

Nominations made

# Warden addresses agricultural society

by E. Lorraine Orr  
The annual meeting of the Coldwater and District Agricultural Society was held on Saturday, January 21 at the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Coldwater.

Following a delicious dinner catered by the members of the Presbyterian Church, the guests at the head table were introduced by 1st Vice-President, John Orr.

They were: President, Elmer Gratrix and wife Sophie; Secretary-Treasurer Betty Williams and husband Alex; Past-President Don Bell and wife Helen and Director of the School Fair Lorraine Orr; Morris Darby, Warden of Simcoe County and wife Marjorie; John McCullough, past chairman of the Simcoe County Board of Education and wife Phylis; Roy Edwards (SCBE) vice chairman and his wife Roberta and

Ingram Amos Reeve of Medonte, David Walker, Deputy Reeve of Medonte and wife Jane and Coldwater Councillor Al Brand and his wife Kay.

Elmer Gratrix opened the business portion of the meeting by expressing his thanks to everyone for their support of the Fair. He said that agriculture is one of the most important industries we have the best way of making people aware of it is through our country fairs which helps to bring the producer and the customer together in equal terms. However, he did not want people to think that you had to be a farmer to enter in the Coldwater fair. There are many different entries available and everyone is welcome to compete.

The secretary-treasurer gave a brief resume of the financial report which showed a balance in hand at the end of 1977 of \$5,501.39.

Mrs. Helen Walker reported on the Zone 5 meeting she had attended with Rachel Devine, Elmer Gratrix and Walter Orr.

Elmer Gratrix and Walter Orr will represent the fair board at the Georgian Bay Fair Association meeting at Midhurst on February 6.

**Delegates picked**  
John and Shirley Jennet and Betty and Alex Williams are the delegates selected to attend the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies convention at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto February 15 and 16. At this time they will apply for the dates of September 29 and 30 for the 1978 fair.

Don Bell reported the results of the nominating committee's efforts as follows.

Honorary presidents: Joseph Gratrix, Walter Orr, Ernest Miller and

Tom Smith.  
**Past President**, Don Bell;  
**President**, Elmer Gratrix;  
**First Vice President**, John Orr;  
**Second Vice President**, Lloyd Dunlop (newly elected);  
**Secretary**, Betty Williams;  
**School Fair Director**, Lorraine Orr.

**Committees**—Heavy Horses, Garnet Bell; Light horses, Howard Robinson; Pony class, Bill Henry; Western horses, Art Boyd; Cattle, Howard Hawke; Sheep and Swine, Ken Hamilton; Grain, vegetables and fruit, Elmyer Gratrix; Flowers, Horticultural Society; Needlecraft, Helen Walker; Domestic Science, Rachel Devine; Entertainment—Tom Smith, Indoor Exhibits, John Jennet; Outdoor exhibits, Walter Orr; Races, Paul Vollick;

Dance committee, Don Bell, Advertising Meredith Orr; Auditor, Tess Robinson.

Mr. Gratrix then introduced the newly elected Warden of Simcoe County—Morris Darby, who operates a farm in Tiny Township.

Mr. Darby congratulated the executive on their successful fair and said it takes dedicated people to get things done. He informed the audience that although farming is the basic industry of the country, farmers receive only 38 per cent of the money spent on food. He sympathized with the farmers but said the agricultural organizations were doing their share to keep the problems of farmers and producers out front and if there is a break he hoped the farmers would get it.

**Guest speaker**  
The guest speaker, John McCullough, who was elected that afternoon as President of the Ontario Public Schools Trustee Association, stated that declining enrollment is the problem being faced by school boards in Ontario and this will cause a surplus of teachers.

He advised there will be changes made by the Ministry of Education with a bearing down on core subjects. The basic skills of Reading, Writing and Arithmetic have never been abandoned and a second set of the "Three Rs" in the 1970's has been Rights, Reasons and Responsibilities."

It is necessary to improve basic skills in grammar not only in reading and writing but also to learn to speak properly as we live in a world of oral communications with radio and television becoming more important in our life style. There will be increased emphasis on French studies at the elementary levels. In Simcoe County schools at present French is not introduced until Grade 6.

The improvements will be reflected in the future of our young people. Students are better educated today than ever before. In 1940 only 10 per cent of all young people completed their education. In 1977 90 per cent of the students completed their schooling with only 10 per cent dropping out.

There are 43,500 students in Simcoe County and 50 per cent of these are being bused, 22,000 miles per day.

Mr. McCullough was thanked by Lorraine Orr, director of the school fair, who expressed her appreciation for the co-operation received from the Board of Education in permitting the three schools, Moonstone, Coldwater and Warminster, to participate in the fair.

The evening was brought to a pleasant end with slide pictures of the Galapagos Islands in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of South America. Dorothy Pheasant provided an interesting commentary to accompany her pictures.



Bonspeil winners

The Midland Curling Club hosted the one day G & W Distillery Bonspeil on Saturday. Here are the winners receiving their trophy from the G & W representative. The winning team was from the Richmond Hill Curling

club, and they are — from right to left — R.H. Loudon, skip, Barbara White, lead, Hugh White, second and Audrey Loudon, second.

Staff photo

## Activities discussed

# Small turnout at parents-teachers meeting

Only 12 parents indicated interest in plans for their children by attending a meeting of the Coldwater Public School Parents' Association last Thursday.

Despite the poor turnout several ideas were suggested to provide Saturday morning activities for the children.

These include, a toboggan party, puppeteer and magician. Money raising activities will be a 50-50 draw, bake sale and Friday night dances for the students of Grades 6 to 9.

However, these activities will not take place if there are not enough parents willing to become involved.

If you have suggestions or can help in any way, please contact Lorraine Orr, 686-7847.

**Seniors Meet**  
A trip to Western Canada was enjoyed by Seniors at last Thursday at the Riverside Club, through the movie pictures of Cyril Martin.

**Birthdays** are "Gateways" was the opening poem of the birthday meeting to honor Evelyn Galbraith, Mrs. Chalk, Olive Fell, Jim Borrow and Walker Rix.

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There will be an Income Tax Clinic on March 4 for Seniors in the club room. Anyone needing assistance is welcome to attend.

Thursday, February 2 is Fun and Games day beginning at 2 p.m. Come and enjoy a game of cards or checkers and darts.

The next regular meeting will be February 9 at 2 p.m.

The Wheels to Meals dinner scheduled for Friday, January 27 was cancelled due to the severe weather. The next one will be in the latter part of February.

Horticultural directors are reminded of a meeting on Monday, February 6th at 10 a.m.

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**Wintario tickets**  
If your Wintario ticket has not made you a winner it is still worth something to the Coldwater Memorial Library.

If you do not plan on using your old Wintario tickets in regards to the new "Half Back" offer then the executive would appreciate it if you would turn them in at the library.

Each ticket, from draws on January 19, February 2, 16, March 2, 16 and 30 is worth 50 cents (with a deduction of \$2 allowed) on the purchase of a Canadian book. The more tickets received the more books the library board can purchase for the benefit of many people.

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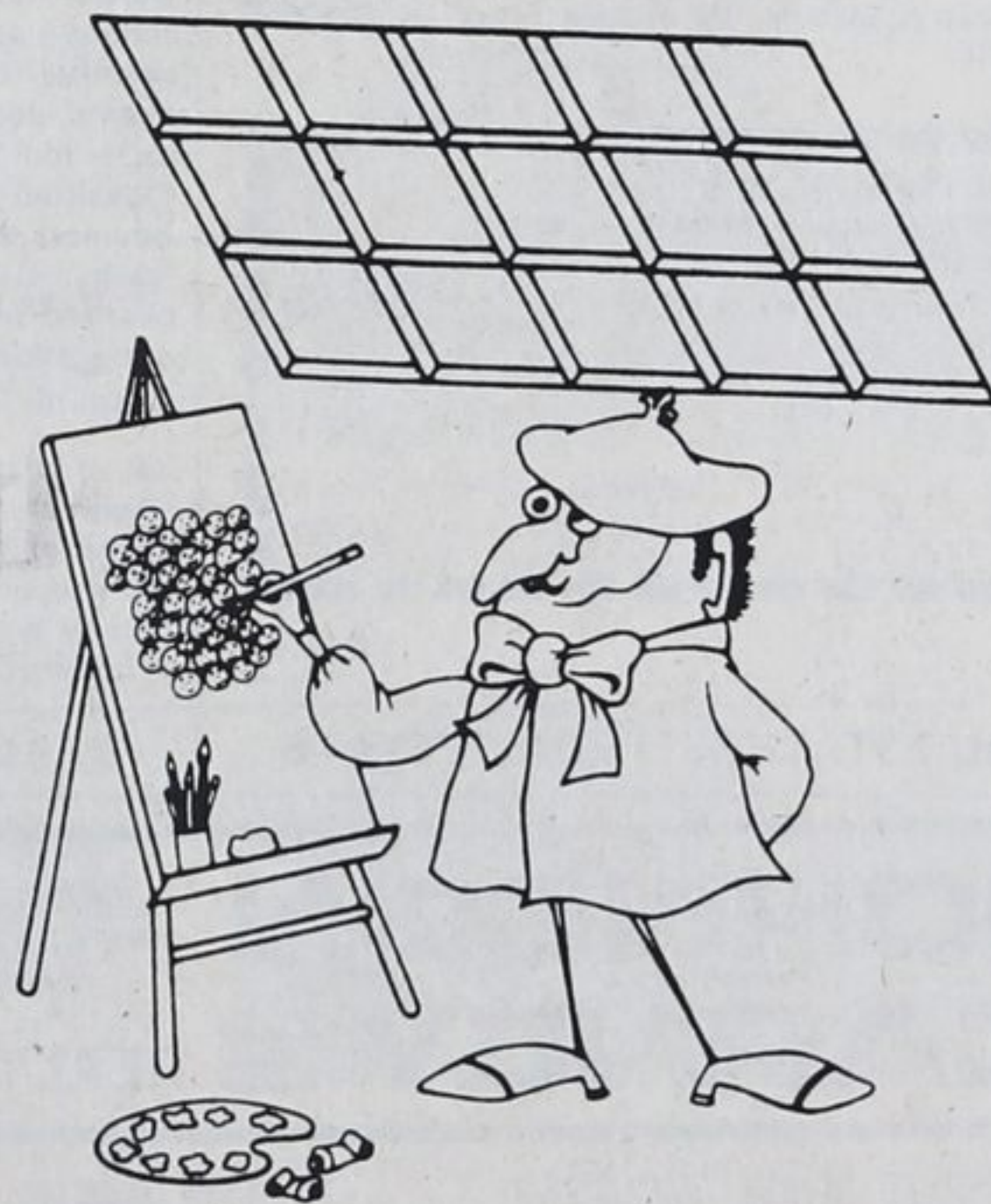
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