

Tree Planting Machine Would Aid Conservation

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE ESTATE OF Robert Eason,
Farmer, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of Robert Eason, late of the Township of Esqueping, Farmer, who died on or about the 9th day of May, A.D., 1953, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of January, A.D., 1954, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.

Dated at Georgetown, this 2nd day of December, A.D., 1953.

John Eason and Joseph Eason, executors of the estate of Robert Eason, by their solicitors, Dale & Bennett, Georgetown, Ont. 12-16

In order to encourage tree planting on privately owned lands within the county, Halton Conservation Committee at a well attended meeting last Wednesday recommended to the Committee on Agriculture and Reforestation of the County Council, that they purchase a tree planting machine. While the county has acquired 1208 acres for reforestation purposes, it was the general feeling of the Conservation Committee members that on nearly every farm in the county there is an acre or more land not suitable for tillage purposes which should go back into trees. In these days of labour shortage on practically all farms, the hard pressed farm operators hesitate to take on an extra job of hand planting even 1200 trees which is the number required for one acre. The machine recommended for purchase is one equipped with road bearings which permit its transportation behind a car, truck or tractor. Such a machine with a three man crew can readily plant from 6 to 10 acres per day.

It was the further recommendation of the committee that the county would furnish one man to go with the machine and be responsible for its operation, and that the charge for its use be a very nominal one. Similar action has already been taken in the counties of Wellington, Waterloo, Dufferin, Huron, Brant, and Wentworth County has approved of such a purchase.

Farm Ponds

Secretary J. E. Whitlock reported the construction of 24 or 25 ponds under the Halton policy during the current year. It was the opinion of the committee that in future years, in order to facilitate the inspection service from the Agricultural Engineering Department at Guelph, all applications for the current year should be made to the Agricultural Office in Milton by July 1st.

Zone Forester Reports

C. R. Groves, District Zone Forester for the Department of Lands and Forests, reported that in 1953 in answer to requests he had made twenty calls in Halton. On these visits advice was given as to tree species, the number required and arrangement. On woodlot calls, the landowner is advised as to proper care and management of the woodlot and a demonstration of woodlot improvement is given. Our readers who are interested in this service should make their requests either to the Zone Forester at Hespeler, R. R. 1, or to the local office of the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture.

24,000 Trees Planted

It was further reported that on the 1208 acres of County Forest in Halton, 24,000 trees had been planted in 1953. During the summer and fall, work was done on road fireguards and an inventory of the tree cover of the Britton Tract was taken.

In the field of forestry education, eight rural schools entered and completed the work of the 1952-1953 Halton County School Forestry Competition. Schools entered in this competition were required to plant at least three hundred trees, make a collection of leaves from Ontario forest trees, and have an elementary knowledge of the Reforestation work. The zone forester visited each school in the competition, giving instructions on reforestation and care of the woodlot. Nine school woodlot meetings were held in the county this fall. About 450 pupils and 30 teachers attended this series of meetings.

A similar competition has been organized again this year, in which twenty Halton schools have entered.



J. N. VINCENT, who has been appointed manager of the passenger service bureau for the Canadian National System. During more than 33 years service with the company he has acquired a thorough knowledge of all phases of passenger traffic work and has held the positions of travelling passenger agent, special passenger agent, assistant to general passenger traffic manager and assistant passenger traffic manager.

town, were third and fourth in the competition. It is not yet known whether they will be competing in the county finals in February. Karen Norton, who was 8th, and Sean Wareing were the other Georgetown pupils in the contest.

FOUR COMPETE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING

Four Chapel Street School pupils were among twelve North Halton public school boys and girls who competed in a public speaking contest in Acton on Wednesday.

Two Acton girls topped the contestants, first prize winner being Ella Jany, who won the county competition last year. Joan Cummins and Ricky Chapman, George-

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