

Norval News

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High-ranking Holsteins

NORVAL-Congratulations to Bill and Paul Laidlaw, RR2 Norval, on their two excellent cows that were graded by Holstein Canada three weeks ago. Also congratulations to Corndale Farm, Mia Farm and Agram Farm (formerly Pickland Farm), all of RR2 Georgetown, who each had one excellent cow.

Euchre night

NORVAL-The Halton Plowmen Association will be holding a euchre night at the Boyne Community Centre on March 21 at 8 p.m.

Good prizes can be won and lunch will be served.

Get well wishes

NORVAL-Get well wishes to Keith Webb, Norval who has been a patient in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton for the past month. Also get well wishes to George Burt, RR2 Georgetown, who is again back in Georgetown hospital.

Best wishes to Jim Fisher who has been a patient in Georgetown hospital for some time.

Congratulations to Reta Hunter of Burlington who celebrated her birthday in the Joseph Brant Hospital, Burlington on March 12

Goods taken in break-in

Two hundred cartons of cigarettes were included among about \$5,000 worth of goods taken from a Queen Street, Acton Mini-Mart Thursday night.

Someone who entered the store by prying open the rear door also left the premises with \$1,600 in cash, 20 packages of cigars, 20 packages of cigarettes, 30 boxes of Kodak film, and 100 scratch and win lottery tickets, say Halton Regional Police.

The unknown suspect entered the premises sometime between 11 p.m. March 9 and 8:30 a.m. March 10.

Police continue to investigate the break and enter and theft.

with her husband Albert and daughters Marion and Jamie Richardson, Lois and Jack James and Margaret and Keith Dennis and families. Daughter Janet was unable to be present.

Sympathy sent

NORVAL-Sincere sympathy is extended to Chester Early, RR1 Norval, on the death of his sister Sarah Early Carpani, who passed away on Feb. 25 in the Vancouver Hospital in her 85th year.

Beloved wife of the late Stanley Carpani, she left Ontario in 1925 and took up residence in Saskatoon where she resided for over 20 years near her brother Spencer Early. Later, she moved to the Pacific coast and lived in the Vancouver area for over 40 years. Besides her brother Chester, she was predeceased by half-brothers Spencer and Harold Early and sisters Myril Harrop, Mable Thatcher and Hazen Fendley. Cremation followed the ceremony.

Sudden death

NORVAL-Ashgrove residents were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Vernon Picket, who passed away at his RR3 Georgetown home Jan. 29. He was found in his home by his daughter Verna Bird.

Vern was born and raised in a family of nine, the son of John and Sarah Picket, RR1 Hornby. He attended Bethel United Church.

He married Dorothy Ball in 1938 and they took up farming on Trafalgar Road west of Georgetown. That farm is now known as Valcor Export Livestock Ltd. The pair farmed in Halton Hills for a number of years, until they sold their farm and moved to their Vernet farm west of Stewarttown. They, along

with their children, continued to operate their dairy business and breed Holstein cattle.

In 1972 Vern and his wife Dorothy retired to their home across the road but he was left a widower in 1981.

Vern was a farmer at heart and he enjoyed working with the good earth. He was never happier than when he was battling the elements in seedtime and harvest. He was meticulous when it came to his farming and his home and he was always striving to make life better. He was best when it came to plowing matches or turning the sod.

Vern was close to his church and received a lot of satisfaction in attending Hillcrest United Church, where he served on several boards.

Beloved husband of the late Dorothy Ball and dear father of Verna and her husband George Bird, RR2, Georgetown, Doris and her husband Alan Rigg of Acton and Larry Picket and his wife Mary of Clifford. Also, loved by seven grandchildren, Marilyn, Charles, David and Ronald Bird, Lisa and Laurie Picket and the late Liz Howden. Brother of Claude Picket, Margaret Poplewell, Gladys Lister, Edna Featherstone and John Picket. Predeceased by Dorothy Hayward, Harry Picket and Edith Rayner.

Funeral service was held at Hillcrest United Church on Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Jean Jones conducting the service. She was assisted by the former Minister Rev. John Griffin.

Pallbearers were Ward Brownridge, Fred Nurse, Bruce McClure, Bob Taylor, Casey Boss and Angel Herrera. Flower bearers were John McNabb and Ford Wickson. Interment was in Bethel Cemetery.

Halton board grapples with first aid policy

While a policy to increase first aid in Halton schools travels a sluggish path through the Halton Board of Education, trustees are expressing concerns that the policy won't cover all areas of safety.

The \$50,000 first aid policy was first introduced to the board in January when presented by Superintendent of Special Education Services, Garry Crossman. The policy has since come up twice for information. If passed, it could see 200 staff trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), beginning as early as September, 1989.

Staff members will volunteer to have training in First Aid, said Mr. Crossman. He said legally, the board cannot force staff to take a St. John's Ambulance course.

This raised concerns for Georgetown and area trustee Dick Howitt. Mr. Howitt said schools in North Halton with smaller populations could suffer a lack of volunteers.

But Mr. Crossman assured there will be 10 hours of first aid service at all elementary schools and 15

hours per week at all secondary schools.

Burlington trustee Marg Bullock was concerned about lunchroom safety. She said supervisors in school cafeterias should be trained in the Heimlich manoeuvre.

"Is choking an issue or is it only a minor consideration?" said Mrs. Bullock.

The board staff said funds would be set aside for Heimlich manoeuvre training.

Milton trustee Bill Harrison said he feared the board was opening "a Pandora's Box" by implementing a first aid program in the schools.

But Mr. Crossman said although the policy would "increase our commitment, undoubtedly," he added that it was a "necessary" policy.

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