



Auction fun
Everyone had fun at Saturday's Waverley United Church Auction. These kids didn't think much of listening to the auctioning and bidding but took great delight in bouncing off of a mattress which was later auctioned off. The auction was a huge success and the weather was perfect.
Staff photo

Resolution from Platt gets hearing

A resolution moved by Alderman Richard Platt last month which suggested that work on the municipal building be done in two stages over a number of years was tabled until after a meeting with the consultant working on the building, the contractor who will do the work and council.

Alderman Richard Platt agreed to hold the resolution until "all the facts are on the table" and the tender is awarded to one of the six companies that bid on it.

The motion was introduced at council's last meeting at a later hour. At that time it sparked considerable debate and criticism. Mr. Platt told council on Monday that the purpose of the motion was to express his desire to hold the mill rate.

"I have no objection to going ahead with this building providing it can be done within the mill rate," he said.

Despite the fact that the motion was tabled until a later date Deputy Reeve Bill Ogilvie commented on it.

"It's time to stop chasing rainbows", he said. "It's time council heard the concerns of many people in this community."

Mr. Ogilvie read an editorial from another Midland newspaper stating that the fire department could be adequately housed at the Civic Centre which would likely be used as much with the new arena now open.

"I know this is hard to take," he said.

Mayor Moreland Lynn asked the Deputy Reeve to sit down since he was out of order discussing an issue which wasn't even officially on the floor.

During the general business part of the meeting the deputy-reeve concluded his remarks on this topic suggesting the question of whether to go ahead with the building was put to the electorate.

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UCW turnout beyond expectations

by Kaye Thomas
The 51st annual U.C.W. executive meeting was held on June 10th at Christian Island United Church and the turnout was beyond all expectations. Using four buses and some cars, 150 people travelled to the island for the day of visiting members there and attending the meeting and the U.C.W. of Christian Island did a marvellous job of feeding and looking after everyone.

The meeting was opened by the President, Jean Kell. Welcome was extended to everyone by Mrs. Faith Marsden of Mrs. Mary Orr and Vala Tuck, who kindly filled in as pianist for the day. Anne Kennedy reviewed new books.

A request for bathing suits to fit children aged 5 to 16 years at Probasar Bay was given by Mrs. Lawrence Parry of Collier Street United Church, Barrie. Anyone with these articles

asked to send them to Mrs. Parry who will see that they go on to Frohisher Bay.

The rest of the morning was given over to reports from Toronto Conference Court which was held at Peterborough recently. In the afternoon, we are fortunate to view an excellent slide presentation on Ecology and our Environment by Helen Johnston of Orillia.

The meeting concluded with a worship service conducted by Jean Boddy, President of Toronto Conference. C.W. The next meeting will be on October 2nd at Vasey.



Classics
A display of old cars was one of the highlights of Saturday's Coldwater Canadiana Old Fashioned Picnic. The old log house was open to the public for the day. Craft displays, fish ponds and a bingo game were held out on the lawn. A bake sale as well as a barbecue with hot dogs and hamburgers provided the eats for the picnic goers.
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Hay early for better milk

"The hay crop is probably the most important feed produced on a dairy farm," says Jack Rodenburg, Dairy Cattle Specialist with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. "When harvested at the right stage of growth, it can provide a major portion of the energy and protein required by dairy cattle, but the majority of farmers harvest their hay too late to receive maximum feed value from it."

Mr. Rodenburg points out that the hay crop declines rapidly in digestibility and in protein and energy content as it matures. At current prices, this decline represents a loss in feed value of one dollar per ton of hay per day for each day cutting is delayed after the first of June. Because cows prefer more digestible hay, early cutting also results in higher feed intake and milk production. "In research studies, cows fed alfalfa hay cut in the bud stage produced 7½ lbs. more milk per day than those fed the same hay cut at ¾ bloom," he says.

Mr. Rodenburg suggests that dairymen start harvesting their hay crop when alfalfa is in the late bud stage, so that most of the crop is cut before 10 per cent bloom.

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