

Lois McNabb, Janet Nurse Winners of W.I. Bursary

Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Jesse McEnery attended a district meeting for Halton County W. I. in Milton on Monday afternoon. Arrangements were made for district day which will be held on Oct. 29 at Stewarttown. The winners for the W. I. bursary were announced, both going to Ashgrove. Lois McNabb, who attended Milton high school and is now going to McMaster University won top honours and Janet Nurse, who attended Georgetown high and is now taking a 4 year radio and television course at Ryerson College in Toronto received second. Action will be hostess for district annual next May and it was favoured at the meeting to hold the annual morning and afternoon instead of afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Jesse McEnery, Mrs. Norman Sinclair, Mrs. F. J. Shortill and Mrs. Floyd Shortill attended a shower for their cousin at Grand Valley on Sunday. It was for a bride-to-be Miss Anna Nodwell and was held at the home of her aunt Mrs. Young.

The third meeting of the 4-H Homemaking Club got underway on Saturday morning at the community centre. The girls who have chosen the name Lazy Daisies for their club were shown two demonstrations. Miss Irene Keir was present to show how a picture could be enlarged for a wall hanging. Mrs. Jamieson and Mrs. A. Keir showed the club how to

this community for a number of years when the family farmed on the 8th line.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jamieson called on friends at Shelburne on Sunday afternoon.

The sacrament of Holy Communion was observed at the church on Sunday. Three had their membership transferred from other churches. Mrs. Dan O'Connor from St. Andrew's Georgetown, Mrs. Pinkerton from her former place of worship in England and Mr. Pinkerton, who came from the village of Pinkerton near Walkerton, Ontario.

We extend sympathy to the Isley family in the loss of Mrs. Henry Isley whose funeral was held on Friday. Mrs. Isley lived in

Mrs. Edith Barnes returned home recently from a vacation spent in England where she visited relatives and friends.

McCullough - Mitchell Combo Wins First Tennis Tourney

Gord McCullough and Mark Mitchell took an easy victory from George Kelly and Gord Barclay to capture the first organized competition at the tennis courts in Joseph Gibbons Memorial Park on the weekend. The event was Georgetown Tennis Club's Opening and Registration Tournament contested by 40 entrants.

First matches were held Saturday morning until rain halted play. The eliminations continued Sunday under less than ideal weather conditions.

Typical of the hard fought matches was the semi-final in which George Kelly and Gord Barclay narrowly defeated Tom Goss and Brian Love.

Some 50 spectators watched the final in a chilling wind.

INSTALL NEW NETS

Installation of new nets given by the Georgetown Recreation Committee was part of the program.

The tennis club is arranging a winter program of films and intends to strive toward a larger membership before the start of next year's session.

Requests have been made for tuition and the club is interested in hearing from anyone who feels qualified to help with coaching. During the 1971 season the club hopes to run continuous ladder tournaments and ladies' mornings.

Membership forms are available from P.O. Box 115. Fees paid now are valid until March, 1972.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Ragweed, Not Goldenrod Is Source of Hay Fever

Dear Sir:
As a biologist I doubt whether Halton County Council's classification of "goldenrod" as an obnoxious weed is valid.

Grasses and Ragweeds, which are the major plant species responsible for hay fever, are wind-pollinated, i. e. they depend on air currents to carry the pollen from the male parts of one plant to the female parts of another. This is a rather unreliable means of transport and thus vast quantities of pollen are produced and discharged into the air. It is little wonder that these pollens are in the air we breathe.

THIEVES BUSY
Thieves were busy at the fair over the week-end when they rifled the purses of two lady directors. One lady lost \$40 but the other director didn't carry money with her.

A Brownie pack meets at the church every Monday afternoon after school under the leadership of Brown Owl Mrs. E. Hibbert.

— Winnifred Smith

Goldenrods, however, have a much more specialized pollination mechanism. They rely on insects that are attracted to the brightly coloured flowers to carry the pollen from one plant to another. Since insects are a more reliable means of transport much less pollen is produced than in wind-pollinated plants and little of the pollen

is allowed to be wasted by being released into the air.

It is thus unlikely that we inhale much goldenrod pollen.

To the uninitiated, goldenrods are obvious culprits since they are very conspicuous and flower at a time that hay fever frequently occurs. Ragweeds flower at the same time but they are extremely inconspicuous. Hence people are misled.

Unfortunately there is a price attached to this mistake which is made up of the following:

- 1) The financial cost to landowners (especially to farmers) of eradicating the species.
- 2) The environmental costs in terms of:
 - (a) Possible side effects of the herbicides that would be used to eradicate the species (e.g. other autumn wildflowers such as Asters might also be destroyed);
 - (b) The destruction of habitats

for other species, e.g. the numerous insects that feed upon goldenrods which in turn provide food for other animals, particularly birds.

3) The social costs. The pleasure that some people gain from the appearance of goldenrods in the countryside is real. Remove the goldenrods and the quality of their lives will be reduced.

It is appropriate that this is Survival Week in which Canada

ans are being asked to develop ecological wisdom in order that man may survive.

We must insist that this message is heeded by our County councillors most of whom have demonstrated by this action that they have little concern for the health of our environment and little competence to make decisions that affect it.

Yours faithfully,
Roger Frost

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