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Soil Fertility Being Destroyed Must Have Conservation: Coventry

"In 200 years the white man has destroyed the fertility of one-third of the soil in the United States, and seriously damaged another one-third," said Professor A. F. Coventry, speaking at a meeting Thursday in St. John's United Church Hall.

Mr. Coventry, a retired professor of sociology at the University of Toronto, was chief speaker at an evening sponsored by Credit Valley Conservation Authority. It was one of a series planned to acquaint the public with the work being done and planned by the Authority, set up a few years ago to deal with conservation in the river valley of which Georgetown forms a part.

Destruction of soil fertility is not new, he said, citing the North African desert (which was fertile land in Roman times); and the great deserts of China and Mexico. But nowadays, with modern farm implements, man can destroy much faster, and the need for telling the conservation story becomes more acute. Canada, he said, is saved in some part because the winter climate seals up the earth and does not allow man to use it for part of the year.

Prof. Coventry defined conservation as "the wise use of natural resources with no duration in time." Life, he said, is a cooperative society of living things, held together by the earth and if one element is disturbed, the whole society can be thrown out of balance.

Introducing the speaker, Alex McLaren, local authority representative, read extracts from an article in Newsweek which detailed water shortages in many American States such as Texas, Connecticut, Oregon and New Jersey. Mr. McLaren briefly outlined the history of the Authority, which started with a 1948 meeting at the Yellow Briar Inn, Brampton, promoted by a group of Lions Clubs.

Later, some of the committee chairman were introduced. R. R. Parker, Acton, chairman of flood control and pollution, spoke of a projected dam at Orangeville for which land has been purchased. There are others needed, he said, but the cost will be high and it will be a long process convincing municipalities of the need of providing the necessary funds.

"Be patient, and when we come around with our plans, be generous. We need both," was his way of phrasing it.

Douglas Perigo, Port Credit, heads a committee on parks and recreation. This is particularly important here, he said, for 38 per cent of Ontario's population lives within a 45 mile radius of the Forks of the Credit.

Mr. McLaren, whose committee is farm planning and land use, told of subsidies being paid for fencing woodlots and for farm ponds, and in the absence of the reforestation chairman explained what is being done in that direction. With high land prices, he said only 100 of a needed 4700 acres of land has been purchased. The Authority is now encouraging tree planting by paying small subsidies to farmers.

Professor Coventry showed pictures illustrating conditions which have been caused by flooding in the Credit Valley, with suggestions about how the land can be restored to usefulness again.

These were followed by movies shown by Edwin Sutter, field representative for the Authority. One movie on stream pollution, though photographed in Ohio, was applicable in many respects on the Credit. It showed what modern cities can do to rivers with dumping of industrial waste and sewage, and the research being done to restore these assets to their natural state, for swimming and fishing. The second movie was taken near Orangeville and was a nature study of life

in a marshland, with excellent shots of frogs, birds and insects.

Deputy Reeve Doug Sargent expressed thanks from the town council to the Authority for bringing this interesting evening to the public notice.

Little NHL

This Saturday, Nov. 16th the Little NHL gets underway at the arena.

There is no schedule drawn up for this Saturday, as it is a practice session and at the same time the boys will be chosen for a team. All boys are to bring their equipment and a boy must be present at the arena in order to be on a team.

Any boy who hasn't yet registered may do so by contacting Alex Korzack at the arena Saturday. Any boy intending to register that morning will be able to join the practice sessions if he brings his equipment and registers early.

Little NHL referee-in-chief Dennis Wright needs men for refereeing duties this winter, so give Dennis a call if you wish to help.

9:00 a.m. — NHL Group

Any boy born between August 1, 1943 and August 1, 1945, will report at this time. Commissioner James Ford and coaches and managers Bert Archer, Jack Hamilton, Jack Presswood, Bill Hewitt, Art Stamp, Dave Boxford, and Terry Bludd will be in charge of the practice and team assigning.

10 a.m. — American League

Any boy born between August 1, 1945 and August 1, 1947 will report for this. Commissioner Bruce Gummer and managers and coaches Gordon Lane, Jim Sargent, Gilbert Preston, Jack Gudgeon, Dick Riddall, Jim Coffell, Bud Vacey, Henry Hale, James Blair and Bob McCandless will be on hand to organize practice sessions and team assigning.

11 a.m. — Junior A

Any boy born between August 1, 1947 and December 31st, 1949 reports at this time. Commissioner James Bradley and coaches and managers Bill Martin, Art Sheppard, Bev Moody, Gerry Perkins, Shel Lawr, Red Asseltine, Cyril Clarke, Carl Petterson and Jack Fletcher will be there to organize the practice and team assigning.

Remember boys, you have to be at the arena Saturday to be picked for a team and to register if you have not already done so. Be sure to bring your equipment. Every boy from Georgetown and surrounding districts is welcome, and every boy will be on a team. Please do not report to the arena until half an hour before the time that is shown for your age group. See you Saturday.

STEWARTTOWN

COMMUNITY SADDENED BY DEATH OF NED HODGE

The whole village of Stewarttown was saddened with the news of Edward (Ned) Hodge's passing away. He leaves to feel the loss, his wife, the former Lena Harris, his children, Donald, Jo-Anne, Paul and Kenneth. Ned was a good husband, a good father, a good friend and a reliable employee. One who will be greatly missed. Sympathy is extended to those left behind by the whole village.

He will be missed greatly. We all feel a sense of a great loss.

GUIDES TRY FOR FIREMEN'S BADGE

The First and Second Georgetown Company of Girl Guides and two members of the Norval Company had a very interesting evening, Monday in St. George's Anglican Church. The girls were working for their fire brigade badges and Wilfred Breen, of the Georgetown Fire Brigade was present with two films "Are You Safe at Home?" and "No Time to Spare." Frank Kentner, president of the Anglers and Hunters Club was there with the club's projectors and he showed the films for Mr. Breen.

The forty girls present will receive their badges with some practical work and instruction in their regular meeting after this story sound instruction from Mr. Breen of the Georgetown Fire Brigade.

Captain Mrs. John C. Matthews, Lt. Mrs. Bill Raycroft, Captain Mrs. Tom Brown and Lt. Mrs. Eugene Green were in charge of the two

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Red Cross Blood Donor Canvas Next Week

The canvass for the coming Red Cross Blood Donors Clinic will get underway next week. This is being conducted by volunteers from various organizations in the town, under the sponsorship of the Red Cross Society in Georgetown.

Miss Rosemary Jordan, the president of the Society, states that the Society is very pleased with the response by local groups and individuals, and feels that the campaign should be highly successful. Miss Janet Hay, field organizer for the blood clinics, has arranged a meeting with the canvassers and captains, later this week, and hopes to see a maximum effort in Georgetown.

With the Red Cross operating the clinics on a national scale, this will eliminate the worry and expense entailed in the past to those needing transfusions. Hospitals in the vicinity are already in the plan, and Toronto will join as of January 1st, 1958, which means that Georgetown will be completely covered by this new service. A number of volunteers are still needed for various duties, that

day of the Clinic, Thursday, December 12th and before. Nurses who could spare a couple of hours that day are urgently needed, as are a number of lady volunteer helpers. Full details of the canvass and clinic are contained in advertisements elsewhere in the Herald.

Grand Master Present Odd Fellows at Waterloo

Arthur McAllister, 8 Wesleyan St. was one of five candidates who received their 2nd degree at a ceremony at Germania Lodge in Waterloo on Saturday. Fifteen Odd Fellows from Orion

Lodge attended the ceremony withoyal Oak Lodge, Ottawa, conferring the degree after being entertained at a banquet in their honour. Other candidates were from Waterloo and Ottawa.

Forty Ontario and Quebec lodges were represented and the Grand Master of Ontario, J. Grant Chambers of Ottawa and seven of his Grand Lodge officers were present. There were also three Past Grand Masters there, including William Jeffery, I.P.G. of Waterloo, who acted as master of ceremonies, and five district deputy grand masters. After the degree was conferred, Germania Lodge presented the Grand Master with a gavel as a token of esteem.

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