

News and Information FOR THE BUSY FARMER

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Seed Cleaning Important

Many natural and uncontrollable risks must be taken in producing crops. There are however, many factors that enter into crop production which are controllable. Among these is the preparation of grain for seed. This is a farm job that can usually be done during the five months after threshing in the fall to within one month of seeding in the spring. When cleaning and grading of seed is left until the busy seeding time, the work is sometimes rushed and consequently not so carefully done. Best results are obtained when the capacity of the seed cleaning and grading machines is not overtaxed. Many machines do much better work when they are operated considerably under their commercially rated capacities. It seems to be a good plan to have the work of preparing seed done when weather is favourable, and at least one month before seeding.

There are three main reasons for cleaning seed, namely, the removal of weed seeds; to retain well developed seeds of high vitality, and to have seed of uniform size, and freedom from obstructions. The annual loss due to weed seeds is very great. Where soil moisture becomes more limited, the control of weed growth becomes more essential. Noxious weeds, especially those which are likely to be introduced on farms where they are not yet prevalent, should be removed.

With regards to retaining well developed seeds of high vitality, pump seeds of strong vitality may endure adverse growing conditions because of the stronger seedlings which are supported by the greater food reserves of the well developed seed. Uniformity of seed is important. Uniform seed from awns, hoods and inert material will run through the drill cups freely. Seed which can be delivered through the drill with the highest degree of regularity is more evenly spaced in the drill rows in the ground and is thus able to compete more effectively with weed growth.

An Evergreen Windbreak For The Farm

A farmer who plants a windbreak and shade trees around the farm buildings shows foresight, as they will enhance the value and appearance of his farm, and improve living conditions. The foresight is indicated as small trees have to be planted and a number of years will pass before they make an appreciable difference in the surroundings. A fine and effective windbreak can be grown in 10 years with the trees that are supplied free by the Ontario Forestry Branch or the cedars taken from the woods.

Evergreens should be planted in permanent locations when small, as it is difficult to transplant successfully trees larger than three to four feet. The trees that are supplied by the Forestry Branch may be planted permanently in the windbreak, or may be placed in nursery lines and cultivated for a few years. The labor of transplanting and the setback in growth that trees have when moved are eliminated if they are planted in the windbreak. They may either be placed on plowed ground and cultivated or spot planted in the sod. Cultivation stimulates considerably the growth of small trees and an effective windbreak will be grown more quickly if the trees are cultivated. There is space and the trees are more liable to be cultivated if a hoe crop is grown with them the first two years. The advantages of a tree nursery are that the trees are cultivated and it is generally easier to protect the small trees in nursery lines.

Careful consideration should be given to the location of the windbreak, the number of rows, and the spacing of the trees. More than one row makes a better windbreak than a single row, and usually they will be protected better. Spruce or pine should not be planted closer than 8-12 feet in a single row, but if three or more rows are planted they may be placed 3-6 feet and managed the same as a forest plantation.

Early spring as soon as the frost is out of the ground is the best time to transplant trees in Ontario, and care should be taken to protect the roots from the sun and wind.

Application forms for trees and descriptive literature may be secured from the Forestry Branch, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, the Provincial Tree Nurseries at St. Williams, Midhurst and Orono or the County Agricultural Office.

O.A.C. College Royal

The 1937 "College Royal" was held at the Agricultural College on Wednesday, March 3rd. Year after year this unique show improves in character and interest. While only students of the Ontario Agricultural College and the Ontario Veterinary College are eligible to compete, the number of visiting farmers is rapidly increasing.

The main interest centres in the showmanship of the exhibitors, since the prizes are awarded for showmanship; but visitors are also anxious to see the College livestock and farm and garden products in show condition, and to inspect the quite remarkable range of educational exhibits designed and staged by the students. Then, too, there is much to admire in the competitive displays of student craftsmanship, in leather rope, rope work, wood work and forge work; and from the women students, in sewing and cookery.

In this show an unusual kind of award, which might be termed a "super - grand - championship", is made by the executive to the student who is considered worthy of the distinction of being called "Best All-Round Showman." This was won by Mr. F.J. Bell, a senior student in agriculture, whose home is in Oshawa.

Perhaps the most coveted award however, is the grand championship trophy which goes to the student displaying the highest degree of showmanship in the livestock division of the show. This was won by Mr. Bruce Beer, a third year student in agriculture, whose home is at Bethany in Durham County. Mr. Beer showed a Clydesdale mare, and won first place in his class, then championship in the horse section, and finally grand championship in the whole animal husbandry division. More than one hundred pure bred animals are used in this division of the show, and in order to win the grand championship the competitor must show his ability in all classes—horses, cattle, sheep and pigs.

In the educational exhibit division the exhibits are prepared by distinct groups of students, each group representing a different division of College study. In this class the trophy went to the group making a special study in animal husbandry.

Other grand championship winners were as follows: in the Field Crops Division, F.J. Bell, a senior student in agriculture whose home is at Oshawa; in the dairy division, E. Carter, a third year student in agriculture, whose home is at Guelph; in the Horticulture Division, R.S. Thorpe, of Ottawa, a senior student in agriculture; in the Agricultural Engineering Division, A. A. Lindhorst, Hespeler, a second year student in agriculture; in the Apiculture Division, G.F. Townsend of Humber Bay, a third year student in agriculture; in the Household Science Division, Miss Jean Bain, of Vancouver, B.C., a student in home economics; and in the Art Division, Miss Janet Blackwood, of Guelph, a student in home economics.

HOLFORD

On Wednesday of last week a number of people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watts, in honor of their son, Bert, who was recently married. The received a number of beautiful and useful gifts. Miss Bessie Beard of Berkeley read the address and Miss Jean Beatty read the verses.

Mrs. Wm. Graham and little son spent a day recently in this locality. Mrs. J. M. Smith of South Hampton is still in a weak condition.

TEA TIME TALK

(BY WILMA J. MARCH)

Strawberries and strawberry shortcake! No one by any chance likes strawberries do they? Especially not in wintertime. Well if anyone should happen to relish luscious big juicy ones, I'll tell them about the bumper crop we have had in this district for the past two months. Plant City, seventeen miles south of here is the greatest berry district and shipping centre in the world. This season has been particularly good and thirteen million pints of strawberries have been sold. Delicious strawberry shortcake is served free at the Plant City Strawberry Festival which is in full swing this week. Guests are favored with imitation berries for their lapel. The community has gone strawberry-minded. Our local crate mill has furnished over two-thirds of the boxes in which the berries have been sold. Night shifts of workers have rushed through the orders. Employment has been given to many who would otherwise have no work.

This is the first winter in the history of the slums of the large northern cities that the poor people could afford to taste this form of fresh fruit in the winter season. Pints were selling as low as 13 cents and good quality too.

Now as the berry season here begins to wane the growers in Georgia and the Carolinas will reap their harvest. As Spring creeps up the country, the land gives forth its gifts of food to humanity.

Well our good friends, Miss Ethel Heath and William Foster were here yesterday to bid us farewell, as they leave tomorrow for the north. The time has flown since their arrival in December and I'm sure they are reluctant to return to the cooler climes after basking in the sunshine for weeks. We have had such a grand winter, with January almost too warm.

A National Citrus Drive has been in progress throughout the nation this past winter and approximately 27,000 chain stores and thousands of individual merchants have been advertising the advantages of grapefruit on the menu each day. Consequently there remains only about 6,000,000 boxes of the fruit left in the State at present for absorption through fruit markets and canneries. This may not be sufficient for the demand but at least there is no waste of this fruit in Florida. The prices are rising for the best grade grapefruit. Fruit juices and candied fruit are now marketing well and the general public is learning the value of citrus for health, variety and appearance. One might say 'A citrus a day keeps the doctor away'.

If you could take a glimpse at our tourist camp beside Zephyr lake and see how many folks are enjoying the camp life there. Trailers, tents and housecars by the dozen, numbering a hundred and twenty in all. Last week I put on a radio program, with improvised microphone, and announced the numbers as if they came from a regular studio, and we raised part of the funds to buy a piano for the camp. Then on Monday I spent most of the afternoon purchasing a piano. One of the campers got a piece of walnut wood and made a fine bench for it. You see when they help, they feel that it is more like home. We have splendid plans for next winter. An appropriation has been arranged to beautify the lake and camp. We have the best air and water in the entire State and so our objective is to commercialize them. Why not? The public is ever wanting the best value at the lowest price and we can give all three. Our city has a real building boom, with many homes being built in various sections of the city. Only yesterday, as if to celebrate the visit of my good friends from Markdale we inserted a traffic light in front of my office door, where traffic has been flying past at top speed. The highway, a short route from Tampa to Jacksonville, goes by my door and I have held my breath upon many occasions when speedsters flew past breaking the speed laws.

On April 2 I have charge of the program at the Women's Club, and the Rear Book says that my topic is "International Friendship". Whew, what a topic, with a Coronation and a wedding slated for May? But whatever I say regarding the latter will be stated humorously, just in passing. The Canadian Department of Railways at Ottawa sent me some of the prize maple leaves, or rather some of those sent in to the contest department last Fall. Those shall form my table decoration at the afternoon tea the day of the meeting. Then I am hoping for Rotary International aid or Canadian Club aid from Tampa, Lakeland or St. Petersburg for my musical program. Would you like to come along? Then do, you all are invited.

"Funny," said the Canadian visitor to England, "that you have so many baby cars over here."

"Funny nothing," retorted the Englishman, "isn't this the mother country?"

GLENELG COUNCIL

Glenelg Council met in the Township Hall on March 6th for general business. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The following accounts were passed and payments made accordingly: Relief accounts for J. Jones and Mrs. Dyre \$25.49; Balance General and Trustees' levies for 1936 (approximately half having been paid at December meeting) amounting to total of \$3172.60; Clerk for registration of births, marriages and deaths in 1936 \$7.50; Clerk on salary \$40.00 Assessor on salary, \$45.00; Payment Voucher No. 3, for fixing roads, \$37.20; Glenelg Municipal Telephone System, balance of maintenance tax, \$241.75.

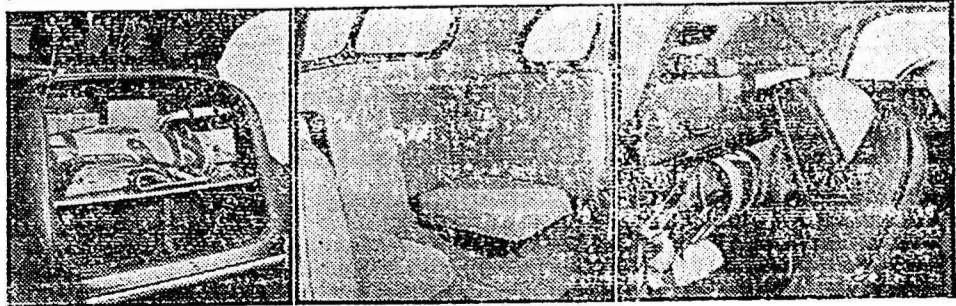
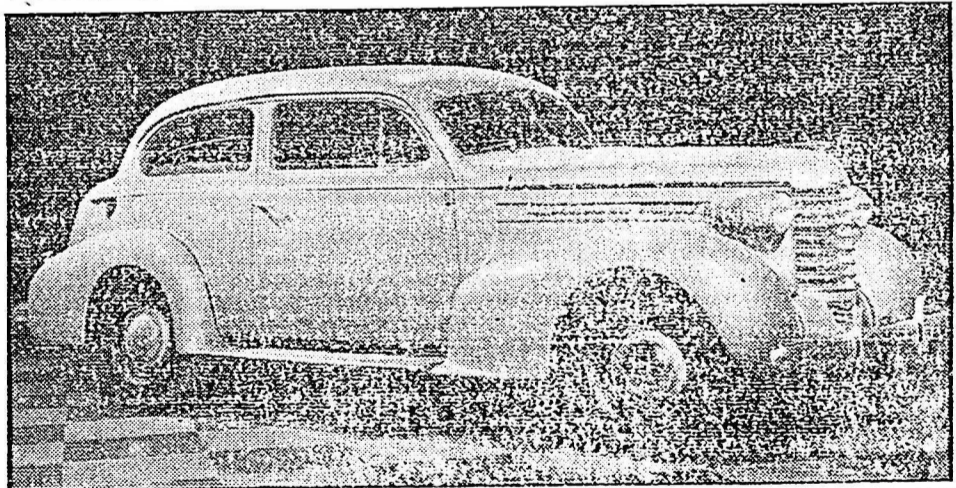
Patrolmen were appointed for the current year. In making these appointments, it was decided to combine two or more of the former beats or sections as follows: Con. 2 and 3 E.G.R. (Road No. 1); For sections Nos. 1 and 2—Joe Kieffer; for Sections 3 and 4—Wm. G. Firth; for Section 5 on road 1 and Section 1 on Road 2—John Hamilton; For Sections 2 and 3, Road 2—Norman McIntyre; for Glen Road and Side-roads 20 and 30 North and South from Con. 2 S.D.R. to Con. 2 N.D.R.—Leonard McKeown; for all of Road 4 (Con. 2 N.D.R.)—Harry Gomm; for all of Road 5 (Con. 4 N.D.R.)—Duncan Dunbar; for all of Road 6 (Con. 6)—Joe Quillinan; for Road 7 (Con. 8)—Chas. Connor; for Road 8 (Con. 10) Sections 1 and 2—Wilfred Leitch; Sec. 3, Road 8—Mike Norris; Road 9 (Con. 12) Sec. 1 and Road 10 (Con. 14) Section 2—Jno. Vasey; Road 9, Section 2 and Road 11 (Con. 2 and 3 S.W.T. and S.R.)—Dan McCarthy. Townships Glenelg and Holland and Glenelg and Artemesia to be in charge of Road Sur.

Geo. Collinson tendered his resignation as School Attendance Officer and W. A. Lindsay was appointed in his stead.

On motion of Messrs. Robinson and Crutchley, the Reeve was asked to vacate the chair and Mr. Sullivan was asked to take it. On behalf of members of the Council and employees, Mr. R.C. Robinson presented to the Reeve a fountain pen and pencil, as a slight token in recognition of the honor he had brought to the Township and himself in being elected as Warden of Grey County for 1937. Mr. McCarthy expressed his surprise and appreciation of the gift in a few well chosen words and the chairman and members of Council all added a few brief remarks, after which the Council adjourned.

H. H. MacDONALD, Clerk.

Oldsmobile Six for 1937 Entirely New



ALL MODELS SHOW DISTINCTIVE BODY STYLING

The Oldsmobile Six for 1937, announced by General Motors Products of Canada, Limited, is the most beautiful car in Oldsmobile's four decades of production. Bodies are distinctive with a new massive radiator treatment, and mechanical improvements are numerous. Above the coach with trunk, powered by 55 H.P. motor. Below, left, the com-

modious luggage trunk. Centre, the rear compartment of the sport coupe with its two occasional seats. Right, the luggage room section in the convertible coupe, which also has a rumble seat.