

Will Write Municipalities If Attendance Not Better

Halton Region Conservation Authority chairman Brock Harris threatened last week to have letters sent to participating municipalities if attendance at HRCA committee meetings doesn't improve.

Harris said the letters would be sent to the municipalities to inform them about the attendance of their representatives.

He said attendance at the HRCA meetings is vital because of the number of "long-range programs that should be looked after."

Only four of seven executive members had shown up for Thursday's executive committee meeting held at the Halton Court House at 8 p.m. Earlier last week only two of seven conservation area advisory board committee members showed up for the 8

p.m. meeting. However, Harris, an ex-officio member of the committee, attended, providing the required third member for a quorum.

The Authority's constitution — unlike some other organizations — only requires the attendance of three members at committee

First Year For Fitness Awards

by SHARON GIBBS

Participants in the Y's Canada Fitness Awards programs received their awards last week. Although various kinds of

meetings to constitute a quorum.

Harris said the big problem for the Authority is the attendance of municipal council members at committee meetings. He said attendance by appointees has been satisfactory.



physical fitness programs have been available for many years through Georgetown's Y, this is the first year that official awards were given.

The children, all between the ages of seven and 12, attended gym classes once a week for 20 weeks. They practiced various gymnastic activities and exercises, and learned how to use gymnastic equipment and mats. At the end of the program, each child was required to perform a test designed for her age level.

On the final night, the children performed for their parents, and of course, received their awards.

Leader Dorothy Gillespie was delighted to see the parent interest in the program. On award night each child had a parent or friend watching her perform.

Dorothy Gillespie has been involved in teaching physical fitness for years. She became interested while attending a Y program herself, and began teaching children as a result of this program.

GOLD AWARDS

Carrie Lee Bastedo, Robin Hillock, Angelica Martina, Leanne Storch, Cheryl Thompson.

SILVER AWARDS

Alicia Adema, Elaine Bastedo, Marlene Brown, Kathryn Calder, Sheryl Few, Donna Herrington, Janine LaRose, Sherri Marshall, Andrea Milne, Jessie Pattullo, Carol Peardon, Christine Steinfatt, Jennifer Thompson, Lorraine Turner.

BRONZE AWARDS

Marlene Adema, Sally Burns, Christine Girardi, Silvana Girardi, Jodi Gray, Joanne Hillier, Janice McDonald, Jennifer Milne, Lynda Stevens, Patricia Turner.

Glen Williams

Teresa and Brian Ward of Georgetown spent the holiday week with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter on the 9th Line.

Elizabeth Hank of the Kitchener area spent the holiday week with her cousins the Brenners of Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barth, Faye and Trevor of Blyth spent last week with the Cecil Barths.

Mr. Steve Gemesi and Mr. Brett Giles left last week to spend a week's vacation in Spain.

On Sunday, March 25, Rev. David Proctor, personnel officer of the Hamilton Conference, conducted the service in the United Church, assisted by Mr. George Armitage of Georgetown. Next Sunday Rev. Walton Tongue of the Stewardship Service Dept. will conduct the service.

Thursday night euchre results were — Ladies' 1. (tied score) Nellie Lane and Liz Norton, 2. Maggie Crawford, Law Susan Brenner. Men's 1. Jim Holder, 2. Ernie Miller. Law. Ray Gourley. The groceries were won by Don Hancock.

—Ruth Ash

AT NEW HOLLAND TRAINING PROGRAM



Ronald E. Fuller, serviceman for Penson Farm Equipment, R.R. 1, Georgetown has returned from a week-long training program at the Sperry New Holland Service Training Center at New Holland, Pennsylvania. While at the center he attended sessions in the service and repair of a wide variety of modern farm machinery. Fuller, who resides at 3 John Street, W. in Georgetown, has been employed by Penson Farm Eqpt. for two years. He has an extensive farm and mechanical background.

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Gardening Tips

Decide What Plants You Want, Then Order

RODENT DAMAGE TO TREES AND SHRUBS

Sometimes, after the snow has melted, gardeners find that rodents have chewed favorite trees and shrubs. Fruit trees, lilacs, and mountain ash are the most common targets. Rodents usually eat the layer just underneath the bark. If the damage is small, but encircles the stem, the plant may be saved by bridge-grafting, says R. F. Gomme, horticultural specialist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

The grafting job should be done when the sap is flowing, but early enough to avoid drying of the plant. Take several cuttings from the same tree about 1 foot long and 1/2 inch thick. Taper each end with a sharp knife, leaving the cutting long enough to bridge the damaged area.

Remove bark from the lower trunk to match the tapered ends of the cuttings. Secure the cutting with small nails. Then make each end airtight with tree paint. The cuttings should allow the sap to flow to the upper parts of the tree.

If a single plant has been damaged, there's a good chance others nearby are also. Examine each tree and shrub near ground level for rodent damage.

SPRING GARDENING REMINDERS

Ordering new plants is one of the things that cannot be put off to the last minute, says R. A. Fleming, horticultural specialist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Decide which new plants you want in your garden. Then order the plant material from a nursery or garden center. By ordering early, you will get the best plant material and avoid disappointment because of sold-out stocks.

Ordering plants early allows for time to prepare the garden, then you can plant the trees or bushes as soon as they are delivered. Most of these plants, especially those "bare root", will do better if they are planted as early as possible in the spring.

The roots of woody plants start spring growth long before any signs appear above the ground. R. A. Fleming, horticultural specialist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, says that trees and shrubs should be fertilized now.

For example, a 10-10-10 fertilizer could be used. It should be applied at about 1 1/2 pounds per 100 square feet or 1 pound per inch diameter of the tree trunk. Spread it evenly on the ground to just beyond the spread of the branches. Then water it in thoroughly. Trees in lawns will benefit from a second feeding about June 1.

By fertilizing early, you will be sure that there is an adequate supply of plant food when the roots begin their spring growth.

SPRING TILLAGE FOR CLAY SOILS

When to plow loam or sandy loam soils is not as critical a factor as it is with clay soils. Fall plowing is usually best for clays, but the weather conditions last fall did not permit plowing on many farms. Several tillage practices can be utilized now to effectively prepare a seed bed, says J. W. Ketcheson, of the Department of Land Resource Science, Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph.

It is usually possible to plow in the spring before other types of tillage can be done. Heavy duty cultivation, to break the soil surface rather than plow it might be considered an alternative, providing the appropriate equipment is available. This type of cultivation is recommended on sloping land where erosion could be a problem. Do not use a heavy-duty disc to work the soil since it tends to compact the soil too much.

Secondary tillage must be done when the moisture content of the soil has dropped enough to avoid further compaction, but not enough to prevent the breakdown of large chunks into suitable aggregates.

"No-till" practices cannot be recommended on fine-textured clays if corn is grown after corn on the same land. Tilling the soil between crops will help loosen these soils for the best growth of the next crop.

It is not recommended that farmers consider using other alternatives to plowing unless it is absolutely necessary. Plow if at all possible, even though you may have to wait a little longer for the soil to dry sufficiently. Plowed land will work down to a better seed bed. Plow as shallowly as practical to help to retain the soil's moisture. Early planting is sometimes desirable, but it is no substitute for a poor seed bed.

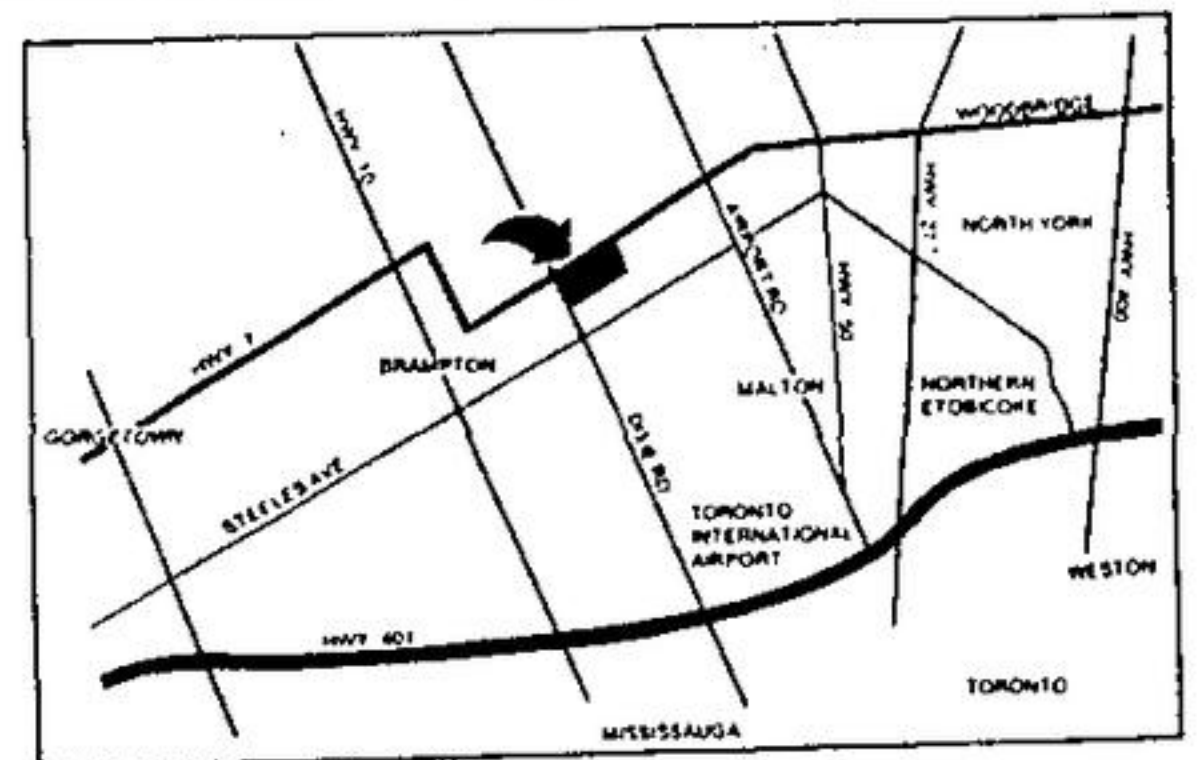
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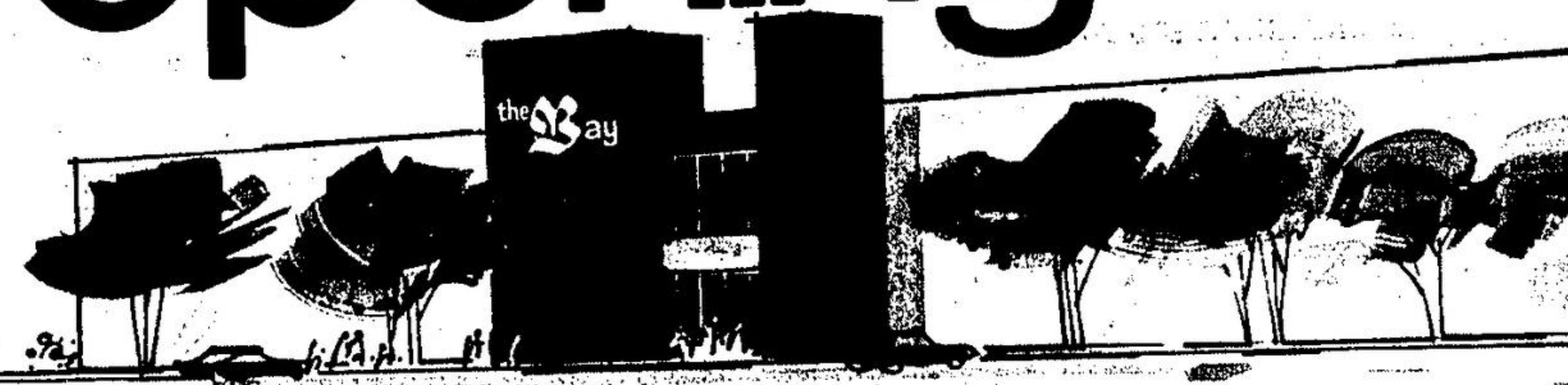
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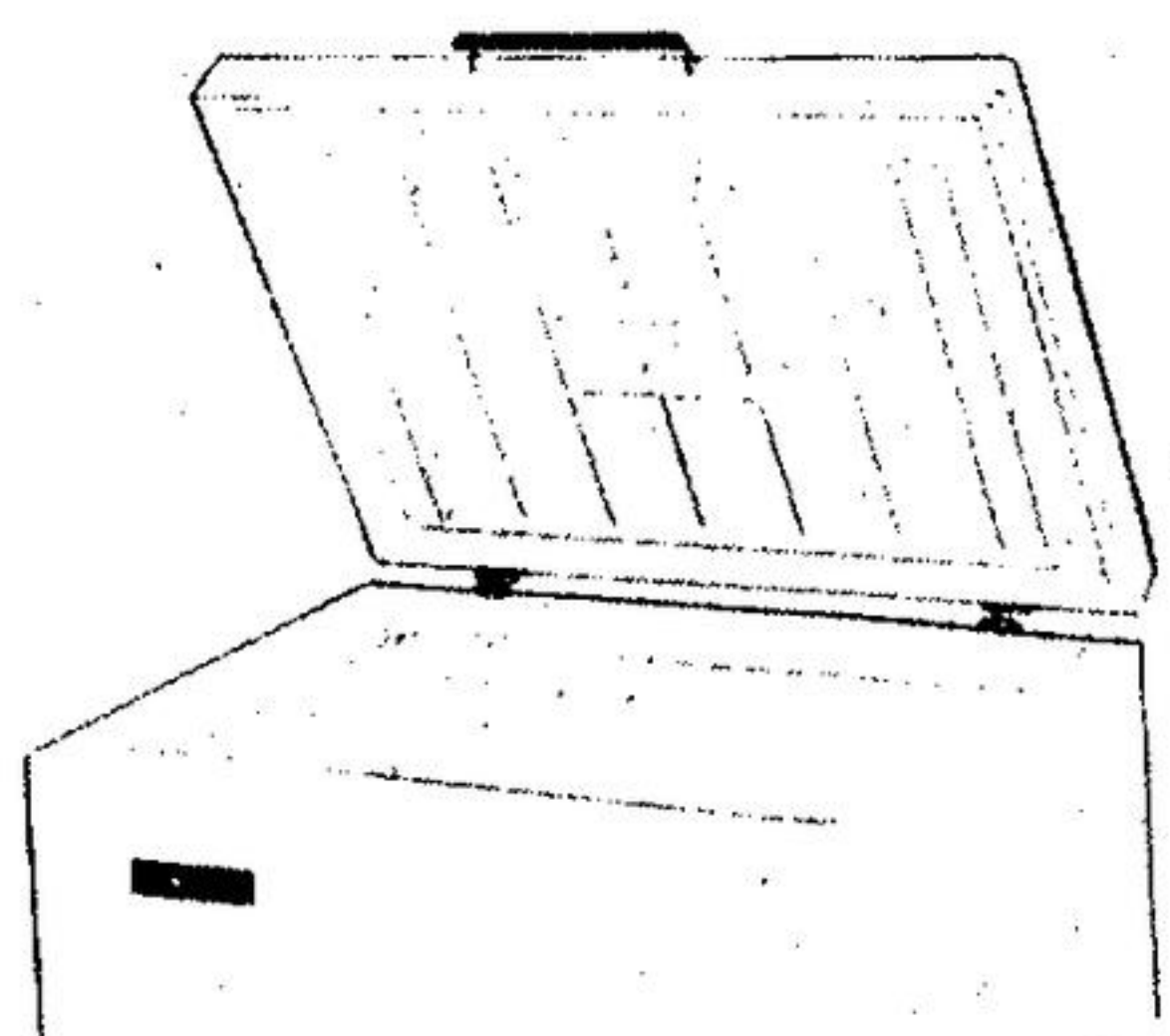
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