

# Halton Hills farmer new Royal Winter Fair pres.



Reford W. Gardhouse, RR5 Milton, was elected last Tuesday as the 22nd President of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, according to an announcement by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting. Replacing Trumbull Warren, O.B.E., in this capacity, Mr. Gardhouse's role as vice-president since 1974 will be assumed by Jack D. Pemberton, Toronto.

Mr. Gardhouse was born and raised on a 200-acre purebred beef cattle, heavy horse and sheep farm near Weston, Ontario. He is the fifth generation to have farmed full time and with distinction in Ontario since his great, great grandfather, John Gardhouse emigrated to Canada in 1837 from Cumberland County, England. Now his son, Douglas, a 1973 graduate in Animal Science from the University of Guelph, is in an active farming partnership with his father.

In 1940, Reford Gardhouse, one of three brothers, took over the management of "Aberfeldy Farms" from his father, A. Stanley Gardhouse, but sold it in 1953 for industrial development and moved to his current 300-acre property at Milton, Ontario. Like his famous ancestors, Mr. Gardhouse is one of the best know farmers, Shorthorn breeders, and exporters of purebred cattle in North and South America, as well as Europe. He has judged Shorthorns twice at the Perth Bull Sales in Perth, Scotland, three times at the Palermo Show in Argentina, and four times at the Chicago International. He has, of course, exhibited and won many top breeder awards at major livestock shows in Canada and the United States. At the age of six, Reford attended the first Royal with his father back in 1922 and he has never missed a show since. There has always been a

REFORD GARDHOUSE, who farms six miles south of Georgetown, was elected president of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair last Tuesday in Toronto. Mr. Gardhouse, shown here with his wife Helen; past president Trumbull Warren and RAWF general manager John Moules, becomes the 22nd president of the RAWF. The election took place at the fair's annual meeting where a reception following honored the new president.

member of the Gardhouse family on the directorate of a Royal committee since its inception. Reford having been a director since 1960. He has been a member of the Executive Committee since 1961, a former Chairman of the Beef Cattle Committee and a member of the Budget Committee for the past two years. Currently, he is Vice-Chairman, Canadian National Livestock Records Board and has been President of the Canadian Shorthorn Association, the Joint Breeds of Canada, and the Ontario

Cattle Breeders' Association. As a Director of the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame, he is reminded that his grandfather, John Gardhouse II was elected to the Hall in 1963 for his outstanding contribution to Canadian agriculture.

Active in local, municipal, hospital and church affairs, Mr. Gardhouse is married to the former Helen Williams, a farm girl from Vaughan Township. They have a married daughter, Carolyn, and two sons, Larry and Douglas.

## Depressed markets cut Domtar profits

Domtar Limited, in its annual report issued last week, says that the substantial decline in its 1975 profits over the previous year's record level was mainly attributable to depressed economic conditions which severely affected the market for the company's pulp and paper products in Canada and throughout the world. The situation was aggravated by the continuing effects of inflation on manufacturing costs and the lengthy strikes which resulted in the closing of most of the company's primary pulp and paper mills for a substantial part of the year.

As reported earlier, Domtar's sales for 1975 were \$815.2 million compared with \$897.7 million in 1974. The company's net earnings for 1975 were \$35.3 million compared with \$82.5 million in 1974.

1975 - \$ millions - 1974	
	Sales Earnings Sales Earnings
Pulp and Paper	\$508.9 \$22.7 \$622.9 \$116.1
Construction Materials	160.1 16.2 144.1 14.7
Chemicals	146.2 20.1 130.7 16.8
	\$815.2 \$59.0 \$897.7 \$147.6

Domtar says the relative stability of the earnings generated by the construction materials and chemical groups, despite generally poor economic conditions, is indicative of the steady contributions made by these groups over the years to the consolidated results of Domtar Ltd.

All companies in the pulp and paper group showed decreased profits, ranging from sharp drops in fine papers and packaging to more modest declines in pulp and newsprint.

Domtar predicts that economic recovery during 1976 will be comparatively modest and that it will be some time before the company can regain the high levels of operation which it achieved in 1973 and 1974.

National president...

# Free enterprise system threatened

The Georgetown Jaycees were challenged to "free enterprise" by their national president at a special meeting Tuesday evening.

This was the first time that Cecil Bechamp or, for that matter, any other national president, had paid a visit to the Georgetown club and approximately 35 members and wives were on hand to hear the president present a forceful address on the importance of promoting free enterprise in Canada.

Mr. Bechamp, a resident of Pierrefonds, a suburb of Montreal, told the Georgetown club that Canada's free enterprise system had run into a great deal of slack, principally from the federal government.

When the Jaycees and the Canadian Chambers of Commerce met with the government recently to express their concerns, Mr. Bechamp recalled, "it was very noticeable, the gap is there. You really feel so powerless when you're talking with them."

He explained that they had had to present their brief covering their feelings two weeks in advance to the PM's office but had no opportunity for a rebuttal to the PM's remarks.

"We've got to make ourselves heard," Mr. Bechamp said. "Our nation has been built upon free enterprise and we must work to protect it."

Mr. Bechamp congratulated the Georgetown club for its

involvement in community affairs particularly organizing the All-Candidates evening during last year's provincial election.

Following Mr. Bechamp's address six graduates of the Effective Speaking Course held by the Jaycees took part in a speaking competition.

Following an introduction by Marilyn Thomas speeches on the "The future of the young man in Canada" were given by Ted Barrow, Tony Chiovitti,

Dave Tyrrell, Dale Thibodeau and Bill Gassner. Instructor of the course was Sue Barrow. Ted Barrow was judged the best of the five speakers.



JAYCEES SPEAKERS--Graduates of the Effective Speaking Course held by the Georgetown Jaycees were presented their diplomas at last week's meeting. The graduates are (from left) Dale Thibodeau, Ted Barrow, Marilyn Thomas, Tony Chiovitti, class instructor Sue Barrow, Dave Tyrrell and Bill Gassner.

## Town staff will be taking trips in near future

The town's works and engineering departments will be attending a number of conferences the next two months, including one trip to Chicago for a refuse collection and disposal workshop.

Monday night approved three requests from the town engineer for money to pay for the trips.

John Dunn, the town's service foreman, will be attending the APWA-sponsored

workshop on refuse collection in Chicago on April 27 and 28 at an approximate cost of \$300.

Town engineer Bob Austin and his assistant Ted Ballinger will attend a drainage seminar in Toronto at an expense of \$85 each.

D. Swackhammer and G. Fendley will both be registering in the C.S. Anderson Road School at the University of Guelph from May 2 to 5 at a cost of \$90 each for registrations.

## No more French teachers for Halton elementary schools

An attempt to increase the French teaching staff in Halton's elementary schools was voted down last Thursday night by the Halton Board of Education.

The proposal that was defeated would have kept 25 percent of the region's elementary French teachers as resident teachers in 1976 and increase that percentage 25 percent per year after that. The end result would have seen a resident French teacher in each of Halton's elementary schools within four years.

As well the proposal called for the teaching of grade 7 and 8 pupils either 40 minutes every other day or 20 minutes daily, subject to the ministry of education's approval.

Even at that superintendent of instruction John Boich told the board, "I have serious reservations that 20 minutes a day of French instruction is sufficient."

Helen Mitchell, co-ordinator of communications arts for the Halton board, added that 20 minutes of French per day "would provide a solid base of motivation for the student to develop his bilingualism with

much greater ease in the higher grades."

"This board places a great deal of emphasis on its core curriculum," commented trustee Gary Morton. "Because of the country we live in, like it or not, we must have this course of instruction in our core."

Trustee Bill Lawson, however countered: "I'm not convinced that the total electorate are in support of expansion of the French program."



"TOMORROW'S PROMISE." These youngsters participated in an oratorical contest sponsored by the Georgetown Optimists Club last Tuesday on the topic "Tomorrow's Promise." Front row (from left to right) Anne Beettam, Michelle Mieg, Steve Saxon and Wilfred

Gray. Second row: Stacey Adams, Marian Peeters, Virginia Hopkinson, Jessica Buscher, Suzanne Martineau and Rosemarie Coniglio. Third row: Mary Lynn Morrow, Melissa Bell, Joanne Hachey, Jim Saxon, Gwyneth Gibb and Deborah Geberlein.

## Martineau and Saxon top in Optimists contest

"Tomorrow's Promise" was the topic of the fourth annual oratorical contest sponsored by the Georgetown Optimists Club. Seventeen area school

children participated in the event at Stewarttown community hall last Wednesday. Placing first in the girl's division was Suzanne Mar-

lineau of Sacre Couer School. Mary Lynn Morrow of Stewarttown School was third. In the boy's division, Steve

Saxon of Robert Little School, Acton, took first place. Wilfred Gray of Centennial School was second and Jim Saxon of Acton High School third.

Special mention was made of Peter Coffey of St. Francis of Assisi school by David Peach, a local bank manager and chairman of the oratorical contest.

Also taking part in the oratorical contest were JoAnn Hachey, Virginia Hopkinson and Jessica Buscher, all of Stewarttown school; Gwyneth Gibb, Deborah Geberlein, Rosemarie Coniglio and Anne Beettam, all of Robert Little School; Acton; Melissa Bell and Stacey Adams of Centennial School; and Michelle Mieg of St. Francis of Assisi School.

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