

OMAGH

with ELLA PATTERSON

New ag. office home to local farm groups

The Halton Farm Safety Association held its June meeting in the board room at the new Ministry of Agriculture and Food office in Georgetown.

President Jay Kitching welcomed the members and president for the business. Jay gave a fine account of the annual safety meeting held recently in Toronto.

Highlights of the report showed the stress effects that accidents have on the lives of those affected. A young boy in Ontario lost one of his legs in a lawn mower accident.

He has received an artificial limb, but it had to be replaced every two or three years and the cost is high. Also, limbs are now made for walking, swimming, and skiing, etc.

The only sure way to prevent farm injuries is to eliminate the hazards. Never allow children to hitch a ride on lawn mowers, tractors, or other working farm machinery. Say, "no."

Members of the Halton organization joined with the Peel Safety Association for a joint meeting to hear M. Runnig of ABC Safety in Aurora speak on the use of fire extinguishers and smoke detectors.

He emphasized that an ABC fire extinguisher is correct to use in all fires and that smoke detectors have saved many lives.

Fire spreads very quickly, so it is important to get out fast. If possible, have two ways to exit a building. He also advised to have location directories to the home or farm on a paper by the phone, so the fire department or police can respond quickly in an emergency.

Mr. Runnig answered several questions on fire safety and was tendered a note of thanks for his informative address after which everyone enjoyed a social half-hour.

Other safety topics of interest are choosing proper protective headwear for work or pleasure, using care to guard against exposure to sun, and avoiding careless use of pesticides.

Have a safe summer.

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A joint church worship and picnic for Omagh and Boston churches was hosted by Wm and Audrey Scriber Sunday, June 13.

Following a barbecue, the members enjoyed swimming, tug of war, races, and overall, a good time for all.

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