

Warden's family settled in 1830

When we take a critical look at the newly-elected Warden of Simcoe County, John Fennell, we see a man who has contributed a good deal of his time and efforts to municipal government.

Fennell's political career goes back approximately 14 years to his first and only election, that of township council in West Gwillimbury.

He served a total of four years as a councillor before his acclamation to the position of Deputy-eeve.

He remained in that position for three terms (six years) before progressing again by acclamation, to the head of his local council as Reeve. Four more years were spent there and he still holds that honour.

Warden Fennell also holds extensive background on various committees, both as a member and also as chairman and vice-chairman.

Among a few of these committees are

that of Roads, Finance and Administration for 1978 and 1979, the Warden's Committee, the South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority as Vice-chairman and also as a member of the executive committee working on the International Plowing Match 1981.

The Warden, whose family settled in West Gwillimbury in 1830, works on his 200 acre mixed Century Farm on the eleventh concession of the township, along with one son.

On his farm, he raises and breeds sheep and has won 65 ribbons for his efforts. He is also considered a qualified judge of sheep.

The Fennell family consists of John, his wife Marietta and two daughters and three sons. All but one son were in attendance at Tuesday's meeting.

Fennell was sworn into office at Midhurst, Tuesday afternoon following his election as Warden earlier in the day.



Habit forming

Back in the saddle again for another two-year term on Simcoe County Board of Education are local trustees John McCullough of Midland on left and Alvin Gravelle of Penetanguishene, right. The pair were on hand Monday night in Barrie for the board's inaugural meeting and swearing-in ceremony. Both men are long-time members of SCBE having served since the board was formed more than a decade ago.



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