

Farm

Tribune

### With Binoculars And Camera

## Crop Improvement Meeting At Victoria Square Hall

### GARDEN GUIDE

By Edg & Betty Pegg  
A familiar sight at this season of the year along wooded lanes, fence rows and the farm woodlot is the busy little black and white Downy Woodpecker. The males' red spot on the back of the head readily distinguishes him from the female. The Downy and the Hairy, who is much larger are the only species of Woodpecker with a white back.

It would seem that Woodpeckers were born just to bang their heads against a tree all day. They are the only living creatures able to locate and eradicate the hordes of insects found beneath the bark. By stopping the spread of these pests to sound trees nearby, Woodpeckers are tremendously important to our woodland economy. Full protection is given to all 21 species in America.

In a way that is unobtainable, Woodpeckers can locate a borer or a colony of Carpenter Ants. To aid them in their search they have very special equipment. The beak is joined to the skull by a spongy tissue which acts as a shock absorber. The tongue is most extraordinary. It can be extended far beyond the bill; is very sticky and on the end are barbs which act like fish hooks. When a borer is located the tongue is snaked along its runway and the grub pulled from its hide-out. The tail acts as a prop. The inner two feathers are very stiff and when in a moult these two stay put until all others grow in.

—Betty Pegg

A. A. Wall, Agricultural Rep. for York County Well, it's a new year and a natural time to take a fresh look at farm practices. In the crop business, a good place to start is the annual meeting of the York County Crop Improvement Association.

The meeting is next Tuesday, January 9, at the Victoria Square Hall. Things get underway sharp at 10:30 a.m. with a look at dairy farming through television. The first program in this year's series of three, will be viewed at our meeting. Harold Clapp is the television host, and the show deals with everything from raising small calves right through to equipment to get the milk into the bulk tank.

If there ever was a good main topic for a meeting this year, it has to be drainage. So, Professor Ross Irwin from the University of Guelph a top authority in drainage is the main speaker of the afternoon. Drainage is something that's always good but there can be lots of questions about justifying the cost, getting outlets, distance between lines, and some legal problems too, that Professor Irwin will deal with.

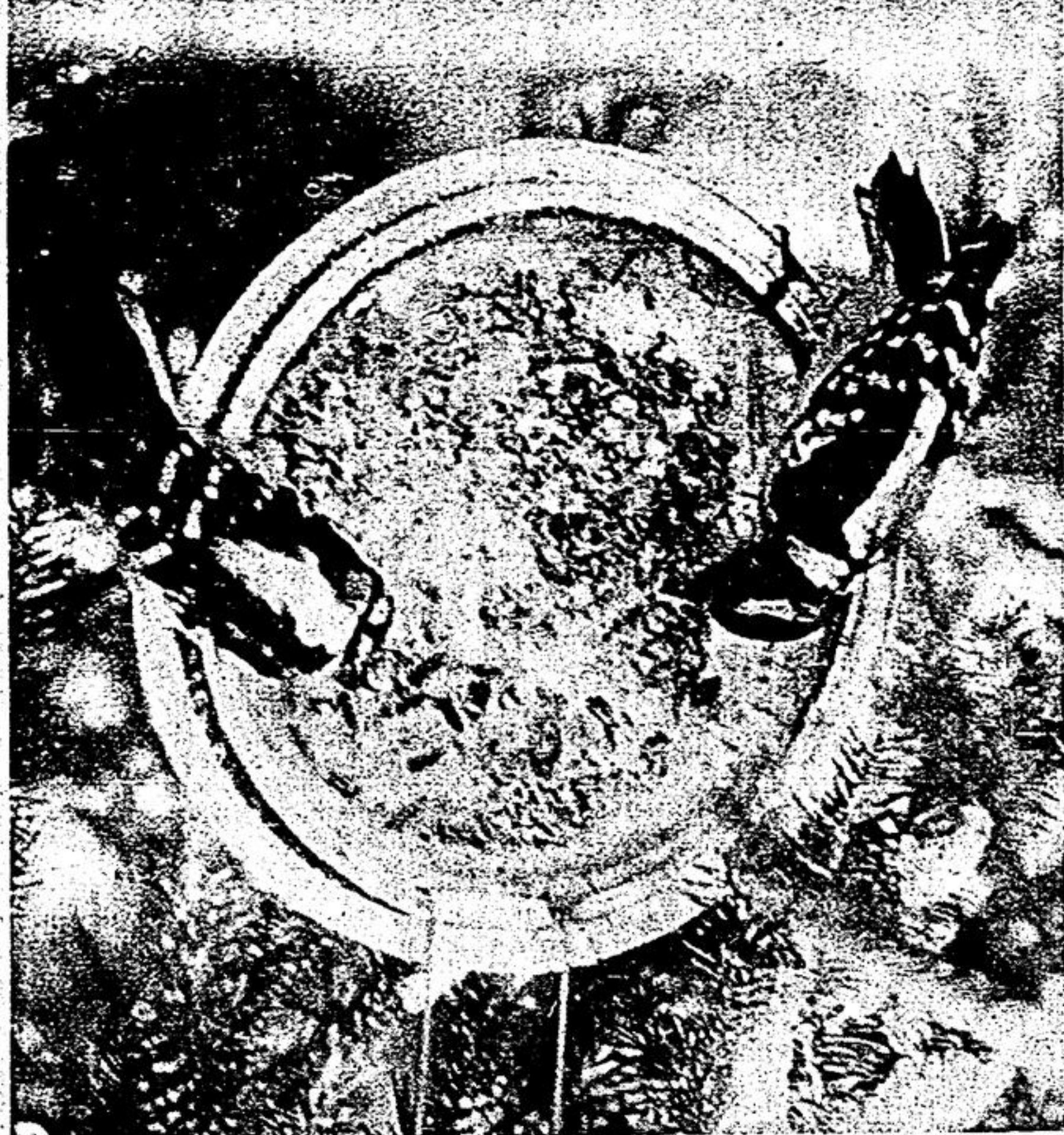
Farmers who did crop demonstrations this year will report on them. Nitrogen on barley, potash on corn, direct seeded forages, corn variety trials and growing soybeans are some of the main ones.

Insect and disease control will be discussed by Bill Hurst, Crop Specialist for York.

There will be a discussion too, on haylage for summer and winter feeding of dairy cattle. Carl Boynton, Bill Mitchell and Glenn Atkinson are three dairymen who tried it and they will report.

The television series continues on Wednesday and Thursday. Beef and swine are the topics. The programs start each day at 10:30 and an hour of up-to-date practices, methods and opinions follow. I think each program will justify letting the chores wait for awhile, and doing some farming in the living room with the T.V. and a cup of coffee.

The head of a large company had died and his secretary was being notified that on reading his will they found she had been named as one of his beneficiaries. "Oh, no," she cried, "I always thought he had one, but it wasn't me, honest it wasn't!"



Two Downy Woodpeckers consume their noon-day lunch from a feeder outside the home of Betty and Edgie Pegg, Claremont, R.R. 2.

## Feature Farms On T.V.

UXBRIDGE — Ontario farmers will again have an opportunity to keep abreast with the latest developments in farming when the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food presents their series "This Business of Farming" over the C.B.C. Network, January 9, 10 and 11 at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The program has been divided into three sections covering three important aspects of Agriculture. On January 9, the topic will be "The Fences Are Coming Down." The program deals with dairy cattle outlining some good sound principles in breeding, feeding, housing, herd health and management. Some pictures of Mr. Earl Wilson's new dairy barn near Uxbridge will be shown on this T.V. program.

The topic for the program on Wednesday, January 10 will be "No Sacred Cows." A critical look is taken at Ontario's beef-cow-calf operations, including breeding, feeding, housing and management. Some pictures from the farms of Mr. Edgar Ward, Claremont and Charolais Enterprises, Brooklin will be shown on this broadcast.

The topic for Thursday, January 11, will be "A Beats C." This program examines the "jigsaw puzzle" of success in swine farming, which includes breeding, feeding, housing, health and management. Specialists in each of the above topics from the O.A.C. and the Department of Agriculture and Food, will participate in the program.

### Fish For Fun

By A. W. Leman (District Forester)  
Around this time of the year the ice fisherman gets his fishing tackle in shape and puts a fresh coat of paint on the old fish hut.

The south end of Cook's Bay on Lake Simcoe froze over last week so it won't be long before that area is dotted with fish huts.

From past records we predict that there will be the usual number of daring individuals, who will venture on to thin ice which is not strong enough to carry the load. Some equipment will be lost, some fishermen will get wet and some likely drown. In the early part of the season a few snowmobiles go under and later on a car or two. If the occupants are lucky they may get out before the vehicle sinks. How-

ever, generally speaking, once a vehicle goes under the ice, the broken ice fills the hole and very few people ever make it back to the surface. So, we say, BE CAREFUL! Don't venture on ice which is not safe. A few fish are not worth the risk of losing your life or expensive equipment.

Remember that all fish huts, placed on the ice of Lakes Couchiching or Simcoe, must bear on the outside, in numbers not less than two and one-half inches high, the number assigned to the owner by an officer of the Department. These numbers may be obtained by contacting the District Forester's office, Department of Lands and Forests, R.R. 2, Maple.

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Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, commencing January 9 and continuing until March 14. For further information please contact the High School offices.

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The simple reason this ideal solution isn't universal is that while the sale of the car is likely to be profitable by itself, service on the new car often is not.

The reasons are complicated, but generally hinge around factory and dealer warranty agreements that fail to provide for dealer compensation for diagnosis and the remedying of non-warranty faults without charge.

But the dealer must supply these services if he is to keep his customers loyal and satisfied with their new car. It eats away a substantial portion of his sales profit, but it is also an investment in future sales through the goodwill generated.

New car shoppers soon learn that they can buy their new car at comparable prices at numerous dealerships. What they don't know is how much of the satisfaction they look forward to that they will actually receive. It's a human evaluation. They must shop for the dealership and service as well as the car.

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