

News and Information FOR THE BUSY FARMER

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Reforestation Programme of Norfolk Chamber of Commerce

Ever since its organization in 1925, the Norfolk County Chamber of Commerce has had as one of its chief objectives, the preservation and conservation of the farm woodlot and the reforestation of waste land in the County.

1. The Farm Woodlot.
Except in unusual circumstances such as high priced land for garden or fruit purposes, every farmer should aim to maintain at least 10 per cent. of his farm as a woodlot. This percentage of course will vary somewhat from farm to farm. The advantage to the state in maintaining this percentage has been recognized by granting an exemption from municipal taxation for fenced woodlots up to that amount.

Outside of the desirability of such a policy from an aesthetic standpoint, the many features of which are apparent to all nature lovers, we believe the policy a commendable one from an economic standpoint.

A farm with a good woodlot is easier to sell and brings more money than one without. It provides fuel for the home and lumber for buildings and repairs. It gives work in the winter, tending to relieve unemployment. In fact the scientifically managed and properly cared for woodlot may be regarded as winter agriculture and the woodlot area may be as profitable as any other part of the farm.

2. Reforestation of Waste Land.
This is an entirely different project from the farm woodlot. It involves buying up cheap land, planting it to trees, and waiting 20 to 25 years for a return on the investment. Christmas trees may bring an earlier return. Several Norfolk citizens have purchased land and have had it reforested. For their enterprise they find themselves penalized by an increased taxation due to the increased value of the land on account of tree growth.

The Assessment Act reads as follows:

1 (h) "Land", "Real Property" and "Real Estate" shall include: All tree and underwood growing upon land.

Under this clause a landowner contemplating the planting of forest trees (or orchard) faces an annually increasing tax which no other growing crop entails. The Norfolk Chamber of Commerce has for years been advocating an amendment to the Assessment Act which in effect would work out as follows:

Land under tree growth shall be taxed on an assessment valuation on a basis comparable with that imposed on neighboring non-planted land of similar soil and site conditions. We have asked that this amendment be made optional with the County and that it come into force in such counties as would pass a by-law validating it. The Norfolk County Council has already endorsed this proposal.

Educational Work.

With a view to inculcating in the minds of our children a love for trees it is our objective to have a small demonstration woodlot in connection with each rural school. This of course is only practicable where land can be secured at a reasonable price.

The County Council has agreed to pay one half the cost of additional land. Several townships have agreed to pay one quarter the cost and a government grant of \$25 is available, on recommendation of the school inspector, for the additional ground.

The Norfolk Chamber of Commerce offered a prize of \$5 in each township for schools entering in 1936 for the best planted and cared for plantation. A similar prize will be given the same entrants in 1937. Also a grand prize of \$25 for the best planted and cared for plantation in the County at the end of 1937. Judging will take into consideration the size of plantation, method of planting, variety of trees most suitable, care and cleanliness after planting, protection from animals and percentage of survival.

County Council Activity.
The Norfolk Chamber of Com-

merce has supported the reforestation policy of the Norfolk County Council whereby 1000 acres of land is now owned and planted by the County. We believe 100 acres should be purchased and planted each year by the County until all available cheap land is taken up.

Compulsory Legislation.

Alarmed by the ruthless destruction of wooded areas in Norfolk purchased for the purpose of supplying fuel for tobacco kilns and which is being completely denuded of all forest growth, the Simcoe Rotary Club held a meeting in November 1936 for the purpose of considering this question. A committee was appointed to draft a policy to cope with this situation and present it to the proper authorities. The committee has met and a draft bill is now being prepared embodying the principle of not allowing the cutting of any trees under 10 inches, two feet from the ground, without the permission of a county forester.

While we do not like too much prohibitory and compulsory legislation it would seem that the gravity of the situation demands some such drastic measure.

Seed Growers Plan Display

Delegates to several agricultural conventions to be held in Toronto, February 9 to 12, 1937, will have an opportunity to get more than the germs of good ideas.

Members of the Ontario Seed Growers' Association are planning a seed display, which will be in position throughout the week. This exhibit will be quite different from those seen at fall and winter lots are shown. In contrast each sample in this display should be identical with commercial lots of similar quality for sale on the farms represented.

Prospective seedsmen and others interested in the highest quality of farm crop seeds will have an opportunity of inspecting the best available in Ontario and of contacting the farmers growers, many of whom are expected to be in attendance.

As good seed is the first requisite of a satisfactory crop, the members of this Association are to be congratulated on this progressive method of placing their products before prospective purchasers.

EBENEZER

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thompson, Harold and Lorne, were New Year's visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor. Mrs. Thompson remained for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard McGee and family of Vandeleur and Mr. Jack McGee of Markdale, ate New Year's dinner with the Genoa family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D'Arcy, Ileen, Jack and Jimmie, spent New Year's with the D'Arcy Bros. at Barrhead.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wright were New Year's visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hutchinson.

Mr. Eliot Smith of Pleasant Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Freeman and family ate New Year's dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brodie and family spent New Year's with Mrs. E. Cullis at Markdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hutchinson visited with Durham friends.

Mrs. Fitzsimmons and Miss Annie spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. S. Fitzsimmons at Vandeleur.

Mrs. R. Freeman, June and Morris, were visitors with Mr. J. I. Graham and May.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Freeman spent a few days with Mr. E. Smith at Pleasant Valley.

Mr. Victor Brodie and Stanley, also Mr. A. Ableson visited with friends at Ravenna recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Risk and Fern of Epping were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hutchinson, and Mr. Hutchinson, Sr.

Miss Ruth and Mr. Bob Hutchinson spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wright at Barrhead.

Trying to get even for what happened day before yesterday causes many persons to miss the opportunity of today.

STRATHAVON

Miss Viola Torrie of Owen Sound spent New Year's Day with her brother, Ian.

Miss Eva McClean is visiting with relatives in Derby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Torrie and family spent Christmas with Owen Sound relatives.

Those who spent Christmas in this vicinity were Mrs. M. Mustard and Miss Vina of Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Lou Mustard; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Morrison and Miss Hessie and Mr. R. Purvis of Massie, Mrs. Cliff, Sinclair of Neastadt and Mr. Arthur Morgan of Beaverton with the Morgan family; Mr. Fred Walters and Miss W. McKibbin of Owen Sound, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hewitt and Mr. J. Hewitt of Massie and Mr. P. Walters of Walters Falls with the McKibbin family; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brown and family of Hoath Head and Mr. and Mrs. A. Gardner and children of Walters Falls with the Nigh family; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McKesock and Miss Myrtle of Massie with Mr. and Mrs. Carson McKesock.

Mrs. Art Torrie and Clayton spent Christmas with Messrs. Dave and Joe Boyd of Riverdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnston and children of Bognor spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. K. Sutherland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mustard celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Monday, December 28th, when about 50 guests sat down to a sumptuous supper, after which the evening was spent in dancing and card playing. They were the recipients of many beautiful silver gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Torrie and son, Clayton, spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. Pete McLaughlan of Arnott.

Mrs. N. Boddy of Detroit is visiting with her sister, Mrs. M. Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Morrison spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. McNally of Owen Sound.

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VANDELEUR

At the annual school meeting which was held on Wednesday afternoon, December 30th, the trustees were authorized to purchase a piano. It was felt that one was needed, now that musical instruction is being given in the school. Mr. Will Ratcliffe, who was the delegate to the O. E. A. Convention in Toronto gave a good report. Mr. Will Johnston was elected trustee and Mr. C. B. Boland re-elected auditor. Ralph Fitzsimmons took the caretaking at \$54.55 for the year; Newt Smith received the contract for 20 cords of wood at \$2.90 per cord and Everett Graham will put in the cedar at \$2.00 per cord. Will Johnston acted as chairman and Geo. Buchanan as secretary for the meeting.

Mr. T. S. Cooper of Markdale will address a meeting in the school house on Friday evening of this week and will speak on the tuberculin test for cattle, and the proposal to make Grey County a restricted area.

The Young People's meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. F. Hutchinson on Thursday evening of this week.

The pastor, Rev. H. S. Warren delivered an appropriate New Year's message in the church on Sunday afternoon. In the Sunday school, Mrs. Dolan taught the Bible class in her usual capable manner. Both services were well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard McGee and family spent a few days with friends at Ripley.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sewell and Mrs. Hugh Boland and children motored to Bala and spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Amos Bowles. Mrs. Boland and children remained with her sister who is ill.

Mrs. Aaron Birch and son Billie, of Strongfield, Sask., and Mr. and Mrs. Lawson of Harkaway were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dolan recently.

Mr. Elmore Williamson of Schriber and Miss Falconer of Vancouver were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hutchinson and other friends.

DORNOCH

Misses Loretta and Monica Vasey of Owen Sound spent Christmas at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Corlett spent the holiday with the latter's father, Mr. Dougald McDonald, at Durham.

Mr. Nelson McIntosh is visiting for a few days with his sister in Toronto.

Mr. John Morrison of Oshawa and his aunt, Miss Annie Clark of Toronto spent the week-end with the Morrison family.

Miss Bessie Campbell and Miss Muriel Heft are holidaying at their homes here.

Miss Patricia Lister is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. V. Sweeney.

Mrs. M. Barry visited for a week with her sisters and brothers at Traverston.

Miss Esther Riddell returned to Toronto after spending a few days with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Crutchley spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne McNally.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kenny visited on Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duggan, of the Irish Block.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Corlett spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Casey.

Even the youngsters like a fat man especially if he has white whiskers, a flowing red robe, and drives a team of reindeer.

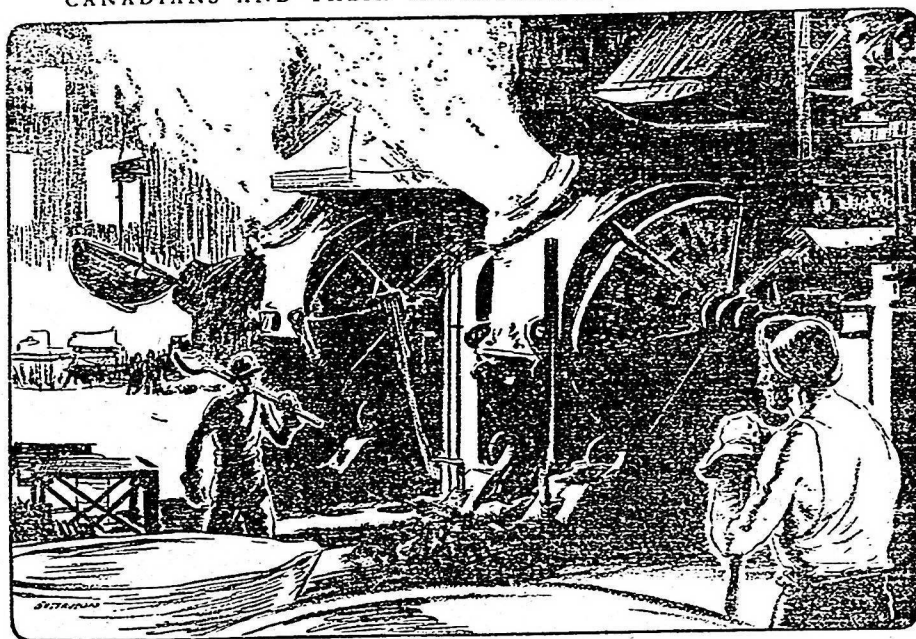
Mr. and Mrs. Lucas of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Shannon recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thompson have returned after spending the holidays with friends at Orangeville.

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