

Livestock killings by dogs cost town \$1,227.30

Dogs blamed for animal deaths

Dogs continue molesting sheep and poultry in Erin Township, to a total of \$584, in September. Dr. Brian Buckrell and Roy Wheeler each had a lamb killed. Mrs. Jane McIntyre lost 28 Muscovy ducks and 1 goose. Mack Bros. had three reg. lambs killed and one lamb and two ewes injured, and Keith Aitken lost a reg. ewe. Ray Sheekey also had two lambs injured, but the owner of the dogs paid the bill.

A two-way radio system prevalent in the township has proven a valuable aid to firemen and road maintenance men. A committee was formed when the large majority of municipalities went into the radio network. They were asking for a motion on maintenance. It was passed at Erin Township Council meeting Monday night, that the township concur with Minto Township, and agree to give the maintenance contract to the Marconi Company.

A Newsletter was received

from the Municipal Liaison Committee about re-appraising support grants to municipalities. The general support grant is an unconditional grant, and it will be cut next year. There had been an increase this year to municipalities.

Erin Township Council has donated \$800 to Erin Agricultural Society, and \$150 to Acton Agricultural Society, for the benefit of agriculture.

Glen Creba reported on building permits issued this month, four for houses, and 12 for sheds and other small buildings. A discussion arose on dog kennels and by-laws concerning them.

An application from lot 2, concession 7, requesting a zone change, was discussed. The 16-acres is now zoned as agriculture land. A barn was erected last summer, and they are asking for an amendment to the by-law, to enable them to keep more than two domestic animals. Council will seek Mr. Hungerford's advice on keeping the

horses in the barn while waiting for a zone change.

Despite the rains, work is progressing on fifth sideroad at the 8th line corner, stated Ed Barden, road superintendent. Mud and water made road work difficult. The road is being widened and raised and is now ready for gravel and ditching.

Frank McCreary of R. R. 1, Hillsburgh, would like permission to trap in the township. The clerk was instructed to write a letter saying the township has no objection to trapping, but permission also has to be obtained from the county of Wellington for the county roads, from the MTC for the provincial roads, and from each property owner on whose land he intends to trap. Beaver are getting quite numerous, cutting down trees and building dams to hold the water back which causes flooding. There are also reports of them cutting down rows of corn.

Marlboro Limited has

requested a zone change, for development of 17 lots at Ballinafad, suitable to allow them to go through with this development. Clive Beardwood was directed to write that Erin Township Council considers the re-zoning of Marlboro Limited property, lot 1, concession 8, conditional of the acceptable form of development to take place.

Bert Berry gave the treasurer's report, and a discussion ensued on the best way to meet expenses and come out even.

A special meeting is designed for Oct. 20, to talk with delegations, and the next regular meeting is called for Tues., Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

The killing of chickens, turkeys and sheep by dogs cost Halton Hills \$1,227.30 Monday night and even though the dog involved in a few cases has been traced to its owners the town can't force the animal to be destroyed.

Only the victim can take action under current legislation to have the animal destroyed. In addition the case won't be prosecuted for damages because legal costs would be more than the compensation.

Council passed resolutions Monday paying Mrs. Reg Green \$226 for the killing of 76 chickens September 1, Canada Packers, R.R. 3 Acton, \$676.30 for the killing of 87 turkeys and damages to 19 others on September 22, Mr. N. Dorgo, Hornby \$120 for two sheep killed September 20, and Eleanor Branch, R.R. 1 Norval, \$145, for a sheep and an ewe killed last month.

Mrs. Branch's husband, Peter, appeared before

council Monday urging the town take action against the owner of the dog.

Branch caught the killer dog and shot it in the side. He traced it to a neighbour.

He noted often the dog can't be identified but when it can be action should be taken as a warning to others. He said the owners should pay compensation and be forced to destroy the dog. Branch didn't think action should be left up to the victim.

Branch also called for action by town staff and police to control straying dogs.

Deputy-clerk Delmar French noted the town solicitor says the town can try to get compensation but the town can't do anything about having the dog destroyed. Legislation says the victim must take legal action to have the dog destroyed.

Finance-administration committee will look into current legislation and maybe suggest changes to

Queen's Park so the town can take action.

Councillor Pat Patterson said it wasn't good to force the victim to take action against a neighbour.

Council also decided not to try and get the compensation money back from the owner since it would cost more in legal fees than the compensation amounts to.

Councillor Walter Biehn suggested a bill be sent to the owner anyway in the hopes it will be paid but this idea was rejected.



DR. BRIAN BUCKRELL shows one of his animals were badly mangled. Dogs ripped apart the necks of many of his sheep last week.

Draft official plan

A draft plan of the long-awaited Official Plan for all of Halton Hills was presented to planning board, Tuesday night.

The plan has been in preparation almost as long as regional government has existed, but the end is not yet in sight. The draft plan will be kept confidential at this point, until council has a chance to go over the proposed plan and suggest any changes. After these changes are made, probably after two or three special meetings on the subject, the plan will be aired at a public meeting, where anyone will have an opportunity to object to any parts of it.

To make it easier for the public, the meetings will be held in various locations throughout the town, including the hamlets.

Then the plan will be brought back and changed again to reflect the public's opinions, if deemed reasonable. Finally the plan will go to the Ontario Municipal Board for their approval.

Planning Board chairman Roy Booth described the draft plan as one of the best and easiest to read he had ever seen, and reflected a tremendous amount of work by the planning department and council. He emphasized it was only a working paper at this point.

Planning Board will set a special night to deal only with the draft plan to begin the task of revisions.

Dogs injure 40 sheep

Dogs ravaged a flock of about 160 sheep badly damaging 35 to 40 of the animals last Wednesday night at the Buckrell farm near Ballinafad.

While caring for his "badly damaged" sheep Thursday morning owner Dr. Brian Buckrell, who is a veterinarian, noted the dogs weren't out to kill the animals "just play with them." None of the sheep were killed by the dogs but some will have to be destroyed.

Erin Township's livestock

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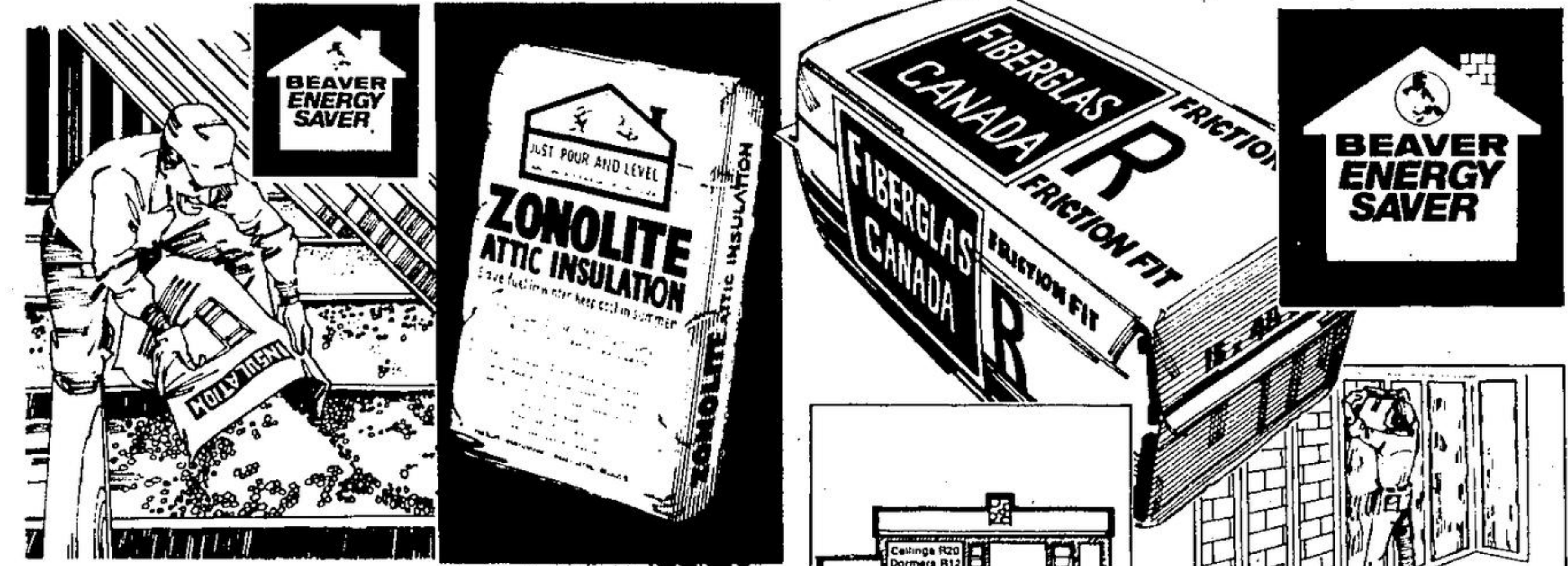
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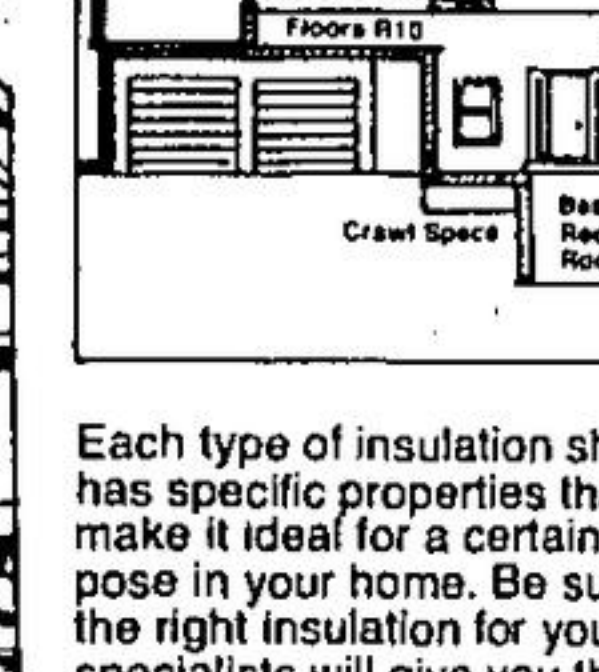
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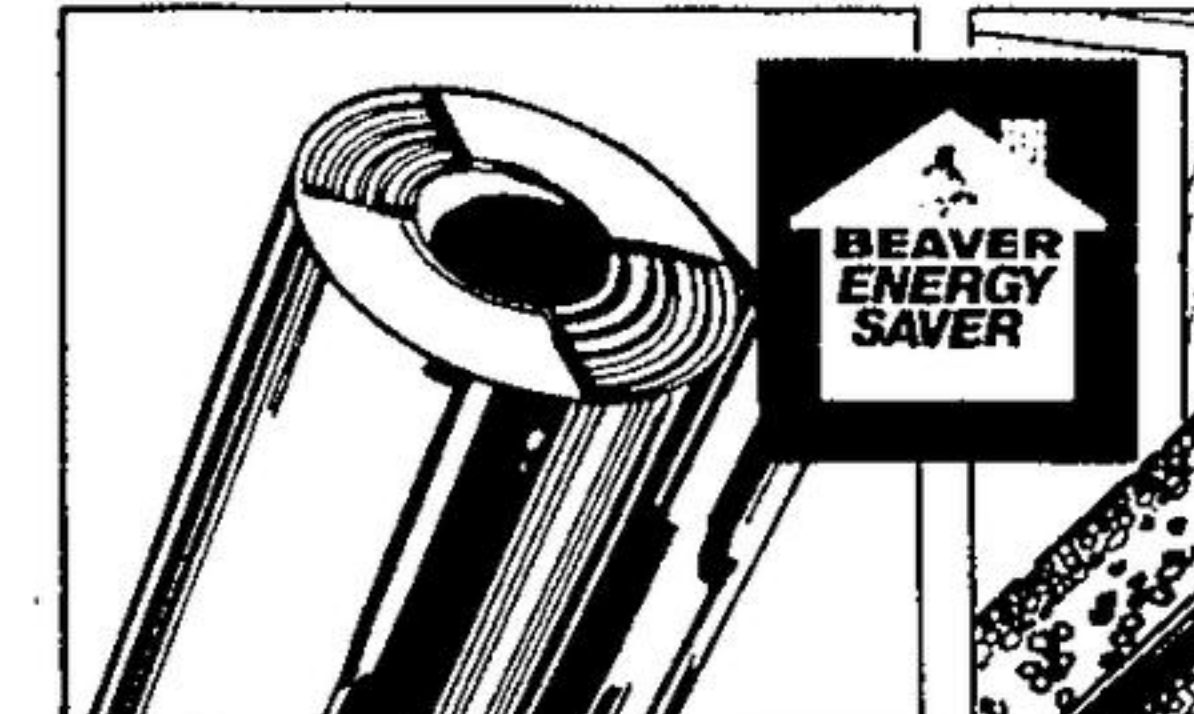
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