

Decide Plunkett Report Is Public When Issued

Halton County Council, on a split vote Tuesday, refused to endorse a Peel County resolution calling on the Minister of Municipal Affairs to release the Plunkett Report to the counties before making it public.

The Peel resolution noted the counties were sharing in the cost with the provincial government on the preparation of the study on local government. It asked the Minister to withhold any publication of the report until the county councils have had time to consider the report and its recommendations.

Nassagaweya Deputy Reeve W. Hoey suggested the report was public when the county received it, since it couldn't be discussed without being made public. He opposed any delay in publication of the report.

Reeve W. Coulter also objected to any delay in release of

the report. He emphasized it would be up to Peel and Halton what action would be taken after the report was released.

The \$65,000 report on local government in Peel and Halton has been in preparation for over a year, and is expected to be handed to the Minister of Municipal Affairs in late August or early September. The province is bearing half the cost of the report, and Halton and Peel are sharing the other half.

In a recorded vote on the endorsement of the Peel resolution calling for delay in releasing the report, Warden Histon, Deputy Reeves Rogers, Young, Meedy, Day and Leslie voted in favour, while Reeves Gallagher, Hunter, Ledwith, Merry, Leslie, Coulter and Deputy Reeve Hoey opposed.

The motion was defeated.

Waterloo was Pioneer in Artificial Cattle Breeding

A group of farmers who entered artificial insemination as a means of cattle improvement were guests at a dinner sponsored by the Waterloo Cattle Breeding Association at Kitchener, July 14th.

Marking the 25th year of artificial insemination service in the area, the dinner was something of a reunion, with the speakers and others present reminiscing on the early days of A.I. They represented various farm organizations: the Waterloo County Jersey Club, who introduced artificial insemination in 1941, the Waterloo Holstein Club who began their service in 1942, later to join with the Jersey Club, the Wellington County Holstein club who operated an insemination service from 1946 to 1948, then amalgamated with Waterloo and breeders from Huron, Bruce, Perth and Grey Counties, who sponsored the expansion of the services into their districts.

Among the special guests was W.P. Watson, General Manager of Toronto's Royal Winter Fair, who was Ontario Livestock Commissioner in the 1940's and helped the various groups to organize artificial insemination. Following the dinner he recalled some of the difficulties involved.

"The association was established by a relatively small group," he said. "In the early years it achieved some success, but with many problems. In the last twenty years it has expanded because of the excellence of its service." Mr. Watson traced the development of Ontario from "an agricultural to an industrial nation." The key to success for agriculture in the face of increased food requirements is increased production and efficiency, he felt.

"We must develop more efficient strains of livestock," he said, commenting that knowledge of ancestors or sires would not be enough, but sires with performance information would more and more necessary.

Following the dinner the guests moved on to WCBA headquarters in Waterloo to join in the breeding association's annual open house. More than 900, association members and their families, gathered to see the bulls of the various breeds and to hear the evening program. Guest speaker for this program was the well known CBC-TV personality, Bob Carbert. Mr. Carbert's topic was "What others think about our industry" and he spoke of the farmers' image, which is created by the farmers themselves. He commented on the tractor demonstrations being carried on across the province.

"Their position justifies deep concern, and their actions certainly demonstrate the exasperation and desperation they feel. However at the same time I believe quite sincerely that it would be a tragedy for all concerned if some ill-considered action were stamped into some ill-considered action because of the threat of inconveniences to the public, or possible strike action."

Mr. Carbert blasted farmers who have adopted the attitude that there is something "holly" about food production. Agriculture, he said, has gone through a "wringing out" process that has left 200,000 less farmers in Canada than there were 20 years ago. The responsibility for maintaining the farmer's image rests with themselves and their organizations, he said.

"YOU are the public relations people for agriculture. The way you talk, the way you dress, the way you act, the way you run your business, the kind of product you market — these are the things that create a culture's image."

These figures were key figures

Glen Resident Lived in West for Twenty Years

Funeral service was held on Saturday at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home for Oscar Murray Amos, 49, who died on July 13 in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton.

A Glen Williams resident since 1959, Mr. Amos was employed as a plumber and steamfitter with H. Stansbury Ltd., Bramalea. He was a member of Maple Ave. Baptist Church.

Born in Halton County, he was the son of Frederick and Elsie Conley Amos. He attended public school in Alton. Married in Streetsville in 1938 to Elizabeth Epp, they went west and lived at Haney, B.C. until they returned to Ontario in 1959.

He leaves his wife, four children, Marvin of Haney, B.C., Mrs. J.R. Argiropoulos (Ruth) of Toronto, Mrs. D. Campbell (Edwina) of Scarborough and Spencer of Georgetown; 8 grandchildren; and brothers and sisters Vix of Erin, Joe of Pickering, Lillian of Cooksville, William of West Hill, Allen of Uxbridge, Charlie of Sundridge, Gertrude, Margaret, Doris and Florence of Toronto, George and David of Scarborough. He was predeceased by a brother Bill.

Rev. Bruce Woods conducted the funeral service and pallbearers were David Campbell, Scarborough, James Argiropoulos and George Amos, Toronto, Fred Amos, Erin, Vincent Barnes, Toronto and Ray Pinkney, Georgetown. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

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