

Special cultural practices needed here for clay

One shovel of dirt often looks much like another, but no two are really alike,

according to Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food horticulturist J.K.

Hughes. "There are basically three types of soil — sand, silt and

clay," he explains. "Each has a characteristic size, from large sand grains to medium silt particles to very small clay particles.

restricted by poor root development and drainage." To prevent clay soils from becoming lumpy, avoid working them when they are still overly wet.

Add organic matter — such as cattle manure or composted straw — in the spring or fall to help open the soil so that roots can breathe.

Preplanting hints for May

"Do not start working on your garden while the soil is still wet," advises Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food horticulturist J.K. Hughes.

because of compacted soil is the main cause of poor gardens in Ontario.

such as composted straw or sand, into the garden.

To get crops growing, plant them in soil that has had about two pounds of a 10-10-10 analysis fertilizer incorporated every 100 square feet.

"The smallness of the clay particles causes them to compact and harden more readily than the others.

"That's why plant growth in clay soils is sometimes

Wells save new subdivision trees

Imagine subdivisions where large trees shade the lawns and houses.

"They are hard to find," says Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food horticulturist R.A. Fleming.

"Many subdivisions are scraped clean of all vegetation before development begins. Even when established trees are left, they frequently die from injuries caused by excavation and land grading.

"Excessive amounts of fill dumped on tree roots also cause death."

According to Mr. Fleming, more trees could be saved if tree wells or retaining walls were properly built around them.

These must be planned before fill is added or a grade changed so that room can be left for their construction.

The tree and an area beneath the spread of the branches — a minimum radius of 10 feet from the trunk — should be protected

from machinery and earth-moving equipment.

Most tree wells require a radiating grid of drainage tile or loose stone fill, vertical tile connected to the loose stone fill or the tile grid, and a wall of tile, brick, cement blocks, cut stone, or fieldstone.

For safety, metal or wooden grating may also be needed.

The diameter of the circular wall depends on the age of the tree.

While a mature tree requires a diameter only slightly larger than that of its trunk, a young tree needs a diameter large enough to accommodate anticipated growth.

For more information on the design and construction of tree wells, consult the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food Fact sheet, Tree Wells and Retaining Walls (Order No. 73-034), available free of charge at county and district agricultural offices.

Gardening



(Photo by Hogg)

Planting time in York Region

A good thick layer of top soil is essential for a good garden at planting time. Knowing this Ted and Ivy Daultrey of 207 Avenue Road in South

Richmond Hill were busy applying a good layer of loam to their garden the other day when our photographer passed by.

PROCLAMATION

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"CLEAN UP — PAINT UP" WEEK

The week of May 23rd to May 30th is hereby proclaimed "Paint-up — Clean-up" Week in the Town of Richmond Hill for the year 1975.

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill.

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Mayor

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Acting Clerk

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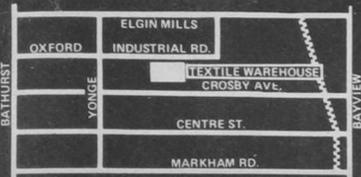
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Horticulturalists hear researcher

Flowers of the Arctic was the title of an illustrated talk by Robert Fleming, research scientist at Vineland Research Station, to a capacity audience at a Richmond Hill Horticultural Society meeting last week.

Members were interested to see such a variety of flowers relative to those grown here — even orchids.

Although the size of the blooms was smaller and the stems were shorter, they dominated the treeless landscape.

The modern style homes occupied by the inhabitants

were unique, maintaining the igloo shape, but with much more head room than the original.

Building materials differed greatly, including wooden packing boxes, materials left from the railways, etc.

In the Arctic distances deceive the eye and summer daylight stays for 24 hours — ideal for taking pictures, especially when travelling by boat.

One of Mr. Fleming's pictures looked like a glorious sunset. Actually it was a sunrise.

The daffodil show, judged by Mrs. Doris Spafford of Thornhill, was a lovely sight with a variety of spring blossoms. The judge's comments were most favorable.

Winners of points in the various sections were: specimen flowers — Otto Connor, Marg Olsen, Gerry Longworth; arrangements — Marg Rumney, Mabel Barker, R. Steele; best daffodil in show — Gerry Longworth; best arrangement — Marg Rumney.

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