

# Cockburn is Peterborough rep Taylor leaves Halton office

by H. J. Stanley

Three members of the staff of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, working in Halton, will be leaving in the near future. These are John Cockburn, Associate Agricultural Representative; Geoff Taylor, Extension Assistant for the counties of Halton and Peel; and Mrs. Anne Dustan, clerk-stenographer in the Halton office.

John Cockburn has been working out of the Brampton office since May 1, 1965. He has been co-ordinating the 4-H and Junior Farmer work in both counties, and was the Acting Agricultural Representative for Peel for 1966, while Herb Norry took time out to receive his Master's Degree at the Ontario Agricultural College.

John has an outstanding Agricultural Club record as a member of Aberfoyle 4-H Clubs in Wellington County. His father was a 4-H Calf Club leader for many years. John received training in his 4-H program under Herb Norry and Henry Stan-

ley, when they worked in Wellington. The farm people of Peel County are meeting in the Junior Farmer Building, Brampton, on Wednesday evening, February 21 to honor John, who takes up his duties as Agricultural Representative in Peterborough, by March 1. Any Halton County friends would be welcome.

Geoff Taylor arrived in Halton on November 15, 1965, to work as Extension Assistant for the counties of Halton and Peel, working out of the Milton office.

## Two-faced

To be called two-faced is a bit of an insult, but two sets of eyes would be convenient on our high speed roads. We could see traffic both ways then, without taking our eyes off the road. But even two sets of eyes are useless, if your car windows are frosted up. Clear vision is essential to our safety on the highways, so clear off the frost before you start, and always drive with some fresh air coming in.

Prior to this he had graduated from the Kemptville Agricultural School and worked for a year as a salesman for the United Co-Operatives of Ontario. During the past two years he has built up a reputation for hard work and enthusiasm in 4-H and Junior Farmer activities.

In recognition of his efforts in 4-H Club work, the Halton 4-H Club Leaders' Association presented Geoff with an armchair at their annual meeting. He will be leaving the Department on March 11 to take up farming at R.R. 1, Gorrie, in Huron County. He will be married on March 23, to Miss Susan Marten, a member of the Junior Farmers' Association, and a graduate of the Kemptville Agricultural School Home Economics Course.

Mrs. Anne Dustan has worked full time for the Milton office, since April, 1967. She will be leaving in mid-March for Calgary, where her husband, the Rev. T. M. Dustan will be assuming his new duties as rector of St. Stephen's Church.

## Champion Farm Page

# Farm accidents costly safety survey shows

"Man, Machinery and Fire," has been chosen as the 1968 theme of Farm Safety Council of Ontario. The annual conference of this organization was held at the University of Guelph, February 5, 6 and 7. Representing Halton Farm Safety Council were Gerald Carton and William Harris.

The use of Slow Moving Vehicle signs was graphically illustrated by Ontario Provincial Police Constable H. G. Elson, Traf-

fic Safety Co-ordinator, in his address "Slow Moving Vehicles vs. High Speed Traffic."

It was indicated that this triangular warning signal is still not completely accepted by both urban and rural people, in that many are not yet aware of its purpose. This was designed to be used on all vehicles traveling at speeds under 25 m.p.h., which includes all farm vehicles. It is easily visible in daylight, and luminous at night on reflect-

tion from headlights.

Oscar Snyder, Farm Safety Co-ordinator for the Farm Safety Council of Ontario, reported on the Farm Accident Survey held in nine counties during 1966-67. He said that a total of 632 accidents had taken place, or in other words, one in three farms had an accident during the year. Of these, there were 36 fatalities, and 36 permanent injuries. In addition, 448 temporary injuries were received, including broken limbs, bruises, cuts, etc. A total of 9064 days off work were recorded, and an average of \$20 per day, this would equal \$181,000.

Medical bills totalled \$89,867, property damage \$548,000, giving a total of \$813,000, or an average per county of \$91,000. This loss could be greatly reduced if each and every family were to stop and think of the terrible consequences resulting from carelessness on the farm.

--Workmen are taking advantage of the recent cold snap to lay more man-made snow on the ski slopes at Glen Eden Ski Club, Kelso.

handling systems and the use of silos will be discussed.

Each year several Halton County Farmers travel to Guelph for one or more of these sessions.

### DORA DREDGE PRESIDENT SCOTCH BLOCK LASSIES

The Scotch Block Lassies held their first meeting at Ligny Hall on Saturday morning, February 10. The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge followed by an introduction of the club members, and then the election of officers.

The officers are: president, Dora Dredge; vice-president, Sandra Wilson; secretary, Susan Curry; assistant treasurer, Marlene Hume; press reporter, Julie Haslam.

After the leaders discussed the outline of the meeting the girls had lunch, and finished their notes.

## Offer interesting programs for Farmer's Week at Guelph

Farmer's Week '68 will be held Monday through Friday, February 19 to 23 in the War Memorial Hall at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

The week is set out in a series of "packaged programs", dealing with a particular subject. Speakers from the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, the University of Guelph, and leading farmers will give presentations on various topics.

Another change in the program for the week is that on Tuesday, the ladies program will be integrated with the men's program. The morning session that day will be mainly concerned with "Youth and the Farm Family."

On Friday, the women's program will be held at Harcourt Memorial United Church, Dean Avenue, Guelph. The topic for the day is "Family and Community Relations." Outstanding speakers, among them Dr. Margaret Nix of New York, will participate in the program sponsored by Macdonald Institute and the Home Economics branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food.

Daily sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. and are scheduled to end by 3:45 p.m.

Monday's theme is "Marketing and Handling Grains." Economists, an animal scientist, and a marketing authority will discuss problems and factors involved in the marketing and handling of grain.

"Business Systems for Farming" is the Tuesday afternoon theme. Farm Management and the impact of man-made products on agriculture are the main topics of discussion.

All day Wednesday will be spent on "Beef Cattle Management Systems." Feeding, management, feedlot planning, and forces affecting market prices for beef will be featured.

Thursday has two topics -- "Soybeans in Ontario" in the morning and "Manure Handling" in the afternoon.

On Friday, the increasingly important topic of "Silages and Feeding Programs" will have the attention of the speakers and the people who attend. Silage rations, silage supplements, feed

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