



BE A GRAFTER!

Did you ever covet your neighbor's cherry tree? Or the flowering crabapple down the block? Or did you envy that smart gardener who raises such good grapes? Or plums? Or maybe pears?

If you can learn to be a grafter, you need covet, nor envy, no longer. You, too, can have some of that luscious fruit on your own fruit trees, or vines.

(We're speaking of the garden variety of grafting, not the literary character known as "The Gentle Grafter".)

Sometime in May, there will be a Saturday Morning workshop in HOW TO GRAFT, free of charge at Skycroft, and anyone who is interested is invited to come.

However, if you have any interest in this, NOW, this very week, is the time to collect your grafting wood.

Why NOW? Because the spring season is so far advanced, we must gather wood from the good trees before the leafbuds begin to break open.

So be friendly to the man with the good apple or plum, and ask him for a few pencil-sized twigs, about a foot long.

Put these, right away, into a tightly-sealed plastic bag, after you have labelled the kinds. Then put that plastic bag inside another one, again fastening it tightly. Put the whole thing into the crisper in your refrigerator, well labelled. In this way, you can have your wood ready for the grafting season, in May.

When small leaves have appeared on fruit trees, you can graft on the wood you have put

away so safely.

The abundantly flowing sap of the leafed-out trees will nourish the buds of the grafting wood, whose progress has been delayed by your cutting them off and storing them in the cold refrigerator.

Don't delay! Be a grafter this spring.

If you do not have any small apple or cherry trees to graft to, don't despair. Get yourself a scrubby little thorn-apple from someone's cow pasture, and use that as stock. Always ask permission, but it will surely be given. Every cowpasture needs to be rid of little thornapple trees.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Village of Seeley's Bay wishes to announce that the Seeley's Bay and District Lions Club has recently been formed, with the hope of being able to serve and benefit the community. Their Charter Night will be held on March 21st at the Rideau District High School. Anyone wishing information, please contact Jim Cairns, Secretary, R.R. 2 Lyndhurst, 387-3172.

- WHAT DO YOU THINK OF A MAN WHO:
- CONTINUES TO ALLOW 300,000 PEOPLE IN ONTARIO TO REMAIN UNEMPLOYED ?
 - : IGNORES THE FACT THAT 93% OF CANADA'S LAY-OFFS IN THE PAST YEAR HAVE BEEN IN ONTARIO ?
 - : ALLOWS INCO TO SPEW 2500 TONS OF SULFUR DIOXIDE INTO THE AIR EVERY 24 HOURS ?
 - : MAKES ONTARIANS PAY THE HIGHEST HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS OF ANYONE IN CANADA ?

THE N.D.P. THINKS THAT MAN, BILL DAVIS, IS WRONG !

THE N.D.P. THINKS THAT THEIR MAN CAN DO A BETTER JOB !

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VOTE FOR BOB SMITH

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NEW DEMOCRATS

ENERGY NOTES

RECYCLING NOW

The large scale recycling of garbage is a long way off for small town and rural Ontario. In the meantime, let's take a look at some practical ways of energy saving through recycling garbage at the household level.

For wood stove users, newspapers are a valuable resource. Save the inner cardboard rolls from toilet paper or paper towels or even cardboard juice containers. Cut them into 3/4 inch rounds and use them to hold newspaper rolls together. One section of the newspaper folded in 4 (the way it wants to fold) and rolled up tightly can be stuffed into a piece of a small roll. Each juice container round will hold a couple of sections of the newspaper. One or two of these rolls works well instead of kindling, and is usually faster and easier to make. If you don't have a woodstove or fireplace, a friend who does would be delighted to receive a bundle of these kindling logs from time to time.

Composting is a wonderful way to recycle garbage and save the energy required to produce chemical fertilizers, the plastic bags they come in, and the

cost of transporting them. The householder can make compost in a variety of ways. A compost bin can be purchased from a garden supply store; the compost can be contained in any well ventilated 3 foot by 3 foot container, or the vegetable scraps can be blended and poured directly onto the garden. Quick compost can be made by building a large pile and turning it frequently or slower compost by adding vegetable scraps, ashes, leaves and grass clippings as they are available and then leaving it about a year while building a second pile. Either way the compost is good for gardens, fruit trees, shrubs and house plants.

Plastic milk bags make great freezer bags and paper bags and large plastic bags may be taken to a second-hand store or health food store to be recycled.

Clothes furniture and other odds and ends may be taken to a second-hand store rather than the garbage dump. One person's garbage is often another's treasure.

Try recycling - it saves energy in many ways. Be sure to let the rest of us know of any new recycling ideas you have.

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