

Lawns Respond To Simple Care

Proper care of a grass lawn is most important in maintaining its appearance and prolonging its life. Four main operations have been used with extremely favorable results at the Experimental Station, Lathbridge, Alta., says W. E. Tolson.

Frequent mowing of the lawn is necessary in spring and early summer when the lawn is growing rapidly, but as growth slows down in dry weather and in autumn mowing can be reduced. If the lawn is mowed often enough, clippings need not be gathered as they will settle and form a light

mat on the grass crown, later they break down to add organic matter to the soil. The lawn should go into the winter with a good protective covering of grass.

Proper watering of lawns is most important and brings stronger, deeper rooted turf. Light watering, as done by most home owners, is of little use as only the upper layer of soil is moistened and the growth of surface feeding roots is stimulated. In periods when the lawn is not watered, this layer becomes dry and the plants suffer. It is far better to water less frequently, but to give the soil a thorough soaking on each occasion. The plants then are not dependent on surface moisture and will withstand the hot sun and dry weather.

Fertility is often overlooked. Fertilizers can be maintained by applications of well rotted barnyard manure, or commercial fertilizers, as top dressings. Manure dressing has been used with good success in the past but is gradually being displaced by commercial fertilizers. Manure dressing has been used with good success in the past but is gradually being displaced by commercial fertilizers. Manure is applied late in the fall, and is raked into the turf or removed in the spring. Commercial fertilizers are usually applied in the spring of the year but may be applied in the autumn. The correct mixture of commercial fertilizer will vary from one area to another, but since nitrogen promotes vegetative growth, a high nitrogen fertilizer is suggested.

Weeds must be controlled in order to have a lawn of good appearance. In new lawns, weeds should not be permitted to go to seed. This can be done by frequent mowings. A good vigorous and fertilization, will serve to stall turf, obtained by proper watering and weed growth. In lawns which are well established, perennial weeds such as dandelions and plantain are often troublesome. These may be controlled by spraying with 2,4-D at rates and concentrations prescribed by the manufacturers. Spraying is most effective in the spring when the weeds are in their most vigorous stage of growth.



by H. COLES

A more equitable balance than has been shown in the current series with Milverton was achieved on Tuesday night by the Redmen. They dominated play by a wider margin than in the three previous contests, winning easily in regulation time. Milverton still lead the best-of-five series 3-1 by dint of two overtime decisions but couldn't organize an effective attack under the incessant checking from their covers on Tuesday. Whereas in previous games, especially the second game of the series in Acton, the Redmen faded badly in the third period, on Tuesday they were stronger in the crucial moments than at any point in any game to date. Perhaps Ilio Marzio's shift of pivot Harold Townsley back to a defence post had a steadying influence on the defense or was it young Bill Hutt's poke-checking, relief stint up front? Whatever your opinion, you'll admit the Acton club was a vast improvement on the first three games and this factor might be the deciding note of the series. In addition, Acton has the venue of the next game. It will probably be played in Acton on Friday night if ice is available. If not the teams will meet in Milton on Saturday. Fans are requested to watch for details. The Redmen must win all remaining games to stay in the hunt.

As judges we're something of a flop but we respectfully submit our choice for the three star positions on Tuesday:

- * Fred Kenner
- * Harold Townsley
- * Bill Vaughan
- * Ron Anderson - Honorable mention.

Didn't include any Lions for the simple reason they all looked inept in Tuesday's tilt.

SPORTLETS

Milton Ints after winning a group title have to contend with the bruising Collingwood Shipbuilders, in the first round of the playdowns. The Shipbuilders are coached by none other than Jack Portland, former Boston Bruin. Portland also does a stint on the ice. Fans and players alike assert they have never seen a club to equal the Collingwood club in height, downright oomphiness and weight. Milton won the first game of the best of five 10-5, but were a tragic 2-1 inferior in Tuesday's tilt on the Shipbuilder's home harbour. Series resumed in Collingwood Wednesday, returning to Milton on Friday. Georgetown, a town sadly lacking in hockey enthusiasm this season, is at present attempting to revive puck fever in the O.H.A. playdowns as their Raiders take on Woodbridge. Walkerton Iron Firemen waltzed off with Group One honors by beating Bridgeport three games to one. The wily Vets handed the Firemen their first defeat of the season in the third game of the set, 3-1, but were strictly on borrowed time when Walkerton's imports began to click. Bridgeport had the indefatigable Bob Bindernagel in goal in the final series. "Bunk" Holmes claims a figure on a Junior game attendance last week was grossly exaggerated. He said, and he has access to official count, there were less than six hundred payees in attendance. Our method of estimating must be at fault. We count one side of the arena and then multiply by two, hoping those on the ends will balance the difference. Acton arena has capacity in the neighborhood of 1500. A mark of over 1800 was established in an Int. play-off with Georgetown in 1948.

Orangeville is starting a campaign for artificial ice as is Ferguson where a big pow-wow on the pros and cons has been waged. Has anyone seen "Chuck" Shannon, playing coach of Orangeville Dufferins lately? It's rumoured in the Dufferin town that Shannon is luxuriously basking in the sun in Florida this spring—and get this—on the money he made in Orangeville this winter. Dufferin fans are beginning to suspect the former Brooklyn Amerk didn't stand up to advance rates. Orangeville lodged a protest over their series with Walkerton, claiming the Firemen used unsigned players. The irony of it all is that Dufferins refused to participate in the group protest pilgrimage to Toronto at season's start and, of course, Old Hatpin Annie ignored their pleas for a settlement at this late date. Heard the new song, "Will your Spearmint Lose its Flavour on the Bedpost Overnight?"

Word has just been received that the fifth game of the Junior series will definitely be played in Milton on Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock.

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VOTER IS BOSS

Those who have acquaintances among members of the House of Commons report that some of these members do not always state publicly what they think privately. They say a member will privately confide that he favors some course because it would be in the interest of the people, but he fears to address publicly that the course he followed. It appears the cause of his fear is that people do not know the course is in their interest and so they might vote against him at the next election. He wishes people were better informed, but prefers that some one else should assume the risk of telling them.

Some business men, when they feel themselves unjustly put upon, turn to government to save them. They complain if government does not do so. It might be well if they considered that government, as parliament generally, is made up

of members who sometimes fear to let their public attitudes correspond to their private views. It may be, as the totalitarian hope, that democracy is a passing phase. It seems likely to fall unless the voter brightens up. Businessmen who complain because political parties and governments do not always follow wise courses in the best public interest, should save their energy to help dig out the truth for the voter.—Printed Word

COLLECTOR'S ITEM

An income tax consultant, uncertain as to whether a client's wife was entitled to double exemption for being 65 years old or over, wrote the husband for information. After some delay he received the answer: "My wife says she is not 65 and never will be"—Reader's Digest

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