

Farm

Tribune

Bunker silo built at Ringwood

A. A. Wall, Agricultural Representative for York County, Newmarket.

Fall seed time a family affair

By JOHN BRADSHAW

The warm, sunny days of late September and October give the whole family a chance to become artists and use the garden as a canvas. For color they can use the reds, yellows, oranges, pinks, whites, blues and bi-colors of the spring-flowering bulbs.

Ten to \$20 worth of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, snowdrops, scillas, crocuses, chionodoxas and grape hyacinths planted during the next three to four weeks can add untold beauty to the garden not only next spring, but for years to come.

Planting the spring-flowering bulbs is an excellent way of getting the children interested in gardening. Even a five- or six-year-old can easily plant any of them. At the same time, you have a fine opportunity to tell the children about the miracle of "seed time and harvest." Point out that if this were to fail just one year, the world would not be able to survive. Early next year the children can watch for the first leaf to come bursting through the still frozen soil, a sure sign that spring is on its way and that once again, nature has not failed us.

At our place we hold a family meeting, look through the various bulb catalogs and then decide which bulbs we're going to plant this fall. In buying bulbs be certain to purchase only the No. 1 top quality kind. Beware of those offered for sale at much below the prices quoted in the catalogs of reliable bulb dealers. These are usually described as "flowering" size, but in reality they are so small that they'll not produce normal flowers the first season.

Perhaps your children would like to plant several clumps of snowdrops where they can be seen from the living room window.

Corn silage is rolling this week, and it's just a wonderful crop. Yield is good, and more important, with no frost, the grain has filled well and has matured nicely for silage. This is the stuff that makes cows milk and beef cattle put on the pounds. And outside of pasture, it's the lowest cost feed there is.

There is renewed interest in pits or bunker silos for storage. They can lower storage costs and allow switch to a silage feeding programme without mortgaging the farm to build tower silos.

Many pits of course, have been tried that ended up miserably. From this experience however, we have learned how to avoid the problems. The key points are a well drained site, concrete floor, well sloped sides, good packing, and a plastic cover put on just as soon as the silage is all in.

Self feeding used to go with this kind of storage but too often it created more problems than it solved. A tractor and loader will take the silage out quicker and easier.

The ultimate in bunker silos has just been built in York County. The Stansbury's at Dadson Farms, Ringwood, have a new one, that is 156 feet long, 30 feet wide and about 10 feet high. It's the biggest I've heard of. It will hold between 3500 and 4500 tons of silage depending on how high it is heaped in the middle.

A few corn growers started picking this week too. It's early but moisture content isn't too high if the crop is being stored as high moisture corn. A strong point for high moisture storage is that harvesting can be done now, and in the winter the picker can be in the implement shed where it ought to be.



Huge I.H.C. plow turns six furrows at one time. This six-furrow International plow, featured at Chas. Richards and Sons Ltd., is a large unit but not the largest. The company also makes a 10-furrow size. This plow, with 16-inch bottoms, sells for \$2,150. —Staff Photo

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President, co-operative medical services

Too many dogs - too little revenue

PICKERING TWP. — Too many dogs are running at large and too little revenue is coming in. That is the complaint of Pickering Township council concerning the present dog-control program now in charge of the Ontario Humane Society.

Reeve John Williams said that while the cost of the service at about \$15,000 was almost the same as under the township's old system, complaints were on the increase and remuneration was down.

The problem was discussed at a committee meeting of council, Sept. 23.

Reeve Williams pointed out that previously, the revenue received covered the cost of operation but such would never be the case unless returns took a sudden increase.

Mr. Williams said that dogs running loose, particularly in the more rural regions, constituted a liability to farmers and the township as a whole since the municipality is held responsible.

Ontario City — At their recent annual members' meeting at Greenwood, Ontario (County) Co-operative Medical Services reported a successful year in payment of claims under its prepaid medical plans for approximately 5,000 persons.

Mrs. Mary E. McLean of Greenwood was named President and Mr. John A. Ball, Vice-President.

Mrs. Walter Carruthers of Sandford, a former President of the Medical Co-Op., returned to the Board of Directors after an absence of several years. Mr. Lawrence Hartmeyer of Beaverton was newly elected to the Board for a three year term.

Mrs. Theodore Parliament of Cannington and Mr. William Weldon of Oakwood were returned to the Board for another term.

Continuing Directors include: Mrs. Russell Gray, Uxbridge; Mrs. James Milton-Smith, Orillia; Mrs. Philip Francis, Cannington; Mr. Clinton Midelev.

Port Perry: Mr. Clarence Werry, Oshawa; Mr. Edgar James, Bowmanville; Mr. John A. Ball and Mrs. Mary E. McLean.

The office of the Medical Co-Op is at Greenwood, with Mrs. Lorraine Nicholson, manager.

Eldred King, Markham, R.R. 2, accompanied an air cargo of 55 purebred Holstein cattle to France, returning home Sept. 22. The shipment included two animals from Mr. King's own herd. The trip over took eight, and one-half hours.

WHITCHURCH TWP. — The Maple Crest Holstein herd, owned by George E. Richardson of Vandorf, Whitchurch Twp. and including 40 head of fresh cows, springers and heifers, will be sold by public auction, Wednesday, Oct. 9.

The Richardson property is on Don Mills Road, lot 19, conc. 4.

The sale, to begin at 1:30 p.m., will be in charge of auctioneers Alvin Farmer and Gordon Orr.

Holstein herd auction

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Selwood Sophia's Boy (right) owned by Warren S. Ramer, Richmond Hill, won the reserve championship at the C.N.E. Ayrshire competition. The Ramer farm is on Hwy. 48, north of Ringwood in Whitchurch Twp. The grand champion (left) is owned by Alex Sutherland, Paris, Ontario. The trophy presentation is made by Miss Anne Spauld of Warren, Ontario. The judge is R. Roy Simmons (left) of Finch, Ont. —Jim Rose

Cyclists injured

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville motorist escaped injury but two cyclists were hurt when their bike was in collision with a car on King Street West in Oshawa.

Damage to an auto driven by Arthur Hirsch, 39, of Church Street, Stouffville, was estimated at \$180.

Cyclists injured were Douglas Short, 19 and Gary Gudgeon, 21, both of Whitby.

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