

Horticultural Notes

For the Month of January

Prepared by the Milton and District Horticultural Society

Have you planned a place to feed the birds where you can watch? Shelves swung from a tree limb where cats can't interfere, or from a window ledge, will provide many hours of enjoyment for adult and young alike. Small grains, crushed nuts or bread crumbs are all your feathered boarders need to keep them happy and you will be repaid many times over in color and chatter.

Care of Evergreens
Keep an eye on your ornamental evergreens. Lift their branches out of the snow and tramp the snow around them to keep the mice from taking over. Don't forget to use molescid recommended in previous columns around the base of shrubs, rose bushes, etc. Speaking of rose bushes, watch that the cones don't rub together and chafe.

Now is a good time to prune any fruit trees or grape vines you may have. Regardless of whether the trees are of the

dwarf variety or the old fashioned large tree — keep them down, don't cut the branches at the bottom. A bit of wise pruning now will save much reaching and climbing in the fruit bearing season. Dwarf trees should have some support, similar to the type given grape vines.

Pruning Vines
Presuming you have some sort of support for your grape vines, they are more likely to do better under severe pruning. For a weak vine, leave four buds to an arm; for a strong vine, you may leave 12. By all means tie the grape arms to the support you are providing.

If you are planning on reshaping your shade trees or if there are dead limbs to be removed, it should be done before the sap starts to rise, and the cut surface covered with a tarlike preparation known as "Braco" and obtainable at a hardware store. This prevents disease or rot.

12-Mile Creek Conservation Progress Reported to Council

TRAFALGAR — The 12-mile Creek Conservation Authority made its annual report to Trafalgar council last week a rosey one when it pointed out that it would require less money from the township next year.

George Atkins of the authority described the work of the group in policing and preserving some of the most beautiful country in Ontario.

Preserve Beauty
"We feel that the Niagara Escarpment and the valley of 12-Mile Creek contains some of the most beautiful scenery in the whole district and we are seeking to preserve it — materially by purchasing land bordering on the creek, and through conservation of natural resources, particularly water."

"Last year we had a battle with a quarry firm who owned some land on the escarpment. This firm had dug a large hole in the top of the bank and were preparing to blast out the face of the cliff to make hauling of their gravel easier."

"We mounted expropriation proceedings and halted the step before irreparable damage was done. It's things like this that keep the authority constantly busy maintaining and protecting the natural beauty and continuity of the land," concluded Mr. Atkins.

Council also received a request from the Bethel church to acquire 104 feet from the Drumquin park property.

Named to Area
Reeve Alex Phillips was named to the Milton Area Fire Committee.

Tenders were authorized for one tandem truck, one five-ton chassis and cab, two station wagons and two police cars.

Police Promoted
Police promotions were listed as follows: plainclothes officer R. Herder to detective, Const. W. Chapman to third class constable, Const. W. Hoey and Const. Paul Williamson to second class constable, and Consts. G. Green and G. Ackerman to first class constable.



—Staff Photo

NEWSPAPERBOYS at the Bruce St. public school last week received luminous armbands, courtesy of Milton Safety Council, to wear on their nightly deliveries. Eventually all local newsboys will receive the safety precautions. Modelling the outfits are Derek Presse, Donald Merkley, Michael O'Sullivan, Bill Presse and Gordon Hamilton.

Ross Campbell Heads Traf. School Board

TRAFALGAR — Ross Campbell was unanimously acclaimed as chairman of the Trafalgar School Area Board at its inaugural meeting last week. Donald Orr received an unanimous acclamation as vice-chairman.

Mr. Campbell, who succeeds Denzil Lawrence as head of the board, has been a trustee for the past five years. Mr. Orr has also served several terms as a trustee.

Committees
The following committees were appointed: transportation, Mrs. J. E. Taylor chairman, Donald Orr; finance, Percy W. Merry chairman, Mrs. J. E. Taylor; property and insurance, Mrs. Dorothy Irvine chairman, Percy W. Merry; teachers' relations, Donald Orr chairman, Mrs. Irvine.

The board accepted an offer from the Trafalgar police to give grade 8 pupils in all the town-

ship schools an hour and a quarter's instruction in resuscitation methods. A team of four police instructors will visit each school on one occasion only.

"Well worthwhile"
"If one person is saved, it is well worthwhile," commented Mrs. Taylor.

"I think it is very good of the police to offer this instruction," said Mr. Campbell.

A letter was received from the Trafalgar Teachers' Council requesting a meeting with the board to discuss salary problems. The board decided to hold a special meeting with the board to discuss salary problems. The board decided to hold a special committee meeting previous to arranging a meeting with the teachers.

It was decided to purchase an intercommunication system for Brookdale school at a cost of \$1,134.

Life Membership Presented At W.M.S. Afternoon Meeting

Twenty-three members of Knox W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary were present last Thursday for the first meeting of the new year, held at the home of Mrs. Robertson. The president, Mrs. Bell, chaired the meeting, and opened with a few suggestions of inspiration for the new year.

After the singing of the good old hymn, "Standing at the Portal", all reports, including the annual reports were given, showing a wonderful year of missionary endeavour. Pending business was taken care of, and the World Day of Prayer to be held on March 4, was announced.

New Year Meditation
The Scripture was taken by Mrs. Orsborn, as she read the 121 Psalm. Mrs. Stark led in prayer. A very interesting and worthwhile paper "New Year Meditation", was given by Mrs. Yates, from which she quoted "Prayer and Meditation", as the very keynote of Christian living. "As a Man Thinketh, so is he". The writer suggests that we ask God to help us raise our thinking, and to fill our minds with beautiful things, rather than the critical and belittling.

Hymn 108, "I to the hills will lift mine eyes", was followed by the topic, which was under the direction of Mrs. Robertson. "The Influence of Women in the Old

Testament — in Religious and State Affairs", proved most interesting as Mrs. Robertson, assisted by Mrs. Dick, gave brief commentaries on those courageous women of great Faith such as Rahab, Miriam, Esther, Queen of Sheba, and others.

Made Life Member
After singing "The Lord is My Shepherd", Mrs. Orsborn was presented with a life membership by Mrs. Bradley, on behalf of the auxiliary. Mrs. Orsborn, though taken by surprise, thanked the ladies most fittingly for this honor.

A social half hour followed as the hostess served a tasty lunch.

Librarian Explains Children's Benefits

The regular meeting of the J. M. Denyes Home and School Association was held recently in the school. The guest speaker was T. Anderson, town librarian, who spoke on books available and the benefits of getting children to read and take advantage of the library.

Musical numbers were given by Ralph Foster, pianist, and Margaret Downs, dancing. A social half hour brought the meeting to a close.

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Farm Forum Members Advocate More Control of Merchandising

Adjustment through price support policies was the second topic in the special series on adjustment in farming, to be discussed by the Ontario Farm Radio Forums. This broadcast, heard on January 11, asked three questions which many forums found difficulty in answering concisely.

These were: Can price support programs be used to control production to fit the market and at the same time maintain adequate income levels? Is there any alternative to government control of farm prices under surplus conditions? Should price supports be used to slow down the economic pressure tending to fewer farms?

Some Disagreement
In answer to the first question, about 75 per cent. of the forums felt that price supports could not be used to control production and maintain adequate income levels at the same time, even though there might be disagreement about what an "adequate income level" should be. Many thought that price supports helped the large producer and thereby created surpluses. Several commented that no support program could be successful without production controls.

In considering alternatives to government control of farm prices under surplus conditions, most of the forums felt there were alternatives with opinion being divided between a complete abolition of government control and a return to the law of supply and demand and some form of producer control.

Many types of producer controls were recommended, varying from the present type of marketing boards to co-operatives, but most members advocated more control over the merchandising and selling of agricultural produce by the farmer.

Make Fewer Farms
Opinion was almost evenly di-

vided on whether price supports should be used to slow down the economic pressure tending to fewer farms. Many of the forums who thought they should not be used agreed with Mono Centre in Dufferin that price supports are already producing fewer farms.

On the other hand, many felt that price supports were helping the smaller farmer and preventing his being swallowed up by big operators. Apparently, opinion was divided within individual forums as well since quite a number had difficulty arriving at a satisfactory conclusion in this discussion.

WRONG JOB
"What's wrong?" cried the wife when her husband bellowed from the bathroom.

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