

News and Information FOR THE BUSY FARMER

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Plowing Match Dates

The 25th annual International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Demonstration will be held at Ferris next October 12, 13, 14 and 15, it was decided at a recent meeting of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, under whose auspices the meet is held each year.

J. A. MacRae of Lochiel, Glengarry County, President, predicts that, with fine weather, attendance figures may reach 12,000 visitors.

Many new events are being planned for this year's match, and will be announced when the program committees in charge of the various sections have completed their tentative arrangements.

Big Picnics in June

The County Council of the County of Norfolk are inviting the councils of all Southwestern Ontario counties to visit Norfolk County on the 9th of June, inspect the County's forest plantations and then pay a visit to the Provincial Forestry Station at St. Williams. Norfolk County has 1,000 acres of various ages and will be planting more this spring. The Forestry Station at St. Williams is one of the beauty spots of the Province. The councillors who attend this picnic will see much of interest to themselves and to the people they represent.

It is understood that Simcoe County is contemplating a similar picnic and will invite the councillors from the North-western section of the Province and from east of Toronto. Simcoe has around 4,500 acres of reforested land and the Provincial Forestry Station at Midhurst is a very attractive spot.

Zone Conservation Meet

Representatives of the eleven eastern counties in Ontario met at the Kemptville Agricultural School early in April to consider the program of conservation and reforestation that now extends from one end of Ontario to the other. With the exception of Lanark and Renfrew, all the counties were represented by duly-elected county officials in addition to the agricultural representatives. Representing the Departments of Agriculture and Forestry were: Messrs. R. S. Duncan, M. C. MacPhail, E. J. Zavitz, Arthur R. Richardson and Geo. Linton. James C. Shearer, principal of the school, provided all the necessary accommodation. Conservation committees have already been established in most of the eleven eastern counties and they welcomed the opportunity of getting together, securing information from forestry experts and discussing conservation plans suited to the district. A zone committee was named to organize and guide the movement in that area from Frontenac east, as follows: W. H. Casselman, Reeve of Chesterville, as chairman; Marshall Rathwell, Navan, Reeve of Cumberland township, vice-chairman; and A. M. Barr, Kemptville, Agricultural Representative for Grenville County, Sec.

Woodlot Valuable

Farm woodlots should prove a valuable asset to farmers who are fortunate enough to own one. The woodlands or woodlots could be made to yield a good income if they receive more attention.

Grazing by livestock and burning probably do more damage to farm woodlands than any other agencies; and the foresters therefore recommend fencing off the farm woodland from live stock and taking particular care that fire does not burn over the woods.

Pasturing a woodland tends to trample the litter or duff under the forest trees, packs the soil so that runoff and erosion are encouraged and prevents the growth of a new crop of trees which comes up under normal conditions to replace the trees that are harvested. Such treatments of woodland also reduce the actual growth of trees themselves because abnormal conditions are brought about.

Woodlands do not require the same sort of care as orchards, but farmers who want to obtain most profitable returns from their woods will need to give the trees some

attention. Instead of cutting out the best trees for lumber too soon, and allowing the scrub and cull trees to remain, the faster-growing, quality trees should be given an opportunity to mature and the poorer trees should be cut out and sold for fuel, fence posts, pulpwood or other products as opportunities occur. A few scrub trees may be allowed to remain in a woodland if they provide food and shelter for various forms of wildlife, because wild-life is a valuable woodland crop.

During the past several years, more than one farmer has paid his taxes and obtained extra cash by sale of lumber products, and his woodland is both a good insurance policy and a good bank account and will yield good interest over a long term of years.

Cost of Milk Survey

The Ontario Cost of Milk Production Project is to be carried on for another year. This decision was reached in Toronto recently by a Joint Cost Committee composed of representatives of the organized milk producers of Ontario, the Economics Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. More than 1600 milk producers are at present registered in the project for the year ending June 30, 1937. These dairymen are keeping a record of their business and at the end of the year the books will be collected in Ottawa for analysis. Complete reports based on the record will then be prepared and mailed to each co-operator.

This study is the largest of its kind ever conducted in Canada and is being carried out so that dairymen may gain a definite idea of the cost of producing milk. The data will undoubtedly be very helpful to all concerned.

The accounting year for the 1937-38 project begins on May 1, 1937. In 1936-37 it began on July 1st. During the ensuing year it is planned to have someone visit each co-operator as was done last for the purpose of offering assistance.

All dairymen in Ontario who care to avail themselves of the service provided in this farm management study are invited to do so. Registration in the 1937-38 program should be made before May 1, 1937, and may be done by writing to the Economics Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

EUPHRASIA COUNCIL

Rocklyn, May 1st, 1937

The Council met pursuant to adjournment on above date with all members present and the Reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Communications were read.

Miller - Carruthers—Whereas a petition signed by nine subscribers of the Beaver Valley Municipal Telephone System located on the 2nd and 3rd concessions of the Township of St. Vincent has been presented to this Council praying for release from further connection with the System and requesting that their portion of the System be transferred to the Bell Telephone System to enable Beaver Valley Municipal Line known as No. 167 to be connected with Meaford service, be it resolved that this Council now approve of the Commissioners of the Beaver Valley Municipal System disposing of such portion or portions of said system in accordance with the petition presented.—Carried.

Pottage - Miller—That By-Law No. 7, re cutting or removing trees on road allowance, be read a first time.—Carried.

Miller - Carruthers—That By-Law No. 7 be now read a second and third time and finally passed.—Carried.

Pottage Parker—That this Council pay Chas. Fothergill \$90.00 for part service as Assessor for 1937.—Carried.

Miller - Carruthers—That this Council pay F. T. Hill & Co., Markdale, the sum of \$5.75 for clothing for Agnes Wood for relief while in Hospital.—Carried.

Parker - Pottage—That this Council meet as a Court of Revision on

WILLIAMSFORD

The Williamsford W. M. S. held their April meeting on Thursday, the 29th, at the home of Mrs. Eckel, with an attendance of seven members and three visitors. The meeting was opened with singing and the repeating of the Lord's Prayer in unison. Mrs. Robt. Wellwood read the Scripture lesson. A reading was given by Mrs. Collins and enjoyed by all. The roll call was responded to by a verse from the bible containing the word "Grace". Mrs. Wellwood conducted a bible contest. After singing a hymn the meeting was closed with prayer. The next meeting will be held in the church.

Mrs. Scott of Toronto is visiting with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Heinbecker, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Betger of Preston, spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heinbecker.

Tuesday, May 25th, and the Clerk be instructed to advertise accordingly.—Carried.

Parker - Pottage—That By-Law No. 8, re Seed Grain Loan, be now read a first time.—Carried.

Miller - Pottage—That By-Law No. 8 be now read a second and third time and finally passed.—Carried.

The following accounts were ordered paid: Dept. of Health of Ontario, Insulin for Mrs. P. Bovair, \$1.05; Road Voucher No. 17, \$20.10; No. 16, \$34.00; No. 15, \$15.40; No. 14, \$4.00; No. 13, \$30.78; No. 18, \$35.05; No. 19, \$39.20; No. 20, \$5.40; No. 21, \$9.20; No. 22, \$6.40; No. 23, \$16.60; No. 24, \$14.20; No. 25, \$4.70; No. 26, \$13.60; No. 27, \$65.10; No. 28, \$43.86; No. 29, \$6.80; No. 30, \$13.20; No. 32, \$12.90; No. 31, \$79.50.

Carruthers - Miller—That this Council adjourn to Tuesday, June 1st, 1937.—Carried.

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