

Donna Danielli's

"Just Kidding Around"



A BUSY FALL

It's almost September again and even though the kids are going back to school, there are still lots of things going on in the way of community events and fall registrations. The highlight of September for my family is always the Fall Fairs. Please see page 1 for an overview. Meanwhile, I've gathered all the September events and registrations that I could find and listed them below. If there's something that you'd like to see mentioned in upcoming columns, call me at 905-854-2469.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept.23 Crawford Lake has its annual Indian Summer Festival. Special events will include native arts & crafts, wagon rides, breadmaking and a discovery hunt with prizes. From 10-4 p.m. Call 905-854-0234 for info.

Sept.27 & Oct.4 Halton County Radial Museum hosts an Autumn Colour Special. Ride streetcars through a red and orange coloured hardwood forest. A great chance to enjoy fall's foliage. Call 519-356-9802.

Sept.27 Mountsberg's Strictly for the Birds Trail Run. Bring the whole family for a 1K walk, dawdle or stroll, a 2K junior fun run or a 10K trail run through field, meadow and forest. There will also be horsedrawn rides, a BBQ lunch and live birds of prey. This is a registered event and the first 100 registrants will receive a free t-shirt. Call 905-854-2276 for info.

REGISTRATIONS

Halton Hills Libraries offer a variety of programs. Baby Tales, a 20 minute program for babies aged 6-23 months and a parent or caregiver runs in Georgetown on Thursdays at 10:45 from Oct. 8-Nov.12. Tales for Twos, for two year olds and parents or caregivers, runs in Georgetown on Fridays at 10:45 from Oct.17-Nov.21, as well as Saturdays at 10:45 from Oct.17-Nov.21, and in Acton on Fridays at 10:45 from Oct.16-Nov.20. Preschool Storytime for children between 3 and 5 years of age takes place in Georgetown on Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. and in Acton on Wednesdays at 2:00 from Oct.7-Nov.25. Registration for these programs is by lottery and registration forms are available Sept.1-25. You must bring proof of your child's birthdate when returning the registration form.

Milton Jiu Jitsu offers self defense courses for 5-8 year olds on Saturday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m. This is an ongoing class, you can register at anytime. Call 878-1074 for more info.

Halton Hills Children's Chorus has open membership throughout September for the 1998-1999 season. This is for 5-16 year olds who enjoy singing. For an appointment, call Sharon Dutton at 905-873-1177.

Campbellville Girl Guides and Scouts register at Campbellville Lion's Hall from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on September 8.

Acton Boy Scouts register at the Acton Scout House from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on September 14.

Hornby-Ashgrove Boy Scouts register at Hillcrest United Church from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on September 16.

Glen Williams Boy Scouts register at Glen Williams School from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on September 14.

Limehouse Beavers and Cubs register at Limehouse Memorial Hall from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on September 15.

Georgetown Boy Scouts register at St. Andrews United Church basement from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on September 14.

For information regarding Boy Scouts of North Halton, call John Rothwell at 905-877-8988.

Monarch Basketball is accepting registrations for its OBAA instructional program, Oct.6. call 905-854-2714.

Older kids (15-30 years of age) might enjoy the great social times of Halton Junior Farmers. Call John Opsteen at 905-878-3988 to find out more.

New Stuff: Milton Community Resource Centre will continue to offer its registered nursery school, the Country Playroom, at Ebenezer Church on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, but new this year is a Drop-In on Tuesday mornings from 9:15-11:15. Children and adults are invited to drop in, meet new friends, play and socialize in a welcoming environment. Call 905-876-1244, ext.12 for details.

DCFRN - link to progress

By BETTY BROWNRIDGE
SOUTH ESQUESING

Developing Countries Farm Radio Network, a mainstay of rural life around the globe, is an important tool for farmers in the developing worlds, thanks to a programme network.

In 1975, George Atkins of Oakville, senior farm commentator at the CBC for 25 years, met two farm broadcasters in Zambia on a workshop tour of Africa, helping broadcasters to upgrade their skills. They talked about how they could help very poor farmers if only they had the means to learn about what farmers are doing in one place, and share that knowledge with farmers in another.

From that brief meeting and simple idea, George started DCFRN in 1979. It was sponsored first by Massey Ferguson, later by the University of Guelph and then the Canadian International Development Agency. Now, of course, there are many individual supporters as well.

The organization produces scripts suitable for radio broadcasts. The local people adapt them to suit their community needs: for example, dramas, posters, puppet shows and skits. These scripts are prepared in Toronto and sent out to local broadcasters in three languages: English, French and Spanish. The scripts are then translated into 237 languages in 121 countries and heard by more than 500 million people.

One husband and wife team, with an estimated audience of one-and-a-half million, use network health scripts in preparing programmes on child survival and development (shades of Women's Institutes in the early 1900's).

One script is based on an interview by Jennifer Pittet of the DCFRN with Shirley Sifunda, a Community Outreach Worker of Ecolink in South Africa. Shirley met with village women to talk about their nutrition and health problems. They were very poor and the whole village was undernourished.

Shirley took a spade and dug a trench, one metre by two

metres by 45 centimetres deep. She asked the women what they had to put in to enrich the soil. They could see nothing. Shirley put in some rubbish that was lying around, including rotting leftovers from people's kitchens, vegetable scraps, fruit skins, peelings, egg shells, maize cobs, wood ash and garden waste. She added five tin cans which would add iron to the soil as well as papers for organic material. Shirley watered it and covered the material with soil and planted vegetable seeds. When she returned in three weeks the trench was covered in seedlings and ten more trenches had been prepared. Two months later there were forty trenches.

Over time the health of the community improved and now they sell produce and put the money into other projects. They call the gardens "hunger graveyards" because they are burying their hunger, all started from a pile of rubbish.

A "George Atkins Communications Award" has been set up to recognize the outstanding achievements of members of the DCFRN. This year's award goes to Haroldo Hugo Dilagosto of Buenos Aires province in Argentina. He is a teacher and organized

the FM Radio school in 1993. The station reaches 500 families. The equipment was donated by a local organization and individuals. The students involved attend grades six and seven. They create their own programmes of study using network scripts and plan on-air activities relevant to their own community. Sometimes they try the techniques themselves to prepare broadcasts using scripts to provide information about nutrition and balanced diets. They also provide information on environmental issues.

The FM school is an inspiring programme giving students practical skills and providing useful information to communities.

George's daughter Mary Carley of Nassagaweya is also involved in DCFRN as a member of its board of directors and also serves as the board's secretary.

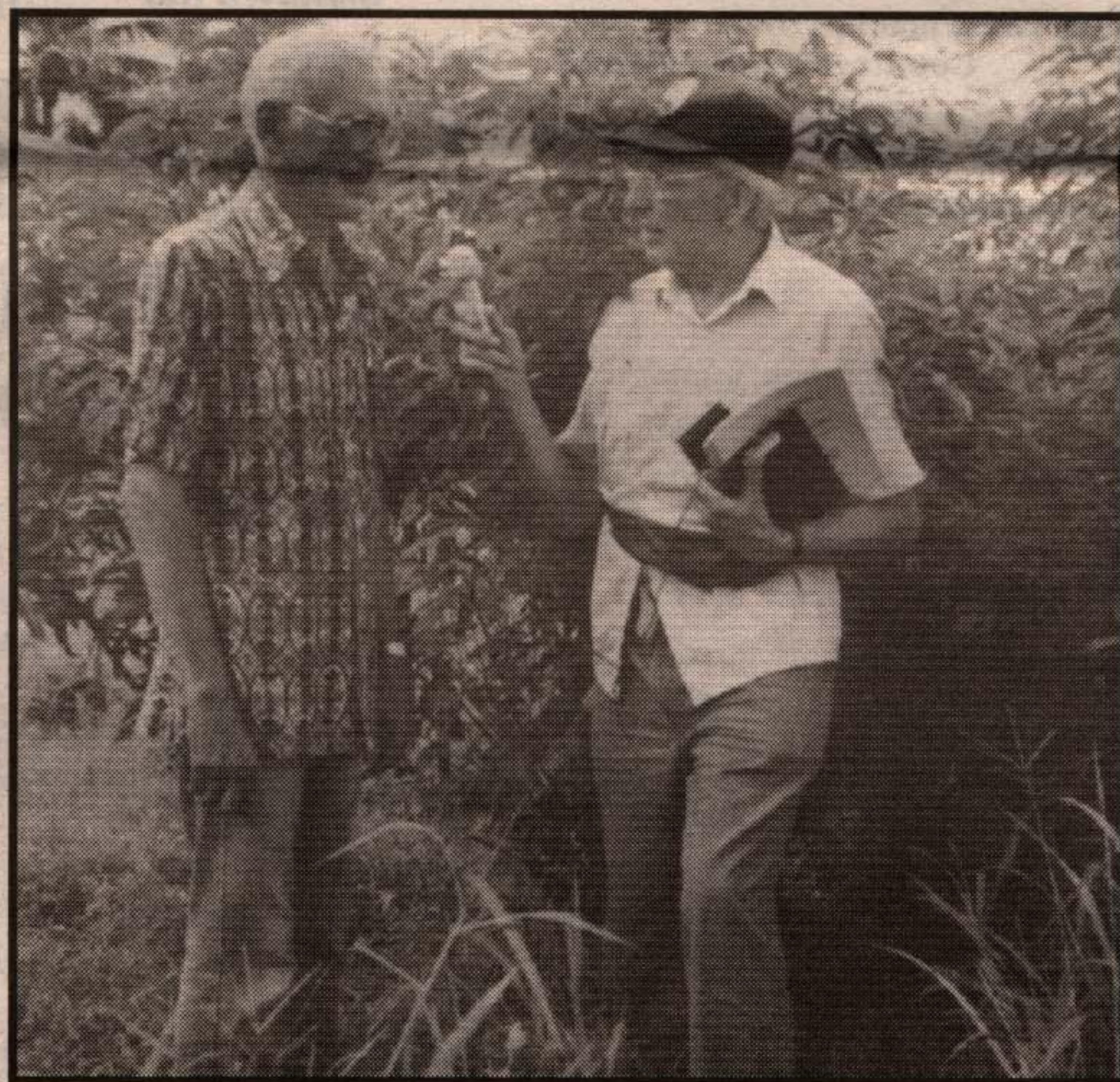
For information, write to: Developing Countries Farm Radio Network, 366 Adelaide St. W., Suite 706, Toronto, ON M5V 1R9

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Brookville Country Playroom

at the
Ebenezer Church
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DROP IN
On Tuesdays beginning September 8th
For Parents, Caregivers and Children (0-5 years)
9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Milton Community Resource Centre
Fee: \$2.00 per visit

NEW READING READINESS PROGRAM IN SEPT., 1998
AGES 2 1/2 TO 5
contact Heather or Susan
905-876-1244

Consider the Lilies of the Field: Victorian Lessons of the Natural World

Come to an exhibit opening, harvest lunch and gardening workshop with two speakers Sunday, August 30, 12 p.m.

The display, which explores Victorian attitudes to nature from earliest settlement times, includes outstanding examples of the 19th century horticultural from Milton's Craig Gamache and rarely seen items from the museum's artifact collection.

Tickets are \$25 reserved in advance.
Call 905-875-2200.

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