with People" and "The Beginning of the Year". This was followed by a hymn "Simply Trusting".

Mrs. Ralph Sinclair was in charge of the study book, and talked about the lives of Jacob and Esau. A contest was conducted by Mrs. Bruce on birds from the Bible, which was won by Mrs. Ralph Sinclair, first, and Mrs. Vernon Stewart, second. The meeting closed with prayer, and lunch was served by the hostess.

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