

Club meets first of every month

Some users of Commodore computers have formed a club which meets the first Wednesday of every month at Leitz.

The meeting performs several functions.

At the meeting there is a common exchange of knowledge and ideas as well as the availability of computer knowledgeable people for problem solving. There is also a display of programs and utilities and instructions

pertaining to their use.

Speakers on various aspects of computers are always on hand. When one becomes a member of the club, discounts at certain computer stores are available.

Norbert Erb, of Bluewater Beach, runs an electronic bulletin board where users can leave or collect messages left by other users. The board functions somewhat like an answering service.

To be able to access the bulletin board, someone must own a modem. The modem connects to your telephone and through the connection to the computers, information can be exchanged.

The club also has well over 400 programs in its library available to any member.

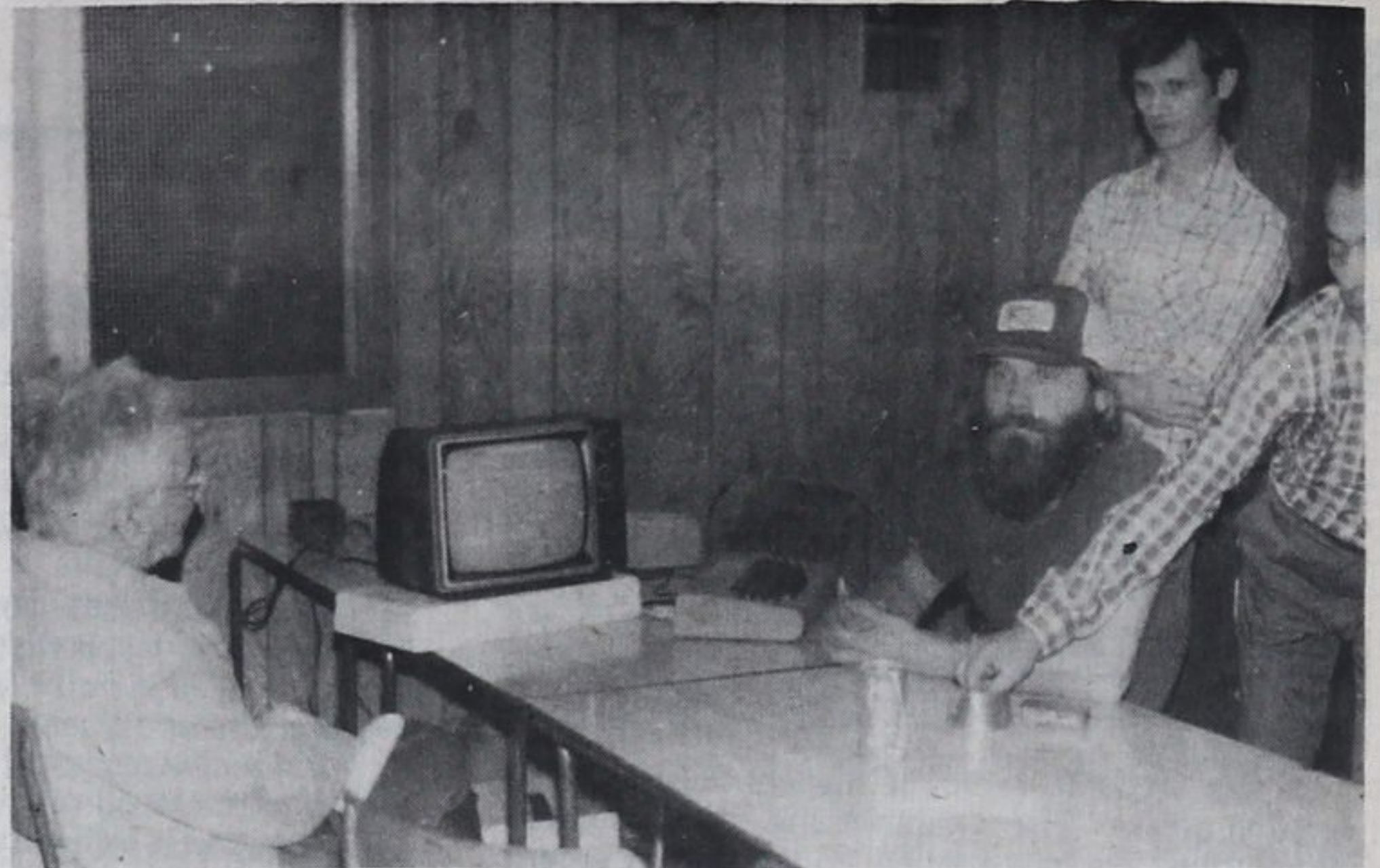
Anyone contemplating buying a computer are well advised to attend one of the meetings. Your

questions will be answered and sales pitches will not be made.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, Dec. 5, and admission is free.

Parents who are in the position of buying a computer for their children will also learn just what to look for when the time comes to select one.

The club also has frequent contact with other clubs in Barrie and Collingwood.



Club enters 21st century

The Commodore Computer Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at the Leitz company on Ellen Street. Various aspects of the com-

puter are discussed. Pictured from left to right are Frank Shuman, N Robert Erp, Howard Jones and Frank Stephan.

Elmvale 4Her's steer is Reserve Champion

by KATY AUSTIN

Mary Martin, an Elmvale District High School student, took part in the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto last week. Her steer was the Reserve Champion in its weight class in the prestigious Queen's Guineas competition, which was begun 56 years ago by Queen Mary, the wife of King George V.

Terry Thompson, a rural organization specialist with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food in Elmvale, explained that there were 178 competitors in the Queen's Guineas competition. Steers were divided into seven weight classes with

approximately 25 in each class. Martin's steer placed second in its class.

The win is a climax to the year-long project, which began last March with the purchase of the calf. To be eligible for the Queen's Guineas, it had to be raised as a 4H project and shown at a local Achievement Day, and it had to have a weight gain of 2.3 pounds per day. Martin's steer won its division at the Elmvale Fall Fair.

Nine other 4H members from North Simcoe also took part in the Queen's Guineas competition. Jean Robertson placed in the A group of her steer's weight class.

WI has new member

On Nov. 7 the Allenwood W.I. held its meeting in the home of Mrs. Mydra Draper of Elmvale. The meeting opened in the usual manner. Mrs. Evelyn Truax thanked the hostess and welcomed the members, also a new member, Mrs. M. Spence.

Mrs. Truax read a verse, Time. The motto was given by Mrs. Jean Sims. Roll call was answered by all present.

Mrs. Truax read a poem, Remembrance. Mrs. Harold Madill gave the report on the area convention which was held on Oct. 10, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Thank you cards were read from Mr. & Mrs. Charles Clubine.

A donation for Christmas gifts is to be sent to Mental Health.

The newsletter from Simcoe County Museum was read. Dec. 9 is Victorian Christmas.

Mrs. Ann Stuttaford and Mrs. Marilyn Trace, leaders of Spotlight on Bread, have led one class at Mrs. Trace's home. A second group took this course on Nov. 14 in the home of Mrs.

Allenwood

Stuttaford. The program was Tweedsmuir history. Our curator, Mrs. Marilyn Trace, had the books on display. A number of pictures have been added to the book.

The December

meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Jim Phillips of Elmvale, on Dec. 5, at noon. The meeting was adjourned and lovely lunch was served by Mrs. Laura Turne and Mrs. Jim Phillips.

Falling mortgage rates a boon to home buyers

Midland real estate broker John Toole (M. Fitzgerald Real Estate) says he welcomes news, several major lenders this week cut mortgage rates by a quarter of a point.

Cost of owning a home will fall as a result of this week's news which

saw new rates set on Monday putting a one-year mortgage at 12 percent and a five-year one at 13 percent.

Commenting on the new rates posted by banks and trust companies earlier this week, Toole observed, "It means a number of

people, as the rates go down, are qualified to purchase a home.

"It also appears, in the short run at least, that rates could do down (even) lower.

"As the rates come down and the economy improves" business will remain good.

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