FARM NEWS

Mulching Stressed by Conservation Expert

"Water requirements of Crops and Available Moisture Supplies" was the subject of an excellent and interesting address delivered by Dr. Lloyd Harrold of the Hydrologic Research Station, U.S. Conservation Service at Coshocton, Ohio, at the annual Crop Convention in Toronto recently.

In referring to mulching, he stated "if more of our summer rainfall is to be taken into the soil the falling rain drop must not be allowed to expend its energy in breaking apart soil aggregates. Whenever soil aggregates or crumbs are torn apart by falling rain dops the fine soil particles thus formed fill up and clog the soil pores of the land surface. This process of surface puddling and sealing by rain drops in row crop fields has been observed for many years. An effective means for protecting the soil surface from rain drop puddling and erosion was found in mulches.

In Pennsylvania it was found total crop yields in mulch fields exceeded those obtained under ordinary clean cultivation methods. Some gains were rather larger — between 25 and 35 percent. The increase in yield on the mulch areas resulted largely from a greater soil moisture content beneath the mulch. Furthermore, the soil in the unmulched areas dried out below the wilting point. Mulch studies in field corn areas at Coshocton, Ohio, over the past 7 years, likewise show more soil moisture in the root zones beneath mulch, than in unmulched areas. Filtration rates into mulched soils have been observed to be up three times as great as into unmulched soils. In some cases the entire amount of rainfall from most of the summer storms has been absorbed into the ground. Erosion has practically ceased where adequate surface mulch has been provided. More research, observations, and field trials are needed before the use of mulches is universally recommended. Yet the little we know of it already seems to offer promises of significant improvement in water and soil conservation programs."

All of this encourages us to suggest that many Halton farmers might be well advised to try out mulching in a very limited way this coming spring. Some strawy manure spread over one land after the field has been sown to spring grain and seeded down should be a worthwhile test. Needless to add such mulching in this case should be done immediately after sowing. Another spot might be in the corn field. In this case perhaps the best time might be after the last cultivation. Certainly if we get another dry May and June mulching should help.

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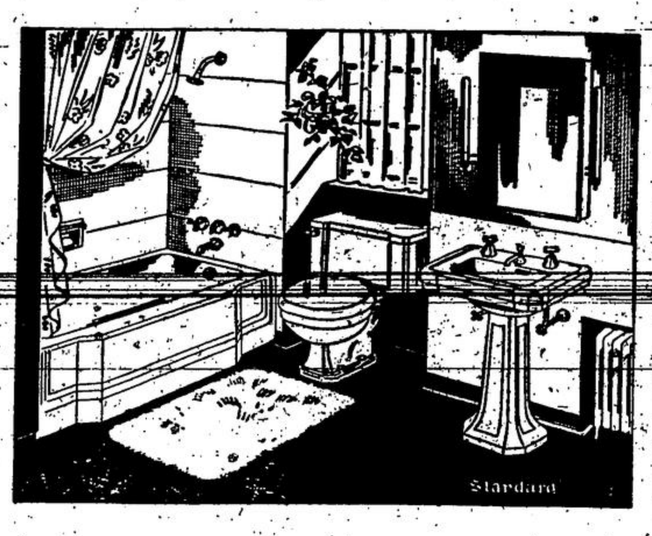

What Council Did

ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29th

Will grant no tax exemptions on farm property within the municipality this year.

(Moved by Hill and Marshall)

Written applications had been received from A. C. Collins, Tom Hewson, Walter Hyde, John McDonald, the Misses Moore, Alex Maclaren and E. B. Tyers. No one has had any exemptions for the past two years because applications had not been made in the proper way. By law, an exemption up to 4 mills may be made, if farm land does not benefit by some of the town services. Council was of the opinion that none of the properties were eligible for exemption and that under the new assessment farm land was assesed low and most of these property owners would be paying less money in taxes this year than before.

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Accepted the resignation of Ernie Alcott as a member of the Board of Parks.

(Moved by McGilvray and MacDonald)

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Appointed Fred Chapman to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Alcott on the board.

(Moved by Tuck and Hale)

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Reappointed W. G. Bell to another three-year term on the board

(Moved by Petch and Hill. Hale, Tuck and Lyons voted against.)

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Apopinted Bob Lane to a three-year term on the board.

(Moved by Hale and Lyons)

There was some discussion prior to the motions appointing Board of Park members. Cr. Lyons was of the opinion that ratepayers didn't want the old members back. Deputy-Reeve MacDonald said that if a new board were appointed and the arena started to lose money, council would get the blame. He thought Mr. Bell had given a great deal of time to the job and should be returned. He said Mr. James Richardson, whose term was also expired, was not too anxious to continue if a replacement could be found and if Mr. Lane was willing to act, thought he should be appointed.

Reeve Marshall also supported Mr. Bell's reappointment, as did Mr. Hill, both saying they did not know any man who would give more time to the job.

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Recommended to the Board of Parks that fire insurance coverage on building and contents be increased to a safer point, after having an expert determine the replacement value, and that additional fire exits be provided as may be recommended by the Fire Marshal.

(Moved by Hill and Petch)

Mayor Cleave introduced this subject, saying that the arena insurance was of the co-insurance type, which means that the building must be insured for at least 80 per cent of its value in order to collect full insurance in case of a fire. He said Council would come in for a lot of criticism if a fire should happen and insufficient insurance was carried. He had heard complaints about the use of a gas stove in the refreshment booth and intends to have the fire chief look into it. The mayor also said that nothing had been done about complaints two years ago about insufficient fire exits. Cr. Hale said there should be at least six exits, citing the Legion Hall where 3 exits are provided for one room. Cr. Petch reminded council that adequate insurance might cost $1600 more. Cr. Lyons said insurance is dear until you have a fire. It was pointed out that the exit from the dance hall over the curling roof was not too safe and that the roof might collapse if too many people jammed onto it.

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Appointed high school principal J. L. Lambert to a 3-year term on the Library Board, replacing Miss Georgina Young who has moved to Milton.

(Moved by Lyons and Marshall)

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Reappointed Everett Cole and Mrs Floria Nodwell to 3-year terms on the Cemetery Board.

(Moved by MacDonald and Hale)

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Cr. Hale asked for clarification on the GRC fund grant vote and whether it was legal for all voters to vote. It was explained that the vote was merely a referendum and had no binding effect. Council must still grant the $2500 by by-law and can do so or not as they wish.

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Will have the property committee look into a request from Ken Davidson to have Charles Street extended so that he will have an entrance into his property.

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Deferred a request for a salary increase made by the town foreman with the idea of studying the whole salary structure and making adjustments for all town employees.

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Received an offer from the Lorne Scots Band that if the town would provide the wallboard they would put it on the band room ceiling.

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Will have Mayor Cleave and Cr. Petch take a trip to Toronto to interview an executive who might give some leads on new industry which the town can secure.

FARM NEWS

Halton Livestock Men On National Executive

Livestock men from all parts of Canada were in attendance for the various breed conventions held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, during the past week. Personally, we were present for a portion of two days and we were amazed at the record attendance evident at the different breed meetings. Unfortunately one can be in only one place at a time and consequently Halton being primarily a dairy county, we sat in for a time at both Holstein and Jersey meetings. It will be of interest to many to learn that two Halton dairy breeders were elected to their respective national association executives — Ross Segsworth, of Freeman, to the directorate of the Holstein Friesian Association for Canada, and Maurice Beaty, of Milton, to the directorate of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club. Their fellow breeders in Halton will be delighted at this well-deserved recognition.

FARM NEWS

American Pork Entry Won't Affect Prices Here Says Graham

R. H. Graham, Associate Live Stock Commissioner for Ontario, was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Halton Hog Producers held in the Court House, Milton, on Saturday afternoon, January 27. Mr. Graham in his thought provoking address brought a message of encouragement to all hog producers In his opinion the removal of the embargo against American pork into Canada will not materially affect our market or prices In stressing the importance of maintaining and improving quality he announced that Halton as a County in 1950 had marketed the second highest percentage of Grade A hogs in the Province

Cedric Harrop, Esquesing Township, who is the Halton producer cooperating with the Cost of Hog Production Project for the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture, also presented a fund of interesting and valuable information. For the year ending with June of 1950, Mr. Harrop's figures revealed that on his farm it cost between $15 and $16 per cwt, to produce hogs during the previous twelve month period.

The election of officers for 1951 resulted as follows:

President - - Percy Merry, Hornby
Vice Pres. - Erwin Gunby, Freeman
Sec'ty. Treas Cedric Harrop, Milton

Directors -

Esquesing Twp - Thos. Brownridge, Fred Nurse, and James Carney.

Nassagaweya Twp Ivan Richardson, Lindsay Ferguson, Ed Davenport and A R. Service

Nelson Twp. - Roy Ellenton, Glen Campbell and Fred Dixon

Trafalgar Twp Clayton May, J. A Dixon, Allan Clements.

It was also announced that the annual Halton Bacon Show will again be held in conjunction with the County Seed Fair, in Milton, on March 16 and 17th Those who expect to have a hog ready for market by March 5th, 6th and 7th, are requested to contact any one of the above directors.

Sermon Series on "Living God" Continues

Regular Sunday morning worship at St John's was based on the theme 'The Book of the Living God' The lesson was read from 2 Timothy, Chapter 3 and the message was centred on verses 16 and 17 The choir sang the anthem 'The Sun Shall Shine No More', and Mrs Ruth Pyle sang the solo 'Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart'

The evening meditation was entitled 'Another Chance' and was based on the Jer 18:1-4 passage. Miss Lobel Dussop accompanied the congregational singing at the piano.

The flowers decorating the church were placed to the memory of the late Mr. F. L. McGilvray by his wife and family. The flowers in the Memorial Room were placed to the memory of the late Mrs. John McColl.

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FARM FORUM HOLDS EUCHRE AND DANCE

At the farm forum meeting on Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith the group listened to the broadcast on 'Pooling of Grain' and answered a questionnaire on "Pooling of Milk." Mrs. D. J. Sinclair offered her home for next week's meeting.

A euchre and dance was sponsored in the hall last week by the farm forum. John Campbell and Hugh Bass won first prizes and Mrs. Leo Jamieson and Charlie Thompson seconds Mr. and Mrs Ernie McEnery and Alex McKay played for dancing with Fred Sinclair calling off.

FIRE BRIGADE CALLED COLLEGE VIEW ALARM

The fire brigade was called at the noon hour Saturday to the home of Dave Stamp near the Smith & Stone plant. Pipes were being thawed out and a joist caught fire. No damage was reported.

EXECUTOR'S SALE

of

REAL ESTATE & FURNITURE

in the village of NORVAL

The undersigned has been instructed by the executor of the late Estate of the late Samuel Burton to sell by auction on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

at 2 o'clock, the following.

REAL ESTATE

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On the premises is erected a 5-room brick house with summer kitchen, good basement and frame garage.

Terms of real estate: 10 per cent down time of sale, balance in 30 days. Subject to reserve bid. For further particulars contact Langdon and Aylsworth, Solicitors, Georgetown, or Frank Petch, Georgetown.

FURNITURE

Antique oval drop-leaf walnut table; 2 antique spool beds; antique walnut dresser; 6 kitchen chairs; 6 dining room chairs; oak inlaid centre table; sewing machine; 2 rockers; arm chair; kitchen stove; kitchen cupboard; quantity of coal; quantity of stove wood; garden tools; a few other tools; rag carpet; floor mats; quantity of bedding; dishes; cooking utensils; double-barrelled shotgun; muzzle-loading shotgun; buffalo horn hat rack; other small articles.

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