

Fall Fair's a friend in need

By BETTYANNE WELLS
Fairboard Secretary

The support of some of the larger stores and industries in the area is being sought this month as the Georgetown Fair Board opens a drive for funds to increase the value of prizes in all competitions at the annual fall fair.

Letters are being sent to many businesses in the area seeking financial assistance to increase the size and value of the prize list for both domestic crafts and agricultural competitions.

At the recent annual meeting of the Ladies Division of the Georgetown Agricultural Society, held at the Canada Trust building, campaign plans were discussed along with sources of aid for the Domestic Crafts division in particular.

President Jamey Bird expressed hope that a general increase in prizes and prize money will attract more entrants to the various competitions that are always open to the general public. Last year saw a small decrease in the number of entrants in some categories.

"We want to see lots of people entering their best work in the fair," Mrs. Bird said, "especially this year, for our 135th anniversary. Competitions are open to everyone and we have special categories for children, teenagers and senior citizens. An advance prize list will be printed and mailed out in the spring."

In many families, home crafts for the Domestic Science competitions are already underway, the president said. The work includes knitting, crocheting, sewing, needle point, embroidery, hooked pictures and wall hangings, rugs

and quilts. Work for Arts and Crafts includes macrame, pottery, and oil painting, while canned goods and preserves are usually done later in the year. Pearl Burt of RR 1, Georgetown, heads the Domestic Crafts committee and can be reached by telephone for further information.

Officers elected by the Ladies Division for 1981 include: Ismy Bird president for a

fourth term, Doris Lindsay (1st vice-president), Doris Calder (secretary-treasurer), Marguerite French (assistant), Jessie Milton (hall superintendent), Bernice Fogal (assistant), Emmaline McGilvray and Marjorie Wilson (flower convener), Jessie Fisher and Pearl Burt (social convener).

Elected directors: Mrs. W. Allison, Mrs. B. Henton, Mrs. P. Burt, Mrs. Kallmeyer, Mrs. A. Chamberlain, Mrs. Robert Cunningham, Mrs. Ralph Cunningham, Mrs. M. French, Mrs. K. McKenzie, Mrs. D. Nicholson, Mrs. H. Dolson, Mrs. G. Preston, Miss Jean Ruddle, Mrs. L. Mogg, Mrs. V. Stein, Mrs. F. Wilson, Mrs. Spencer Wilson, Mrs. K. Webb, Mrs. Howard Chester, Mrs. Janet Armstrong, Mrs. Helen Pinkney, Mrs. Sharon Sikema and Mrs. George Sargent.

Horticultural Society starts planning for spring

The February meeting of the Georgetown Horticultural Society will be held next Wednesday (Feb. 18) at 8 p.m. in Knox Presbyterian Church hall. Everyone is welcome.

Mr. Minnet will be the guest speaker, discussing his specialty, "Begonias". A question period will follow the talk. At last month's meeting, the Annual Reports of all committees were read. The Society had an educational and enjoyable year.

The nominating committee's slate of officers for 1981 was accepted: President Bob Treble, 1st Vice President Janet Armstrong, 2nd Vice President Guerdia Moerkerken, One Year Directors: Lena Emmerson, Tueta Peroy, Jean Ruddle, Janice Rumsey, Lou Stadelmann. Two Year Directors: Marjory Allan, Pearl Brown, Colin Dickinson, Helen Pinkney, Edward Vanhoekelen.

An interesting talk about plant propagation by Betty and Bob Treble turned thoughts to future gardening activities. Bob talked about seed planting, cuttings, air layering and

Site F ruling draws concern

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Progressive Conservative nomination meeting, held in Milton, Coun. Walter Mukewich of Burlington called the announcement's timing political opportunism designed to win Milton voters' support for the Tory government.

The decision was announced to cheering Milton Conservatives at the meeting.

Equally pleased about the ruling but incensed by its timing was Halton-Burlington's incumbent, MPP, Liberal Julian Reed.

"It's an insult to the people who worked so damn hard to get the Environmental Assessment Act on the thing in the first place," he told The Herald. "The government did everything they could to avoid applying it."

Mr. Reed charged that the MOE never considered holding the Site F hearing under the EAA until pressures from Milton (town council) and the citizens' group peaked in October, just before the hearing's original starting date.

MOE spokesman Janet Ecker denied that the announcement's timing was geared to the Tory nomination meeting. Minister Harry Parrott's signature went on the decision Monday after a lengthy review of some 70 submissions and preparation of the actual document ended Friday, she said. The Assessment Act, although four years old, is only now being "phased in" at the municipal level, she added.

According to Coun. Miller, the region's acting chief administrative officer, Dennis Perlin, is preparing a report on the MOE ruling for council. Coun. Miller indicated that the region may ask the MOE to subsidize costs for the additional hearings necessary under the Assessment Act.

starting new rhizomes, corms and bulbs from mature specimens.

Betty demonstrated how to divide African violet crowns and start new plants from leaves. She gave good points for starting cuttings. Then everyone chose two or three cuttings from a varied assortment and planted them ready to take home. Hope they are growing well.

Did you know? - After the party is over, don't throw away your stale beer. Take it to the garden. It will get rid of the slugs and snails. Put the beer in shallow pans on the ground and then check occasionally for drowned pests;

Most annual seeds germinate at 20 degrees Centigrade but transplants need a

lower temperature to mature properly;

When cracking hard-shelled black walnuts, a good nutcracker is a six-inch C-clamp. The hardest ones crack with a turn or two of the clamp;

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