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Ground Observer Corps News

Next Saturday, July 24th, the Ground Observer Corps and their friends leave on the S.S. Cayuga from Toronto Dock for a cruise across Lake Ontario to Queenston and Niagara Falls.

Mrs. Jack K. Lawrence, chief observer of the Myrtle observation post has completed arrangements for this cruise.

A bus will leave Rural Bus Lines, Brougham, at 7.30 a.m. Saturday, to connect with the boat, which leaves the dock at 9.00 a.m., returning about 9 p.m. to be met by the bus which will bring the ground observers back to Brougham.

If anyone would like to join the party, tickets will be available at the dock for \$1.90 return. Bring your lunch and supper unless you prefer to eat at the snack bar.

Many of the Filter Centre volunteers from Barrie will be joining the party in Toronto, and a good day is expected, so come along and join the party. You will be most welcome. Bring your friends too. We'll be looking for you.



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AGRICULTURAL NEWS

Wild Carrot - A Hayfield Pest

While florists who use it in floral arrangements under the name of Queen Anne's Lace may consider it to have some beauty, Wild Carrot is anything but a thing of beauty to the farmer of Ontario.

While it may add to the attractiveness of a bouquet when arranged in a living room vase, farmers and road superintendents have yet to be convinced of its usefulness nor are they impressed by the lacy leaves and the spreading white panicles of white flowers. To them it is a pest and a menace. In cultivated land it does not present much of a problem, but in hay fields and in wasteland this weed is becoming more widespread and difficult to control each year.

This weed can be controlled by a planned spray programme but knowledge of its growth pattern is necessary to plan such an attack. The seedlings emerge in late summer and early fall after the normal spray season is over. One or more pounds of 2,4-D acid per acre applied when seedlings are about 2 inches high will clean out most of them. If not controlled in the fall early spraying does not do much good since the small plants do not start growth till late in the season and are usually protected by heavy grass growth after they start growing. Regardless of the season the volume of spray material should be sufficient to wash down through the grass and hit the carrot plant.

In hay or pasture fields with clover present, spraying is not recommended and clipping to prevent the plants going to seed is a must for every farmer.

Tree Growers Get Ready for Christmas

Many Christmas tree growers have been asking the Department of Lands and Forests for information on how to prune Scots Pine.

According to Eric Gage, Zone Forester at Maple there is no hard and fast rule—something like the barbering profession, every case is different. However it seems pretty well established that most effective results are obtained during the period June 15 to July 15, with the middle two weeks usually ideal. Some variations can be expected depending on the season.

The purpose of pruning is to increase the number of marketable trees and improve grades. Good pruning will eliminate the long internodes which are so common in Scots Pine. Shaping, to produce a bushy conical tree, follows naturally when the leader has been trimmed.

The cut made on new growth should be clean, and scissor type shears are recommended. Common types are sheep shears, lawn clippers and garden pruning clippers, which are usually available in local hardware stores.

Lands and Forests staff are busy at the present time pruning Scots Pine plantations.

CEDAR GROVE

Cedar Grove has been humming this week. All kinds of interesting things have been happening. The Square dance at the Little's last Friday night was bright and noisy and fun. The evening was cool enough to keep everyone on his feet for every dance. Hope there will be more of the same this summer.

Cedar Grove and Locust Hill picked a perfect day for their Sunday School picnic on Tuesday. Nearly three hundred attended and when the children had their fill of races, the adults took over the field for a baseball game. Locust Hill won the game but it was hard to say which side had more fun.

Margaret and Les Milroy broke the Milroy tradition and added a girl to the family last Wed. Congratulations!

The peace of the Sim Reesor household was shattered last week when friends of the newlyweds gave a charivari.

Miss Nellie Lapp must have had a most interesting week with her international guests. Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lang, of Toronto, Miss F. E. M. Lang of Cootchill, Ireland and Mrs. G. E. Brown of Capetown, S. Africa, were the visitors.

There was a general exodus from Cedar Grove this week when Lloyd Clendenen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sewell, Mabel Reesor and Mr. George Freeman all left for a holiday in P.E.I. Mr. Freeman will have a person-to-person chat with a pen-pal in Amherst, N.S., with whom he has been corresponding for years. Ruby Reesor is visiting her friend, Betty Kemp, in Guelph this week.

The news from Louise Ryan of the Toozood trip is all good. They are having a wonderful time and from all reports more joyful than rushed. Louise hopes to spend a few days with Winn Bridges when she arrives

Canadian Gladiolus Show at Brampton

What will undoubtedly be the largest flower show ever held in Canada is to be staged at the Brampton Memorial Arena on Wednesday and Thursday, August 25 and 26, 1954. All the great gladiolus shows of the past have been staged either by the Canadian Gladiolus Society—the national parent society—or by the Toronto District Gladiolus Society, which has sponsored the Canadian International Gladiolus Shows. Many wonderful displays, which have never been excelled anywhere on the continent, have been staged by these two internationally famous societies. This year, however, the committees of both the Canadian Gladiolus Society and the Toronto District Society sat down at the conference table and planned a combined show. Further, they planned it to be by far the largest and most attractive ever staged—anywhere.

What few people realize is that Ontario is one of the world's big centres for the growing of this popular flower. Not only this, but there is also a tremendous army of amateur gladiolus growers who specialize in producing the choicest show specimens. Every year, countless hours are given over to tending carefully the plants that will produce the Grand Champion Spike. There can be only one Grand Champion, of course, yet every bloom shown is a potential champion. Because of this, the 1954 show at Brampton will see the Arena packed to capacity with blooms unsurpassed anywhere in the world for sheer beauty, quality, size and color.

Color, of course, is an important character in any flower. In the gladiolus we have almost every color and combination of colors it is possible to get. Consequently, the blending of these marvellous hues on the show tables will give us a sight not to be seen anywhere else and will undoubtedly leave an impression we shall never forget. Row upon row of tables, banked high with towering show specimens—massive exhibition blooms to exquisitely dainty miniatures which delight every home lover—create a lasting memory of ultimate beauty, and one which will mark this great show at Brampton as one of the big events of our lives.

Yet this event is one not solely for the people of Brampton and district, not by any means. Exhibitors from all over Canada and the United States have planned to attend, and in reality this show will be one having an international flavor, bringing together showmen and flowers from every corner of the American continent. It will be a wonder FLOWER FESTIVAL which every garden and flower lover will attend, and one everybody in Brampton and the surrounding areas should make a point of attending.

August 25 and 26 will bring with them a flood of visitors all bent on enjoying everything this great show has to offer. In addition, on Wednesday evening, August 25, there will be the annual banquet and meeting of the Canadian Gladiolus Society of which the President is J. H. Jose of Newcastle and the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Carleton of Guelph. It is at this meeting that the new officers and directors will be elected. Everyone who enjoys the beauty of flowers will be in Brampton during these two days, so plan to be present and share their enjoyment. You'll never forget the event.

The officers and directors of the Toronto District Gladiolus Society are from all parts of the Toronto area, the President being Mrs. W. Bunting, Port Credit; the 1st Vice President and Show Chairman, Harold T. Wright of Brampton; 2nd Vice President, F. W. Caulfield of Aurora; Treasurer, J. H. L. Morgan, Q.C. of Port Credit. Other directors are Ronald Hill, Brampton; Mrs. A. H. Downey, Oakville; V. W. Carter, Willowdale; Rev. J. W. Siebert, Elmira; W. Crawley, Queensway; W. S. Davis of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ficht of Georgetown, the former being a well-known hybridizer. Another director, Mrs. E. C. Eastbrook of Cooksville will have a very important part in the show, being Chairman of the Arrangement Division, which is the most attractive part from the viewpoint of the spectators.

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