

New kit will help keep children safe on the farm

Nassagaweya Women's Institute donation helps at Brookville School

Children will know more about farms and the potential hazards found there thanks to a new teaching aid donated to Brookville Public School.

Members of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute made Brookville the first school in Halton to have a "farm kit" comprising scale models of 13 farm implements.

Herb Pillis, a former teacher at Brookville who now works for the Ministry of Agriculture and Food through the Halton Board of Education, introduced the kit to the women's institute.

While speaking on agriculture in the classroom at one of the W.I.'s meetings he endorsed the \$625 kit as one of the better resources available to teach children about farming.

"One teacher who has worked with the kit claims that in 20 years of teaching, this is the best educational resource she has used... that indeed both she and her students learned from it," explained Mr. Pillis.

The farm kit was developed by

four Southern Ontario women who are concerned about children's lack of knowledge of farm safety.

As well as the farm implements, the kit includes a teacher's manual and 138 activity cards teaching the various concepts and safety precautions for around the farm.

The local W.I. members decided that although most Brookville students live in a rural area, few are actually involved in farming and should be more aware of the industry and farm safety.

The kit is available in four versions, primary and junior levels in both French and English. There are 160 currently in use throughout Ontario.

Brookville's kit was purchased with the proceeds of the raffle of a hand-made quilt donated by a W.I. member.

Members of the Brookville Women's Institute are promoting the kit to other Ontario Women's Institutes and encouraging them to donate one to schools in their areas.



Brookville School now has a farm — a farm kit that is. The Nassagaweya Women's Institute has donated a teaching aid complete with farm implements to the students. Institute members Lorie Jocius and Jane Baynton presented the kit at an assembly May 18. From left are Teresa Smith, Mrs. Jocius, Les Baier, Mrs. Baynton, Russell Hepburn and Cameron Cardiff with the ready-to-use kit pieces.

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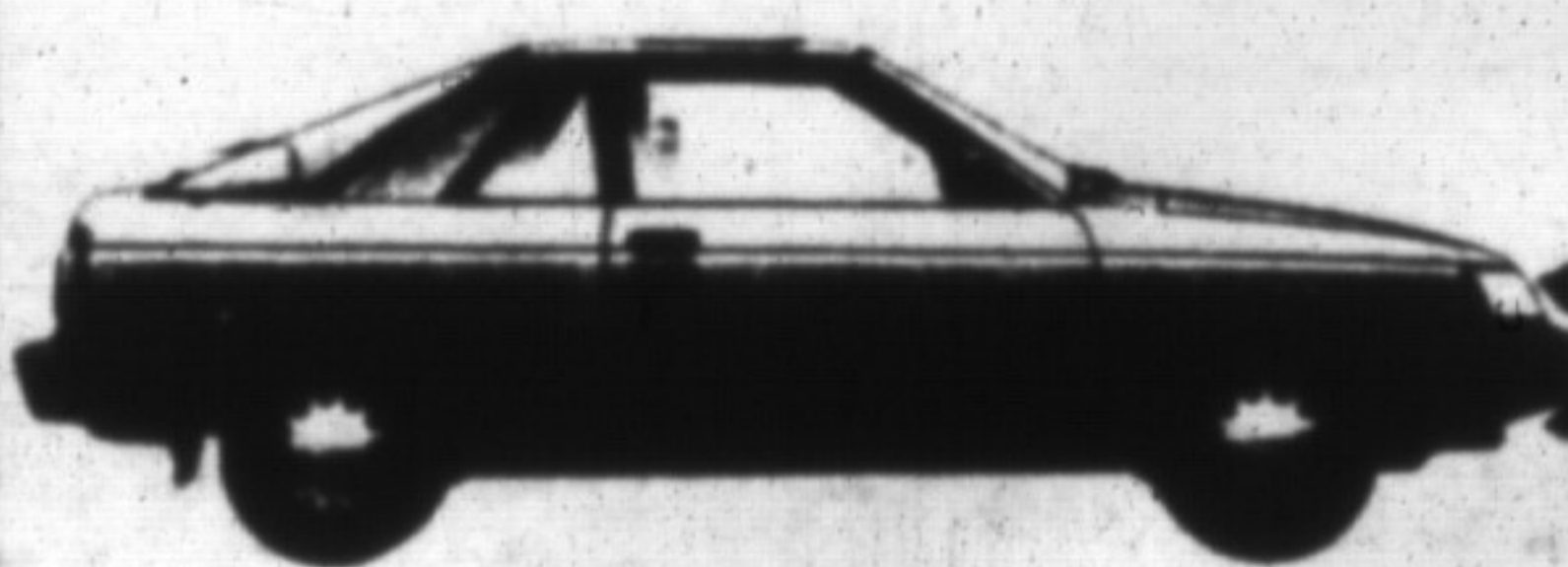
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