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YORK-CENTRE MPP Agrologists, the provincial govern- OPEC countries. ment to impose an improposed guide-lines for natural resources. food-producing land.

leeway in developing land-use

plans. Ontario Federation of per hour decline in improved land during 1966-1971 was reversed during land continued.

that in 1976 there was less land in control of food with 1971.

From available which is not specified.

been changed. Prior to the land. 1971, a farm comprised any unit of at least one worth at least \$50.

agricultural products.

Conference" was held in Toronto March 30 and March 31, 1977.

Smith said that "In the munities." short run we could let the market prevail. More to consider is the land would be taken out of production, prices would rise, and those farmers remaining on the land would have a very good income.

"But we must look to the future. There is no more land being made; we must husband and protect this product. This requires a distortion of the market today, but it will pay dividends in the future . . . Subtle

changes in climate, some of which are now being predicted by experts in that field, could render resources much less do so. productive.

fertilizer may affect the parcels of land must be optimum productivity of subject to a certain the land. There may well degree of flexibility, and be a time when food persons whose land is exports will become a affected must have the vital part of the balance right to appear before a

of payments of this tribunal which includes

province. Although it is not yet agricultural use of land. The Ontario Institute of the case, it seems clear to whose me that by present world membership includes trends our food resources farmers, soil scientists could become somewhat and other agriculture similar to the oil professionals, has urged resources now held by the

"As we incur ever inmediate freeze on the creasing deficits to pay conversion of frarmland for energy resources, we to non-agricultural uses, may be able to sustain our and to strengthen its economy by exporting

"The energy crisis is In a statement to the not temporary and the Minister of Agriculture, price of energy will the Institute maintains continue to rise. It may that the government's scon become recent policy paper on economically feasible to foodland guidelines raise energy crops on "In summary, we allows municipalities too agricultural land to believe that firm produce methanol.

"Put if we distort the to protect food land for mar et, who shall pay? In the future . . . a According to the our v ew it should not be provincial plan including the farmer, already an inventory of food Agriculture, the 26-acre struggling to make a lands, mandatory. decent living - that designation of such areas would be patently unfair. for agricultural use, an

"We all must find fair opportunity to appeal this 1971-19076. Meanwhile the ways to share this cost. designation, decentraldecline in unimproved We must pay at the ization of growth away supermarket and through from The over-all story is taxes. We must make agricultural land, and the wise use of marketing applicability of the boards and tariffs and designation to govern- against the weeks when producers, but that more must recognize that part ment ministries and zero weather discouraged with ground cloves and process was recomof the land on farms was of the price must be paid agencies as well as to the the layers. improved land, compared through higher food private sector." prices.

"If we want to preserve statistics, it is difficult to agricultural land there ascertain the exact must be some increases situation. So much in the price of food. depends upon the quality Farmers must have an of the land in question, incentive to earn a decent living but it is not enough Also the official to say preserve the fardefinition of a farm has mer and he will preserve

"In some cases the growth of cities has put acre, producing for sale tremendous pressure on agricultural products our best agricultural land in terms of soil capability A farm is now defined and heat units. This is as a unit of one acre or natural because many more producing \$1,200 in settlements in Ontario such as London, Chatham The "Food for the Cities and many others grew up as market towns. Bit it is not responsible to say that we would freeze all Liberal Leader Stuart growth of such com-

> One policy alternative establishment of buffer zones fringing areas of growth.

"This land should be put to those agricultural uses relatively compatible with urban growth and large population centres . . . In addition

... we would require a mandatory designation of all foodlands . . . proper inventory of our agricultural land . . .

Once land has been designated as food land there should be no development unless there our current land is a compelling reason to

"Of course decisions "Changes in the price of respecting individual

Reporter collapses,

Burrows of Georgina may gallery, Miss Monhave locked his office tgomery was taken to door when he went to last York County Hospital for Thursday's meeting of treatment and then York Regional Council, released. but he didn't leave his practise behind.

Dr. Burrows was called from his seat at the back of the council chambers to the press table when reporter Christine Montgomery of the Newmarket Era collapsed.

After being administered to by Dr. Burrows and another

Councillor Dr. George doctor in the spectators'

Dr. Burrows said that Miss Montgomery had a history of fainting spells and still suffered from

them occasionally.

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They had problems storing foodstuffs

for non-farm uses. We problem for the housewife was used as a preser- a year or more.

for the

"Reliance on the

property tax continues to

constitute a great burden

on our municipalities. It

measures must be taken

our

See you next week.

concern

propriately.

would reform that system of days gone by. Lucky indeed was the so that municipalities were not dependent on woman of the house who property taxes to pay for had a root cellar where punctured before boiling, in crocks. The early soft services; we would potatoes, carrots, onions, which now exist both for bages could be stored in individuals and low temperatures which municipalities and which would ensure an adequate encourage non-agricu- supply until the next ltural uses inap- year's crop of fresh crocks. vegetables.

a "pit", lined with straw root cellar. in which such food items could be stored for the crushed to make apple

serviceable when located potent brew. in a corner of the piles of wood for fire accessible in spite of deep snow and sub-zero

remove the incentives beets, apples and cab- Infertile eggs kept best. careful to cook her eggs were shelled and copper kettle to make preserved in a brine and vinegar solution in

> Apples were cut into Or the man of the house rings and dried as well as might be persuaded to dig being stored whole in the Surplus amounts were

cider, which if allowed to These were most ferment made a very

apple cider and a boiling remaining. period of five hours Eggs were stored became a dark brown each bottle of milk before jam which was spiced corking. Usually they were as apple butter. This was magnesia) for green

Laying up food for the down, in course salt, but in earthern crocks. This encourages development winter was always a sometimes waterglass concoction would keep for

This kettle was passed from one member of a family and from one neighbor to another to insure "green" pickles.

wired bottles.

A few grains of calcined (stirring constantly) magnesia were added to cinnamon and was known mended (without the

vative. Eggs preserved Cucumbers, green by the latter method, tomatoes, onions and however, had to be walnuts were also pickled it was recommended, housewife was always Sometimes hard-boiled cucumber pickles in a

them a rich green color.

Back in housewives were advised that they could keep milk for two years by using stout, well-corked and

These were filled Or a couple of bushels almost to the top and then Woodshed (stacked with of sour apples, peeled, heated to the boiling point cored and quartered, with in a water-bath to expel stoking) so that they were the addition of sweet the small amount of air

packed in tiers, large end ready to be stored away gooseberries and peas.

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