

Champion Farm Page

Ashgrove gardeners plan home beautification work

The Ashgrove Happy Hoers met July 5 at the home of Lois and Marilyn McNabb for their third meeting.

A contest on weed identification opened the meeting, followed by a discussion of the various types of insecticides which each girl is using in her garden and the results she is obtaining from the product.

The meeting then moved inside where Lois McNabb acted as president. Seven members answered the roll call, call, "One vegetable in my garden which requires thinning."

A cover design was chosen from the four illustrations which some of the members had prepared. Marilyn McNabb's cover was selected.

The home economist will be visiting the garden in the last week of July or the first week in August. It is hoped that each girl will have her home beautification projects completed for this time.

Weed control was discussed in some detail, with the emphasis being placed on the most practical method which the girls should apply. In addition to this a pamphlet concerning "Insect and Disease Control for Vegetable Gardens" was given to each member.

The members read from their members' pamphlets the section on "Cultural Directions for Various Crops".

Notes were taken on lawns, driveways and walks. This will be helpful not only for the home

beautification projects during this unit, but also for those members who have entered the Home Beautification Contest in connection with the International Plowing match.

Start file

All second year gardeners must begin a garden information file.

Members were given the topic to prepare a demonstration for Achievement Day which will be held in August. It is "Ways to Improve Home Surroundings."

The senior girls will be in charge of this while the junior girls will take care of the joint vegetable exhibit.

The meeting ended with a lunch provided by Carolyn Bird and Beverley Wingfield.



A DAMAGED WHITE CEDAR is receiving special treatment by Halton Region Conservation Authority forestry technician John Bush. The cedar leaf miner has infested cedar trees in Halton since 1970 and will kill them if not controlled in the next two years. The insect bores a hole if not controlled in the next two years. The insect bores a hole into branches and eats the leaves. Trees may be saved by painting a foot-wide ring of Cygon 2E around trunks.

(Photo by P. Ford)

Champion judges named at Halton competition

By A. Mac Armstrong

A total of 105 contestants took part in the annual Halton Livestock Judging Competition on Tuesday, July 3. Everyone met at the farm of R. Gardhouse, Milton for classes of Shorthorn bulls and sheep, then went to the Rock Ella Farm, Hornby for dairy cows and a class of Yorkshire sows provided by T.J. Brownridge of Georgetown, and then to Les King's for a class of horses.

The competition was under the leadership of Nino Braida, President of the Halton 4-H Club Leaders. Other leaders assisting as judges were Jeff Nurse, Doug McDonnell, Art Lawson, Al Brownridge and Mrs. Roy Inson.

The winner of the Junior

section with 44 contestants was Dianne Dorsey with 270 points out of a possible 300; second, Annamarie Asp, 267 points; third, Gina Butchers, 266 points; fourth, Margot Anger, 263 points; and fifth, Cheryl Buchanan, 262 points.

Intermediates

The winner of the Intermediate section with 39 contestants was Stephen Stanley with 446 points out of a possible 500; second, Valerie Knight, 440 points; third, Bob Robinson, 432 points; fourth, Lynne Stewart, 431 points; and fifth, a tie with Steven Harris and Bruce Anderson with 430 points.

The winner of the Senior section with 22 contestants was Ken McNabb, 477 points; second, Cathy Lasby, 468 points; third, Marg Robinson, 466 points;

fourth, Valerie Ella, 455 points, and fifth, Paul Stewart, 452 points.

Trophy Winners were champion livestock judge, Ken McNabb; champion beef judge, Cathy Lasby; champion dairy judge, Valerie Ella; champion sheep judge, Ken McNabb; champion swine judge, Bill Stokes; champion horse judge, Valerie Ella.

C.N.E. Shield (High Novice) went to Steven Harris and Ken McNabb won the Norval Junior Farmer Trophy (high score in combined seed and livestock judging).

—Did that Friday the 13th last week bother anyone?

Use common sense Balers can be dangerous

Needles, knives, augers, chains, belts and power shafts are all equally hazardous parts in farm machinery—and the hay baler has them all. Don Brown of the Farm Safety Association emphasizes that with all the hazards presented by a baler, farmers should be extra cautious and more aware of potential accident situations.

Manufacturers have designed guards and shields for your protection, he adds, so keep them in place. Before servicing or making any adjustments to the baler, shut down the power take-off and, if possible, stop the engine. Then wait until the flywheel has stopped rotating.

Odds against you

If adjusting the knives, make sure that the flywheel is not moved during the operation. Don't pull or remove twine or wire from the balecase or knottor when the machine is moving. The odds are against you—your hand may get caught.

A number of balers are equipped with bale ejection units that throw the bales into a wagon. Keep everyone off the wagon when the ejection unit is in operation. A 40-to 50-pound bale can easily knock a person to the ground.

Don't get pierced by the needle, injured by the plunger-knives, or mangled by the auger or chains—use common sense when operating your baler.

Judge class

By Paul Stewart

The fourth meeting of the Halton 4-H Judging Calf Club was held at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Inson of Georgetown. An excellent demonstration on judging type in quarter horses was given, followed by a class that was judged by all members.

Raspberry time here

By Robert Stokes

Raspberry harvest has begun in Milton, Norval, Acton areas. Volume of raspberries is expected to be good this year. Pick your own operators are expecting a large number of people, due to the rising cost of food prices.

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