

**FARM NEWS**



—Staff Photo

COUNTY HONORS Certificates were presented to 12 girls at the 4-H Homemaking Clubs Achievement Day on Thursday of last week at the Agricultural Buildings in Milton. Shown in the front row with their certificates are left to right: Marilyn Wilson, Hertha Brucker, Joan Brooks, Margaret Morrison; centre row: Bette Rose, Carol McCarron, Barbara Rose, Audrey Auckland; back row: Anna Peacock, Joanne Patterson, Sharon Blyth and Jean Britton.

**4-H Homemaking Clubs Hold Achievement Day**

Halton County's summer Achievement Day for 4-H Homemaking Clubs was held in the Agricultural Hall, Milton Fair grounds, on Thursday, July 3. Marking the completion of the spring project, "Clothes Closets Up to Date", 109 members from the 12 clubs in the county exhibited their record books and such articles as padded hangers, garment covers, laundry bags, shoe packs, hat stands, hat covers and boudoir boxes. The result was a very gay and colorful display of useful and attractive clothes closet accessories.

As usual the morning was taken up with activities which gave club members an opportunity to practise their powers of judgment developed during the project. One method of doing this was the assembling by each girl of samples of materials from which she considered an attractive and practical set of closet accessories could be made. Colour and quality of materials here and many interesting combinations were worked out. There were also judging classes of garment covers and other sets of accessories.

Visiting home economists who assisted with this program and gave guidance to the girls, were Miss Carolyn Kelman from Lincoln, Welland, and Haldimand counties; and Miss Carmel Coady from Wentworth, Waterloo and Brant. Halton was especially privileged in having Miss Florence P. Eadie, supervisor of Junior Extension for the Home Economics Service of the Department of Agriculture, as a guest. Miss Florence Martineau, a new staff member, was present as well, to observe and assist.

Many mothers and other interested visitors attended the afternoon program when the Clubs presented exhibits, demonstrations and skits of their own devising, to illustrate the knowledge they had gained.

**Many Groups**

Using the topic "Clothes Closets Up to Date" for their exhibit were Hornby Busy Bees, Hornby Snappy Snippers, Limehouse Clothes Hangers, Nassagaweya Thimble Bells, Nelson Tidy Teens, Palermo Sewettes, and Scotch Block Clothes Closets Neat. The commentators: Carol McCarron, Joanne Patterson,

Audrey James, Lorraine Richardson, Beverley Roe, Dorothy Tovell, and Beverley Newell, further contributed to the interest of these exhibits.

"The Well Equipped Clothes Closet" was the assigned subject for demonstrations and skits and was interpreted in varied and interesting ways, by Margaret Austin and Marilyn Wilson of the Ashgrove Modern Misses; Shirley Spiece, Lynda Swackhamer and Donna Ledger of Bannockburn Tidy Teens; June Rennie, Joyce Rennie and Shirley Langevin from the Dublin Tidy Ten; Margaret Whewell and Marie Curtis of Omagh Union Snippers; and Judy Walker, Ineka Koeslag, Marilyn Murray and Margaret Hearn from the Stewarttown 7th Line Susies.

Miss Eadie and Miss Coady made suitable suggestions for the improvement of all exhibits, demonstrations and skits, and Mrs. Borgstrom, Halton's Home Economist, who supervised the program, commented on the individual work of all members.

Greetings from Halton Women's Institutes, many of whom sponsor Homemaking Clubs in their communities, were brought by Mrs. George Somerville, past president of the district.

**Spoons Presented**

At the close of the afternoon program, silver 4-H Homemaking Club spoons were presented to all Club Members, and 4-H Crests to those completing their first project.

Certificates of Achievement were awarded for two projects completed; county honors for six and provincial honors for twelve. Martha May of Hornby North was the

**Silver Medal Sire**

Lindale Beacon Avonlad, a Jersey by owned by Peter G. Morrison, St. Marys, Ontario, and bred by Maurice C. Beaty, Milton, Ontario, has been awarded a Silver Medal certificate by the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club. Avonlad, so far, has nine tested daughters that average 10,039 lbs. of milk and 518 lbs. of fat, mostly made in the herd of H. J. Watt, St. Marys, Ontario.

**Hold Land Judging Contests In Six Counties This Summer**

In order to train farm people to recognize soil characteristics and to appreciate the importance of the proper care of the land, land judging contests will be held this summer in six Ontario counties. Land contests are training events similar to livestock judging events; instead of a class of animals, a class of fields is used, and contestants are provided with score cards. "It cannot be repeated too often

**Halton 4-H'ers At Club Week**

Sixty Halton 4-H Club Members, in Agricultural Clubs, visited the Ontario Agricultural College, Cuelph, last Friday, July 4th. The occasion was 4-H Club Week at the College, and approximately 1,200 Club Members took part in the program from July 2 to 4.

During the morning the club members toured the campus of Macdonald Institute, Ontario Veterinary College, and the Ontario Agricultural College. The morning tour concluded with a visit to the Ontario Reformatory where the club members were able to see the landscaping work carried on.

Dr. H. D. Branion, head of the Nutrition Department and acting president, welcomed the group to the college. One of the highlights of the afternoon included a tour of the new physical education building. This building was recently opened, and is one of the most up to date buildings of its kind in Canada. Also in the afternoon program were educational features by the animal husbandry and field husbandry departments.

that a knowledge of soils helps protect the land" states Prof. T. H. Lane, Department of Soils, Ontario Agricultural College. "A knowledge of the soil helps in making farm appraisals and in realizing farm investments. Thus it is information that farmers and others concerned with farm operations cannot afford to be without. In fact, the ability to recognize productive soil is the basic information for success in all agriculture."

Following are the land judging contests, and dates they are to be held:  
 July 11 — Waterloo County (Woolwich Township)—farm of L. Freeman, Conestoga.  
 July 23 — Middlesex County (South Huron and North Middlesex)—site to be selected.  
 July 24—Halton County — (Esqueving Township) — farm of D. Charles, Georgetown.  
 July 30—Peel County—the third such contest in Peel County—site to be selected.  
 Aug. 21—York County — (E. Gwillimbury Township)—farm of Murray Cupples, Mt. Albert.  
 Aug. 28—Ontario County—(Site to be selected).

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**HOG PRODUCERS**

A vote on the continuance of the Ontario Hog Producers' Marketing plan will be held on Friday, July 25th.

Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., local time.

A list of voters is being prepared by your Municipal Clerk. If you are a hog producer make sure your name is listed. Remember you must vote in the Township in which you reside.

The Ontario Farm Products Marketing Board has directed a letter to all producers on the voters' list. If you have not received a letter, check to make certain you are registered.

Consult the voters' list or check with your Municipal Clerk for the location of your polling booth.

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**HALTON COUNTY WEED CONTROL NEWS**

V. E. McARTHUR, COUNTY WEED INSPECTOR

The "Thistle" Family Thistles of several varieties can be found in Halton County. They are among the most familiar weeds. Their prickles grow in patches in open fields, vacant lots, and roadsides, rather than in wooded areas.

Probably the most common member of the thistle family is the "Canada Thistle", a perennial weed spreading by creeping root stalks and seeds. The branching stem has numerous unstalked leaves that are deeply indented and the margins have many rigid, spine tipped teeth. The flower is a lavender shade, about 3/8 inch in diameter and borne in clusters; the seeds are equipped with tufts of hair which act as parachuters and enable them to travel long distances on a windy day.

The "Bull Thistle" differs from the "Canada Thistle" being a biennial plant, much greater in size and having very large upright heads of deep purple flowers. "Bull Thistle" leaves are woolly-hairy on the under surface only.

Another similar member of the family is the "Scotch Thistle" usually a little taller than the "Bull Thistle" and has wider prickly wings on the stem, also wider and larger leaves but has almost the same deep purple flower. One sure way to distinguish the two is by the dense white woolly-hairy condition found covering the entire plant.

Not quite so common here al-

though found in some places is the "Nodding Thistle" whose large head is too heavy for the stem and causes it to droop. It can be recognized by its nodding appearance. Thistles growing on waste land, old pastures or vacant lots can be controlled by spraying with 2,4-D low volatile ester at the rate of at least 16 ounces of active acid per acre. In many cases however spot spraying, cultivation or cutting are more practical methods of control. A new chemical called A.T.A. (Amino Triazole) is recommended this year by the Department of Agriculture. This material can be procured in small packages under various trade names in powder form. It is applied in a spray or sprinkler and is quite safe to use as the fumes are not dangerous to other susceptible plants such as tomatoes and grapes.

An old maid created a stir in the local seed store the other day. She walked in and asked the clerk to give her instructions on how to sow wild oats.

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