

Farm News Page

4-H Club Members Complete Tests In Livestock and Crop Club Work

The final meetings for the Halton Grain, Potato and Forage clubs were held on Tuesday, August 11th. Each of the 40 members wrote a final quiz covering the year's work. Each member judged classes of Red Clover, potatoes and barley, giving reasons on the class pertaining to their particular club. During the next month each club will be preparing an exhibit for Milton Fair.

As well each member will have a sample from their own plot to exhibit at the Fair. On August 13th the 104 4-H members of the Halton Holstein, Jersey Guernsey, Swine and Beef and Dual Purpose Clubs wrote their final quiz. After the tests were written the club leaders gave demonstrations on preparing and showing the different classes of livestock. Jim

McKay and John Wilmott fitted the beef calf, George Pelletterio and Jim Carney the dairy calf and Mac Alexander gave a talk on the fitting and showing of swine. The chairman of the club leaders council brought the meeting to a close calling on Miss Mary Lou Taylor who thanked the club leaders on behalf of the 4-H members. Even though the 4-H meetings are finished, except for the Acton Forage and Halton Tractor Maintenance club, the highlight of the club year is still to come. During the next month club members in Halton have 104 animals to finish training and fitting for their achievement day at Milton Fair, September 26th.

Apple Growers Vote On Promotion Plan

Apple growers throughout Ontario will vote August 21st on a plan to improve the industry by means of promotion, research and a markets information service. It was proposed by the apple section of the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association after long study of programs in other apple areas and discussions of Ontario's needs. According to Arthur Oughtred of Clarkson, who is chairman of the apple section, the plan is purely one of promotion and information. It does not propose any control over pricing or marketing.

Canadian apple growers must campaign to increase consumption and to protect their legitimate markets from the inroads of American growers who are campaigning vigorously in Canada, he said. The plan calls for election of a grower board to set up regulations and direct the program. Financing would be through the sale of advertising stamps, amounting to about three cents a bushel for fresh apples, which would be affixed to the container or to papers accompanying the apple shipment.

Two main factors make the plan essential at this time, said Mr. Oughtred. While apple production is increasing in Canada and the United States, consumption is decreasing as people turn to other highly advertised products.

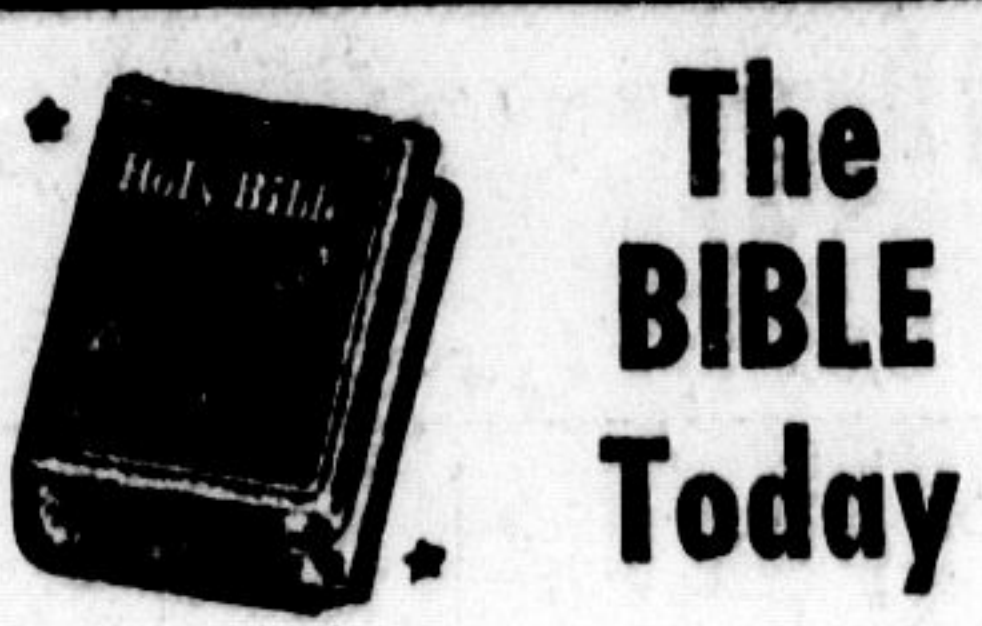
Children 9, 12 Cause Damage To Glen School

GEORGETOWN—Two Glen children ages 9 and 12 have been charged with causing malicious damage to Glen Williams Public School, which according to Esqueping school board secretary Ern Batkin may run close to \$5,000.

It took the charged pair approximately three hours to make a shambles of the modern building and they probably would have continued their destruction but for the intervention of the Georgetown police and OPP who caught the young vandals red handed when summoned to the school by Glen residents Bev Moody and Mrs. Herb Hancock who heard the breaking glass.

Damage to the windows alone will run into hundreds. All of the windows along the back of the building and in doors throughout the school were shattered and glass blanketed the ground outside. Inside radios and clocks were demolished, water color paints were upset, light globes were broken, and almost everything movable was overturned. In one room duplicator fluid was poured over the tiled floor and retiling will be necessary.

The Glen Public School is the fourth rural school to experience senseless vandalism which in the past few months has marred the new Stewarttown School, Ashgrove Public School and Milton Heights Public School.



The Bible Society of India and Ceylon reports an increased distribution of more than 140,000 Scriptures in 1958. One million, three hundred thousand Bibles, Testaments and Gospels were distributed to individuals, churches and schools. Each matriculant was presented with a copy of the four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, and each graduate received a copy of the New Testament and Psalms.

At the request of one of the District Educational Officers of the Madras State, a copy of the New Testament in Tamil has been placed in the 900 school libraries in his district.

There are now full-time women secretaries at work in South India, West and North-West India, North India and Bihar and in Orissa and West Bengal.

Many Indian newspapers publish the Bible in serial form in their papers.

HALTON COUNTY WEED CONTROL NEWS

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HARMFUL POLLEN

Ragweed and golden rod are the two worst offenders as they release harmful pollen in late summer and fall until the first frost comes. Some 15 pollen county stations are maintained in Ontario. Their reports indicate the density of ragweed pollen is not increasing and in some areas it is actually decreasing. This is very encouraging and should inspire every citizen to continue the war against the ragweed menace.

It has been estimated that half a million people in Ontario suffer from various allergies, and perhaps 75 percent of these are allergic to ragweed in some degree.

Although the pollen may travel in the air for hundreds of miles, the experience of local hay fever sufferers indicates that plants growing in their backyards or close to their homes greatly increase their trouble. In other words any ragweed which is allowed to persist in

Halton county is definitely contributing to someone's discomfort. Everyone should do their part in eliminating this weed in the interest of public health.

Along roadsides, in fields and waste places ragweed can be killed with a spray of 6 to 8 oz. 2, 4-D active acid per acre if applied while the plant is actively growing. Cutting and pulling are the best means of control in small gardens, lawns, etc.

According to medical authorities pollen from golden rod is much less troublesome although a few people are allergic to it. Usually this type of allergy can be prevented by cutting the golden rod before it flowers in the immediate area.

Golden rod is designated a noxious weed in this county but is not very troublesome to farmers excepting in pastures which are seldom broken. However, it should be controlled within urban or subdivided areas where it may be a health hazard.

Fresh Corn Best If Served Soon

Playing Pollyanna is easy enough during August and September, with sweet, crunchy corn on the cob in season. You can be glad you live in the "New World", for corn is strictly a North American dish, introduced to the early settlers by the Indians. And be glad you live in Ontario, where corn is grown and brought to market really fresh. According to D. E. Williams of the Farm Products Inspection Service, Ontario Department of Agriculture, the crop of sweet corn is excellent here this year, too.

Best eating is in ears that have plump, milky kernels which are tender yet firm. The husks are a bright green and are tightly wrapped around the ear. To keep the quality high, hurry corn to the refrigerator or the cooking kettle. Corn may be stored husks and all or if you prefer, strip the ears and wrap them in any moisture-proof covering. But plan to use it as soon as possible, because it's best when it's fresh.

Corn is easy to prepare — just remove the husks and silk and drop the corn into rapidly boiling water. Cook for five to ten minutes, until tender enough so that the kernels can be easily slipped from the hulls. Individual buttering and salting to taste at the table does the rest.

If there are a few ears of corn left over, which doesn't seem likely, you can cut the kernels off the cobs and add them to any mixed vegetables, soup, fritters, muffins or soufflé.

Then the out-of-the-kitchen and off-for-a-picnic weather this summer suggests corn on the cob for a welcome change from sandwich and cold drink fare. Fresh corn is made to order for outdoor cooking over an open fire. Roast it over the embers or cook it in a big pot set on the grill and it's almost a different vegetable from the indoor variety. To roast corn, soak it in a bucket of cold water for half an hour before cooking. When the fire has died down to embers, arrange the corn (still in the husks) on the grill. Let it roast for five minutes, then turn the cobs and roast the other side for five minutes. Taste for doneness, peel off the husks and serve at once, with butter.

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane

Women's Travel Authority

Aside from better cars, better gasoline and better roads, what would you say has done the most to change Canadian driving habits in the last 20 years? Motels are the answer. In the last 10 years alone, hundreds have been built and more are on the way.

Multiply Mobility

We take it for granted that we can hit the road any time of the day or night, travel in any direction, and know that we can find comfortable, reasonably priced accommodations en route. Motels have multiplied our mobility.

Here are some good tips on selecting a good motel:

Make sure it is located in a quiet spot. Try to find one set back from the highway. Traffic noise is usually heavier on hills or near intersections where trucks change gears or apply brakes.

Stop Early

If you're not following a set schedule with reservations ahead of time, try to stop fairly early in the afternoon to select accommodations. You'll have a greater choice. And don't hesitate to "shop around" for a motel. When you're driving, they're like buses—another will be along in a few minutes.

And remember, you can get reliable leads as you go along by visiting automobile club offices, local chambers of commerce and service stations.

SUCKS IN GAS

Driving in a station wagon on a warm day with the back open may help to create that pleasant "convertible" atmosphere. But it may also help to create a vacuum that can suck into the car carbon monoxide and other gases being discharged through the exhaust.

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