

# Free Press Farm Page

## Forage club sees movies at meeting

The Acton 4-H Forage Club held their second meeting at the Acton Community Centre. The meeting was opened by Bill Lasby, the president. Norma Leslie, the secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. They were adopted as read.

Bill then turned the meeting over to Jim Jenkins, the Agricultural Representative who showed two movies. The first movie was about safety points on Fueling, Transporting, and Cutting and Processing on the farm. When the movie was over they had a discussion on the importance of using safety, which on the farm. The second movie was about "Haylage." This is a new method of harvesting the hay. The movie showed and explained the advantages of haylage over baling. Russell Murray, one of the club leaders, explained the different kinds of harvesting hay. After this they had a quiz on safety and the advantages of haylage.

## Full speed on tree planting

Tree planting in the Credit Valley Watershed is going ahead at full speed, Superintendent N. J. McMahon reported last week. Planter and crew are working near Terra Cotta and Erin and will move to Meadowvale next week.

It is essential that all the trees are ordered and planted within the few best weeks in the spring. During the season trees will be planted on the Authority and privately owned land in the Valley.

Over the last eight years the Credit Valley Conservation Authority has planted about two million trees in the watershed.

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## Tips on fertilizer

### Time now to prepare lawn

By H. J. Stanley  
Now is the time that your lawn should receive attention. If you have poor areas in your lawn, or wish to seed a new section, this is an excellent season in which to do it. Moisture is available, the soil temperature is low, and weeds are not a problem.

Work the area well, level it, and then apply fertilizer. A mixed fertilizer such as 5-20-10 should be applied at 25-40 lbs. per 1,000 sq. foot, and raked in just prior to seeding. A seed mixture of 2/3 Kentucky Bluegrass and 1/3 Creeping Red Fescue should be seeded at 3-5 lbs. per 1,000 sq. foot. Seed half of the mixture in each direction, and then rake to cover the seed to a depth of 1/8 to 1/4 inch. Rolling should then be carried out providing the soil is relatively dry. For established lawns an application of 10-10-10, at approximately 15 lbs. per sq. foot is adequate. This farm fertilizer is much cheaper than ordinary lawn fertilizers and is equally effective providing it is spread properly.

Weeds are emerging. Dandelions can easily be eliminated by an application of 2,4-D. As soon as the temperature is 60 degrees or higher you should spray the dandelions - do not wait until they mature and the seeds blow around. If Creeping Charlie or Chickweed are problems, the 2,4-D should be mixed with Mecoprop or Fenprop (Siltex). The early spring, when these weeds are growing rapidly, is an excellent time to eliminate them from your lawn. The one thing causing more grief to lawns than anything else is the cutting of the grass at too low a height. As water becomes scarce, and the temperature gets warmer, the roots dry out and the lawn turns brown. By keeping the cutting height at approximately two inches, this can be remedied.

## Will conclude fruit project at May 4-H achievement day

By Mrs. K. Williams  
Home Economist

The 14 4-H Homemaking Clubs of Halton County conclude the spring project "Featuring Fruit" with Achievement Days on May 4 at Ballinacraigh Hall and May 11 at St. Paul's United Church, Milton. During the morning program the 190 members will participate in activities such as planning breakfast menus, menu building with fruit desserts and a quiz. Each girl will display her record

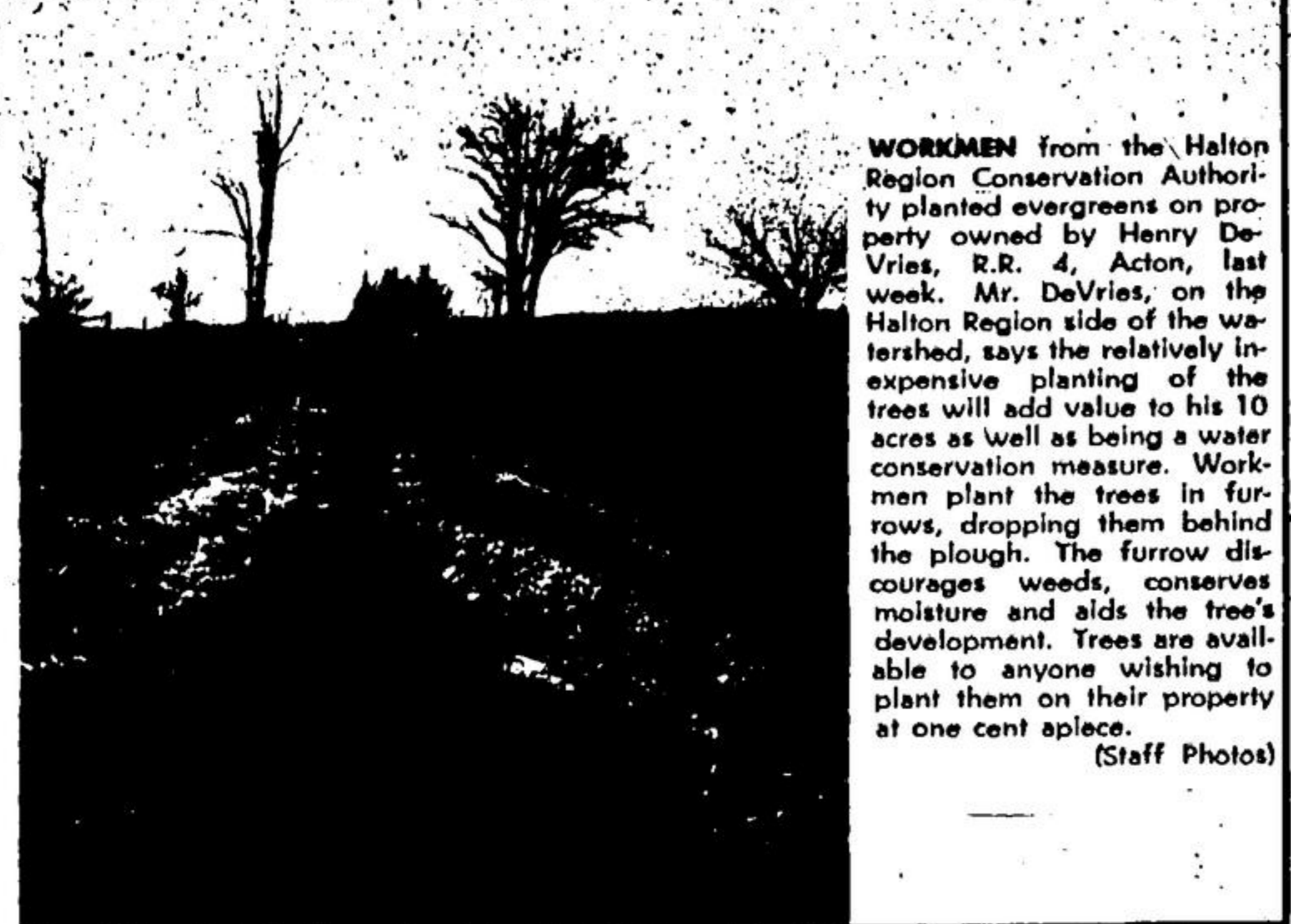
book, recipe file and an individual serving of a prepared fruit dessert. In the afternoon, each club will present either an exhibit, skit or demonstration using the knowledge they have acquired in this project. Eight girls will receive County Honors for successful completion of six 4-H Homemaking Club projects, and six girls will receive Provincial Honors for completing 12 projects. The girls receiving Provincial Honors are Mary Lou Brown, Limehouse; Margo Ruddell, Silverwood; and Sharon Cox, Dora Dredge, Judy Hardy and Marsha Robertson of Scotch Block.

## Proper clothing

Not too long ago, a housewife took out her laundry to hang on the line. Since it was windy she had a scarf over her hair. Returning to the washing machine, she left it on. When bending over the wringer the scarf got caught in the rolls and choked her to death.

An unusual accident? Yes, but it points out the need for proper clothing for the job.

I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging the future but by the past - Patrick Henry.



WORKMEN from the Halton Region Conservation Authority planted evergreens on property owned by Henry DeVries, R.R. 4, Acton, last week. Mr. DeVries, on the Halton Region side of the watershed, says the relatively inexpensive planting of the trees will add value to his 10 acres as well as being a water conservation measure. Workmen plant the trees in furrows, dropping them behind the plough. The furrow discourages weeds, conserves moisture and aids the tree's development. Trees are available to anyone wishing to plant them on their property at one cent apiece. (Staff Photos)

## Halton 4-H Club Happenings

**HALTON 4-H TRACTOR CLUB**  
By John Nurse

Elections for the Halton 4-H Tractor Club were held at the first regular meeting, on Thursday, April 25, at the Agricultural office in Milton. Jim Jenkins, Halton's Extension Assistant, opened the meeting with the 4-H Pledge. Following the roll call Mr. Jenkins conducted the election of a club president. Immediately upon his election he conducted the election for the remaining officers. The results were as follows: President,

Murray McCaig; Vice-President, Doug Stokes; Secretary, Bob McGee; Press Reporter, John Nurse.

Mr. Jenkins and Neil McLaughlin passed out 4-H material to the club members. Mr. McLaughlin outlined the club's program for the year, and Jim Jenkins gave a short lecture on safety equipment. The lesson, conducted by Neil McLaughlin, was followed by a short quiz, after which the club president Murray McCaig closed the meeting.

**4-H FORAGE CLUBS**  
By Jim Jenkins

The April meetings of the Acton 4-H Forage Club and the Halton 4-H Forage Club were held on April 22 in Acton, and April 23 in Milton, respectively. The film, "Make it a Safe Harvest" was shown to both clubs. It demonstrated the correct and safe procedures to be followed in farm machinery operation. The results of the unsafe operations with machinery were driven home as the narrator was a farmer with both arms amputated to the elbow, as a result of a farm machinery accident.

Another film, "The Haylage Way" was shown to the clubs. It pointed out the advantages of storing hay crops as haylage, and the special importance of chopping the crop finely for more economical storage, and less spoilage.

At the Halton meeting, W. Harris of the Halton Farm Safety Council was present to supplement the lesson on safety, and explained the use of safety apparatus and equipment which was on display at the meeting. A quiz followed these talks.

## How to use credit

### Tips on farm borrowing

Farm credit contributes a great deal to the combination of land, labor, capital, and management needed to produce high levels of farm income. D. A. McArthur, Farm Management Specialist, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, suggests prospective borrowers check the following points before embarking on a loan.

Use credit for productive purposes only. Borrowed funds should be used primarily for purposes that will increase net income.

Limit borrowing for unfamiliar enterprises. Test your ability to manage an enterprise before expanding it through the use of borrowed funds.

Use only the credit needed to operate the farm efficiently. Use borrowed funds where they will bring the largest net income in the shortest time.

Keep debts in line with net worth. This is the basis of financial strength and stability. Debts do not normally change with changes in value of assets. Keep debts in line with probable income. Cash income must be sufficient for farm operating expenses, replacing depreciable assets, family living expenses, and debt retirement.

Tailor the loan to repayment capacity. The length of term should correspond to the length of time to recover the borrowed capital, with a margin of safety. The repayment schedule should fit the flow of income from the invested loan.

Shop for a loan, and select a dependable lender. Variations in loan terms are significant. Reputable dealers usually are more willing and able to make adjustments. Their costs and terms may be more reasonable. Be businesslike, fair and frank with your lender. Pay promptly discuss your problems, and do

not conceal pertinent facts. Study price trends. Estimate ability to repay principal plus interest on a realistic, conservative basis. Have adequate insurance for added risks. Using credit increases risk. There should be adequate property and liability insurance. Crop insurance is also available. Life insurance provides family protection.

**TAX NOTICE — 1968**

MUNICIPALITY OF ACTON  
FIRST INSTALMENT NOW DUE

Attention is drawn to the payment of 1968 taxes, which are now payable in four instalments. Taxes are payable to the Municipal Treasurer at the

**Town of Acton Municipal Office**  
(V.M.C.A. Building)

INSTALMENTS ARE DUE AS FOLLOWS

FIRST INSTALMENT	MAY 15
SECOND INSTALMENT	JULY 15
THIRD INSTALMENT	SEPTEMBER 16
FOURTH INSTALMENT	NOVEMBER 15

According to the Tax Collection By-law a penalty of 1 per cent. per month or fraction of a month, will be added on the amount remaining unpaid after the 15th day of May. This penalty applies to each instalment in a similar manner.

The attention of Ratepayers is directed to the Penalties and other clauses as printed and explained in detail on every Tax Bill.

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