

Vasey 4-H home garden club meets

by Alberta MacDonald
The first meeting of the Vasey 4-H Home Garden Club was held Monday evening, April 14, at the home of Mrs. David Jones.

Seven members and two leaders opened the meeting with the 4-H Pledge. In order that the members could become better acquainted, the leaders put either a vegetable or fruit picture on each girls' back, they worked in pairs then, asking questions to find out what the picture was of that they had tagged on them.

The roll call was then to give your name as well as the name of whatever you discovered on your back. Election of officers was held as follows: President - Mary Kelly; Vice-President - Brenda Simpson; Secretary - Rotating; and Press Reporter - Alberta MacDonald. The discussion led by

Mrs. Grant Robinson included requirements of the club members, where to plant a garden, and some points to remember when developing the garden plot. Mrs. David Jones discussed the objectives of the club, the Garden Reference File, why plant a garden, where to plant flowers, and the definition of an annual. Canada's Food Guide pertaining to fruit and vegetables was also mentioned.

Alberta MacDonald outlined the record book guideline using a record book from a previous garden club as an example. The members all enjoyed an identification quiz trying to name five kinds of vegetable seeds and eight kinds of flowers. It was noticed how much radish and spinach seeds resemble each other. The subject matter sheet for meeting number one was then filled out by each member.



The urban side of farming

While area farmers tend to their fields this spring, many urbanites are starting to work on their own backyard gardens. Wasaga Beach resident Lyn

Downer was out in his 'field' on Sunday with his rototiller, preparing for seeding time this weekend. Staff photo

Huronia Community Calendar

May 5 to May 28
— Georgian College course, Hatha Yoga on Mondays and Wednesdays, a) 1:30 to 3:00, b) 7:00 to 8:30 at the Midland Curling Club. Instructor Elaine Kraftschik. Fee \$15.00.

May 6 to June 5
— Georgian College course, Hooking Crafts on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Midland Curling Club. Instructor Betty Stott. Fee: \$30. (For further information on Georgian College courses being offered in the Midland area, please contact Bonnie Morrison, area coordinator at 526-8887).

Sunday, May 11 to May 17
— Midland OPP, Midland Police Department and Penetanguishene Police Department will join other law enforcement agencies across the county for Police Week.

Wednesday, May 23
— The Penetanguishene Secondary School students' council is showing the movie Jeremy at the Pen Theatre, to raise money for its projects. Advance tickets for two showings — 7 and 9 p.m. are available from students, and at the door. — Gordon E. Smith, MPP, will be holding a clinic at the Midland armory from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 16
— Penetanguishene General Hospital Aomen's Auxiliary tag day. (Also Saturday, May 17).

Saturday, May 17
— Dinner Dance, 17-piece PSS Dance Band. Social hour and dinner, 7 p.m. Dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Country Mill.

— The Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors are holding a Maypole tea and luncheon plate, bake table and variety sale at The Surf, Balm Beach, 12 to 4 p.m.

— Car wash — Zeller's parking lot, 12 to 4 p.m. \$1 per car. MSS French exchange students.

Friday, May 23
— The United Church Women of St. Paul's Church Midland, are holding their Golden Tea on Friday May 23 in the Great Hall of the church. Come and help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Church in Canada.

Saturday, May 24
— The Dorothy Lukes Auxiliary Rummage Sale, Knox Presbyterian Church auditorium, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Proceeds for the Boiler Fund. For pickups call 526-2907 or 526-6215.

Saturday, May 25
— Huronia Kennel Club Championship Dog Show, Exhibition Park, Collingwood, Starts at 9 a.m. with 1001 dogs entered for both days.

Sunday, May 25
— Reverend Bud Morden, minister at St. Paul's United from 1958 to 1966, will be the guest speaker at St. Paul's on Sunday May 25. Rev. Morden is presently serving at Colborne Street United Church in London, Ontario.

Wednesday, May 28
— On Wednesday May 28, a satirical revue of the past 50 years of life in the United Church, "Holy Smoke", will be presented at St. Paul's United, Midland.

Saturday, May 31
— The Senior Citizens' Club of Midland are having a tea, bake sale and bazaar at their Club Rooms on the corner of First and Hugel, from 2 to 5 p.m. Also sale of Ceramics.

— Organizations are invited to publicize their upcoming events free of charge in the Times Community Calendar. Please call the Community Calendar editor at 526-9369 or drop your message into The Midland Times office at 289 King Street (upstairs).

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Preparing soil for planting this spring

by Alberta MacDonald
The Vasey 4-H Home Garden Club held its second meeting at the home of Cindy, Jean, and Mary Kelly Monday evening, April 21.

Seven members and the two leaders opened the meeting with the 4-H Pledge. The roll call, "The reasons why I plan to grow a garden and a name for the club", was then answered. The members decided on "Vasey Vigorous Vegetarians" to be their club name.

Minutes of the first meeting were read by Cindy Kelly and declared adopted as read by President, Mary Kelly. The guest, Mrs. Don Kelly, gave an informative and interesting talk and demonstration on preparing the soil for planting, a few hints for

the preparation of seeds before planting, things to remember when transplanting young plants and how this is done. Even experienced gardeners were able to learn some helpful hints.

Each member then planted a few broccoli seeds and transplanted some snapdragons to take home and care for.

The main topic for discussion following the planting and transplanting activity was cultural directions for various crops. A list of three vegetables was given to everyone and they were to describe the planting instructions and care of these crops.

Subject matter sheet for meeting number two pertaining to fertilizer, soil preparation, transplanting, and care of the garden was discussed and filled in by the members.

Weed control key to alfalfa seeding

by Robert A. Humphries
Associate agricultural representative

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Junior farmers

The North Simcoe Junior Farmers sponsored a very successful hockey tournament and dance on April 26 with the trophy won by Brant County, with Peterborough County as the consolation winner.

Plans are being made for the Annual 4-H Summer Games. The date has been set as Sunday, June 22 on the grounds of the Huronia Central Elementary School in Elmvalle.

During the weeks of July 14-28, two delegates from the United Kingdom will be visiting junior farmer host families in North Simcoe. The delegates are Margaret Wilson from Scotland and Graham Willmetts from England. If you are in-

terested in hosting one of these young farmers, please call Wayne Simpson at 726-6958.

The junior farmers have agreed to co-sponsor the annual 4-H judging competition being held on July 23, 1975 at the Elmvalle Fair Grounds. Members responsible for obtaining livestock classes are: dairy Ross Langman; beef, Doug KleinGebbinck; and sheep, Ray Campbell.

On July 27, a Reunion of North Simcoe Junior Farmers is being held at the Oro Fair Grounds. The County Association is 30 years old in 1975 and the Executive felt that a celebration would be in order. Invitations will be sent to as many past members as possible.

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