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### EVIDENCE BUILDING—

The tobacco growers of both Northumberland and Durham Counties have protested the line of the Minister of Health at Ottawa in his campaign against smoking. They have claimed that it is not backed by fact and that he is being undemocratic in his approach with his campaign.

The local tobacco industry is a large part of the agricultural revenue in the area and the crop is reported in the neighbourhood of seven million dollars. This revenue does mean much to the economy of the area and no one likes to see any segment of this economy falter.

In the case of tobacco it does appear to be now established that smoking and the use of tobacco is a detriment to health and this comes not only from the Minister of Health of Canada but from many sources. It seems overwhelming in the fact that smoking is injurious to health. This being the case the Minister of Health has not only a right but a duty to draw it to the attention of the people.

Almost every week articles appear somewhere or other outlining the hazards of smoking. This week was no exception when a third report was tabled with the U.S. Congress. The U.S. public health service stated in the report that new evidence has been uncovered linking cigarette smoking to heart attacks, cancer of the throat, emphysema, non-cancerous mouth disorders and pregnancy trouble. This 1969 Supplement is a summary of more than 600 separate studies by physicians and scientist all over the world.

Evidence is certainly mounting against cigarette smoking and this is a fact which few can deny. It is unfortunate as far as the local tobacco industry is concerned but it must be remembered we are dealing with human lives.

### A GREAT TRIP... BUT

President Richard Nixon in an address to his people and those of the world termed the 'Moon-landing' "the greatest single feat since creation." There is no doubt that the achievement is one of the greatest technical achievement for man in this era but as yet we fail to agree with the statement of the president of the United States.

The Moon-landing was a technical accomplishment which demanded precision from both man and machine. It was a display of knowledge and an adventure that has boosted the ego of man. Its purpose was chiefly to lift the stature of the United States over that of Russia and to maintain the U.S. as the major nation.

Certainly we do not wish to minimize the grandeur of the 'moon-landing' for we are as interested in man's first imprint on the moon and the findings from the trip as are millions of others.

At this point, and we may be jumping the gun, we fail to see what true benefit this venture has for mankind. It is interesting to know how the moon was formed but it does not make for a better life on this old world. Nor does the moon-landing achievement, in itself, bring benefits as has other developments by such men as Pasteur and others who through their discoveries have made for a better life. These achievements do not captivate the news media to compare with the moon-landing yet they do carry a great deal more for mankind.

Others have commented and were making predictions that the moon trip should draw men together and they were hopeful that a new outlook would result. Here again the moon-landing will not change the nature or character of man as he will continue to show to the same degrees his compassion as well as his greed.

Upward and onward with the space program but lets keep it in perspective.

# Orono Fair Extended To Full Three Evenings

The dates of the Orono Fair are drawing nearer and with the 4th, 5th and 6th of September it will be a reality.

The fair has been extended this year to include activities on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings as well as Friday and Saturday afternoons.

The Oshawa Suicide Hell Drivers swing into action on Thursday evening as they go through their performance with autos and motorcycles. This group were at the fair last year.

Friday evening will see a full card of harness racing with wagering privileges being offered. It is also on Friday evening when the fat calf auction will be held.

A full scale and professional rodeo is slated for Saturday evening. The rodeo is billed as Tom Bishop's and includes all the features of such an event.

There has been many changes for the Friday afternoon show to bring it into an area of greater entertainment for school children and adults alike. The greatest addition for this period of the fair a registered Quarter Horse Show which is new to the Orono Fair. It is an extended show with many features and will carry on all afternoon. To this program are added other items such as school competitions and of course the general features of the fair.

Saturday afternoon is a repeat of harness racing and the light and heavy horse show along with the general line of exhibits both inside the drill shed and outside.

The general line of exhibits will include sheep, poultry, rabbits

light and heavy horses, dairy and beef cattle grain and seed, fruit, needlecraft, baking, flowers and many others.

To this viewer it does appear that a real effort has been made to create greater activity for the Friday afternoon show and this is done by the inclusion of the big quarter horse show.

Bands will also be in attendance.

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