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WHAT COUNCIL DID

Possible \$23,000 Deficit This Year, Says Auditor

A possible year-end deficit of \$23,000 faces the town, according to auditor H. A. Lever, in his mid-year statement presented to council last Tuesday.

Mr. Lever listed \$30,000 in spending over budget figures, and income increase of \$7000 in arriving at his estimate. A \$9,000 water extension on Ann St; purchase of park area property from Harold Cleave for \$8400 and miscellaneous expenses over the budget of \$13,000 were noted in his report.

(Later in the meeting council decided to defer the water extension, rather than taking it from general tax revenue.)

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WEED CONTROL NEWS

by V. E. McArthur
Halton Weed Inspector

NOW DO WE RATE

When considering the many varieties of weeds found in Halton County, and realizing also that each and every species at some time had its beginning, we cannot help but exclaim "Why Was the First Plant Allowed to Survive and Produce Seeds?" The answer is uncertain, perhaps no one noticed it, perhaps if they did they liked its appearance or perhaps even they were not concerned about it. What we do know is that it has survived and produced seeds. What even the story may be, however, the weeds have established and in spite of the efforts of our ancestors to eradicate them, each generation seems to be challenged to fight a more intensive "War on Weeds." How very true is the old proverb "A Stitch in Time Saves Nine."

While weed infestations were not so serious in our grandfathers' time, no one was more concerned or aware of the results than they were. Are we as alarmed about the spread of weeds as our grandfathers? Certainly there is much evidence that we are not.

Actually our generation is in a much better position than our forefathers to fight this war as far as equipment and ammunition is concerned. We are well supplied with fast and efficient machines for thorough cultivation. A chemical weed killer is available for nearly every situation, and the latest information is provided instructing us how to use the weapons to the best advantage. But still the problem of weeds remains.

In the county many property values are being lowered because weeds are allowed to run wild. Crops are suffering from weed competition, resulting in decreased yields, and an ever increasing number of residents are suffering from "Hay Fever," to say nothing of the unfavorable impression tourists most certainly receive while passing weedy and untidy properties.

True enough the proper use of labour saving equipment and the practical application of information offered for chemical weed control will do much toward winning the "War on Weeds," but these practices in themselves are not enough to accomplish the task.

In addition, each and every citizen must possess something of the old fashioned virtues, namely "A Simple Pride" in the appearance of the place we call our home, and a "Genuine Respect" for our neighbours and the entire community.

HALTON COUNTY W.I. ANNOUNCES BURSARY OF \$50

The Halton County Women's Institute has announced plans for a student bursary worth \$50 in furthering the student's education.

Mrs. C. Service of R. R. 3, Milton, convener of the bursary committee, said forms for application may be obtained through herself or committee members, Mrs. M. J. Brown of R. R. 1, Norval, Mrs. G. Somerville of R. R. 1, Acton, Mrs. Velma Norris of R. R. 2, Milton, or Mrs. Mabel Burstrom, home economist of Halton and Peel, at 3 Elizabeth St. in Brampton.

The boy or girl applicants must have grade 12 standing, and the money is to be used for further education the year it is presented. The mother of the applicant must be a W.I. member.

The recipient will be chosen for scholastic standing, character, community activities and other interests. Deadline for applications is September 30th.

BALLINAFAD

SEE PRINCESS MARGARET DURING VISIT TO OTTAWA

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jamieson and youngest daughter Marion enjoyed a trip to Ottawa last week and were fortunate to be around the parliament buildings when Princess Margaret was making an appearance.

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Misener from Waterloo were weekend guests at the manse with Mr. and Mrs. McBride and he was the guest speaker at the church service on Sunday morning.

Linda and Gerry Douglas from Clifford are holidaying with their sons, Mrs. Grant Wright and Mrs. Floyd Shortill.

Holiday visitors last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Gibson were Marie Gibson from Goodwood and Ann, Donna and Marilyn Dehany from Erin.

Mr. Duncan Gibson was holidaying last week in Muskoka.

Miss Lydia Snow is visiting at her home for a few days. She has recently returned from a holiday in the mountains and while in New Brunswick she attended a Home Economics convention at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, and also enjoyed a trip around the Cabot Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith and family visited on Sunday with the Smith family at the store.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lawr and family left on Monday morning with their camping trailer for a trip through the Ottawa district.

Possibility of having an industrial water supply as well as domestic water mentioned by the water chairman, Cr. Hyde.

"We have enough water for 40,000 population, but not enough to supply industries which might want a million or more gallons a day," said Cr. Hyde.

"Perhaps we could produce industrial water from the Credit, or from the lake which the Conservation Authority proposes to create at the 9th line."

At his suggestion, council decided to find what restrictions there might be on taking water from rivers. Mayor Armstrong suggested too that pressure be put to have the dam and lake constructed earlier than the anticipated five years from now.

"People let their imaginations run away with them" commented Cr. Hyde when the mayor relayed complaints he had received of a chlorine taste in the water. The councillor said chlorine was introduced into the water supply for the first time last week and that all precautions have been taken to see the dosage is not too large.

Chlorination is necessary to overcome a fungus growth in the waterlines which has been causing dirty water in portions of the town.

Relaying a complaint of a dust nuisance, Cr. John Elliott was told that calcium would be applied to the highway side between Durham and Maple streets.

A sidewalk will be installed on a portion of Ewing Street on which Cr. Ern Hyde has agreed to provide free material, provided the town works staff does the installation.

The mayor and reeve were delegated to attend an industrial conference at the Royal York Hotel in October.

Council will consider a request from Thomas Beer, to service a planned subdivision on the farm owned by Lt. Col. Gordon Brown, with the new owner paying cost of extending the watermain from town limits to the Maple Ave. and 7th line intersection. The town would receive double water rates, as the property is located in Esqueving Township.

Mr. Beer explained that he is planning some fifty homes on the property eventually, but has not yet prepared a subdivision plan. He has been granted permission by the township to erect ten homes at present, and a water supply would be of help in getting NHA financing.

Reeve Sargent said he would oppose any decision until a subdivision plan is presented. Cr. Harrison said he could see nothing wrong with the request, as the town has made such extensions before. The question will come up again in council after it has been studied by the water committee.

FARM NEWS

Despite Limited Moisture Grain Yields Are Good
J. E. W.

Halton Farm Operators are agreeably surprised by the yields they are getting of both winter wheat and spring grains. For the most part the quality too is excellent. It is little short of amazing when one considers the limited amount of moisture we have had this season.

According to Charles A. Galbraith of Hornby, that area received 4½ inches of rainfall during the three months of May, June, and July — in contrast to slightly over 10 inches in the same period a year ago. Despite the short heads in the majority of Halton's wheat fields, many Halton farm operators are reporting yields of anywhere from 25 to over 50 bushels to the acre. Spring grains, too, according to report are yielding well and we hear of 75 to 80 bushels yields.

This past week we spent a day with J. Norman Bird of Georgetown, when he was making his second trip around to score the pasture programmes of the 21 competitors who entered the Pasture Competition sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Ass'n. Again we were agreeably surprised. Thanks to alalfa, there appears to be plenty of feed still available but in some cases it is both dry and short enough. As a matter of fact if we are to keep ahead of those bovine lawn mowers another one or two inches of rainfall is urgently needed.

The corn crop is spotty — many corn fields did not germinate too evenly and along with this cool weather in June and July did not promote rapid growth. So that the corn, roots, pastures all need more moisture.

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TENNESSEE MAN WILL SPEAK HERE TO BAHAI'

On Monday evening, August 18, Mr. Winston G. Evans of Nashville, Tennessee, will speak on the Baha'i Faith at the home of Mrs. Tom Ferguson, 12 Market St.

Mr. Evans is a graduate of the University of the South, Swannock, Tennessee, and has been a Baha'i for twenty one years, during which time he has spoken throughout the United States on the Baha'i Faith. Last year he visited the Dominican Republic, Caracas, and a number of the islands of the British West Indies and has just completed a two month speaking tour of the Southwest.

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