

Along river valley

# MVCA plans hiking trails

Cutting and removal of wind damaged trees has taken place at the Wawanosh Valley Conservation Area according to the Maitland Conservation news letter. The new bridge and gabion retaining wall are completed along with some general improvements to the area. Long grass has been removed from the reforested front fields to allow better seedling growth.

Maitland's Water Management Advisory Board members toured the Watershed on October 31. The purpose of the tour was to bring members up to date on water management problems in the watershed with stops being made at Gorrie, Fordwich, Harriston, Listowel, Ethel, Brussels, Wingham and Bluevale. At a resulting meeting of the Advisory Board, motions were passed to (a) appoint Burns, Ross and Associates to complete a study on the Gorrie Dam, and (b) to implement the flood early warning system and telemark stream gauges as recommended by the Resources Manager.

The Belgrave Creek Study is complete and is on file at the Authority Headquarters. A draft development plan for the Hullett Wildlife Area has been sent to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The Resources Manager and Resources Technician have completed a brief on the Saratoga

Swamp for the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Since the swamp has been recognized as a protection area by the Soil Conservation society of America, a detailed report was necessary to determine what natural features exist and suggestions were made as to how they could be properly managed.

Briefs outlining the necessary major dam maintenance for Brussels, Bluevale and the Howson Dam in Wingham have been submitted for Minister's Approval.

The drainage mapping study undertaken by the Program 26 Senior Technician during the summer of 1975, is now entering the final stages. After sorting through records of each watershed municipality, sketches of all existing drains were completed and inking of final maps is now underway. Copies of these drainage maps will be made available to watershed clerk's early in the new year.

A meeting of Senior Conservation Authority Administrative staff was held at the ausable-Bayfield Headquarters in Exeter, to discuss current problems experienced by Authorities in Southwestern Ontario. Recommendations from the meeting have been forwarded to local members of parliament

and to the Chairmen's Committee.

The Resources Manager and Resources Technician have recently attended a training session at the Remote Sensing Centre in Toronto. An experimental program began in 1975 with the infra red photographing of two watershed townships to locate and identify source areas, water quality, etc. Through the training session, the Resources Manager and Technician will become familiar with interpretation and analysis of these infra red air photos.

After the successful planting of school arboretums for the Turnberry Township and Grey Township Central Schools, plans have been made to plant a similar forested study area at the Wallace Township Public School in Gowanstown. The students will have an opportunity to see and practise proper mechanical and hand planting techniques early in the spring of 1976.

Representatives of the Maitland District Boy Scouts have contacted Maitland Valley Conservation Authority with regard to assistance with the "Trees for Canada" program. This year 200 cubs and scouts planted 12,000 trees in Maryborough Township under the program. Due to the success of the project, the staff have arranged to help supervise planting on public land again in 1976.

As a result of the Maitland River Trail Study undertaken by a Junior Conservationist Award Program group in 1974, the Maitland Trails Association has been established. With technical help from the authority, this group, which already numbers some 50 members, plans to construct hiking trails from Goderich to Wingham via the Maitland River Valley. Eventually the club hopes to incorporate their trail system with the Ontario Federation of Hiking Trails network. Additional information concerning membership in the club can be obtained from club chairman Heinz Hoernig of Goderich (524-6976).

# Melville Guild plans pot luck dinner

Mrs. Isobel Gibson was hostess for the December 16 meeting of Melville Guild which met in her home that was tastefully decorated for the festive season.

Mrs. Mary Davidson presented the Meditations followed by Scripture and Prayer by Mrs. Margaret Work.

Mrs. Helen Elliott presented the Christmas Story followed by

a reading by Mrs. Jean Ireland, "The Child at the Altar".

Mrs. Margaret McCutcheon convened the business portion. Group 3 is to be responsible for the coffee being served after Morning Worship for January.

The first meeting for the new year will commence with a Pot Luck Dinner as has been customary at 6:30 p.m.

All present enjoyed the singing of Christmas Carols followed by lunch served by the committee in charge.

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