

Markham Twp. Reeve "Dean of York County"

Reeve William Clark of Markham township was given the unofficial title, "Dean of York County" when county council held its inaugural meeting on Tuesday.

Mr. Clark has served nine consecutive years on York County council. He is the senior member and the only one in the '58 council who sat in the four council chambers occupied by this body, two in Newmarket and two in Toronto.

When Mayor James Murray of Aurora addressed York County council on Tuesday, he called attention to the changing personnel in council over the years. Only six men remain on council

who had served with him when York County council met in Toronto.

"You are here such a short time," he told the members, "give your best while you can. We need good government. Give it all you have."

Reeve Fred Armstrong of Woodbridge, the newly elected warden of York county, is known as a good sport as well as an efficient municipal representative. When he returned to the council chambers following his acclamation to office, he was respectful in a scarlet waistcoat under the somber black warden's gown.

Ex-Warden J. O. Little expressed the views of all Mr. Armstrong's associates when he said, "I've been trying to size you up, Mr. Warden. I think you are an all round good fellow."

The scarlet jacket received mention when Major A. A. MacKenzie, MPP, addressed County council. A confirmed bachelor, "Lex" congratulated Mrs. Armstrong on her fine speech and expressed doubts about the wisdom of his decision to remain unmarried.

Turning to the warden, he added that he envied him on a second count—the scarlet waistcoat. I thought it was Governor Simcoe himself entering the council chambers, he quipped.

A furniture maker says he cannot understand why any home has an uncomfortable chair in it. Apparently he has no relatives.

Wonder if they'll ever build a kitchen big enough for a husband to loaf in?

Term Is Extended For Ontario High School

Education Minister Dunlop announced last week the school term for more than 200,000 secondary school students in Ontario is going to be longer.

He said the Schools Administration Act calls for a ten-month school year and henceforth, Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 will not finish courses until about June 12, instead of June 6. Examinations will begin after June 13. Grade 13 students will begin writing major examinations June 16—instead of June 10 or earlier as has been recent practice. For most grades it will mean four or five days more of school.

For those taking special subjects the school year may be extended to June 27.

Dr. Dunlop said it was his department's firm policy to work for a longer and more efficient school year, to put in more time and more work—and with more examinations.

"This is a first step toward achieving the objective of a full 10-month school year," he said.

The minister explained that representatives of four organizations had discussed the plan with him at Queen's Park. They were the Ontario School Superintendents' Association, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, the Ontario Secondary School Headmaster's Association and the Ontario School Trustees' Association.

"All of these representatives were in favor of the change we proposed," Dr. Dunlop said.

The minister said that at one time pupils were kept until the last day of June and wrote examinations in July. Complaints brought a reduction of the school year and examinations were written in June. Then, students in Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 not writing examinations—having been promoted through recommendation—were allowed out as soon as the Grade 13 examinations began. "This meant a considerable loss in instruction time," Dr. Dunlop commented.

"This year," he continued, "if the system had been followed, all the pupils in Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 not writing examinations would have been out of school by June 6."

Ontario now has one of the longest secondary school years on the continent. Last year it ran 194 or 195 days. The objective is to bring it to an average of 200 days.

A directive is being issued to principals directing that examinations taken by the majority of candidates shall not be written before June 16.

plant." Ted MacDonald, who is in charge of United Co-operative's propane operation said, "We will be able to purchase our supplies direct from the refinery at lower prices. We will also enjoy better prices as a result of volume buying."

Through the facilities of the new propane plant, United Co-operatives and local co-operatives will be able to offer propane gas to customers both in

Ontario farmers to take advantage of propane gas either in bulk or in cylinders. One of the main advantages of propane gas is that it does not depreciate equipment as rapidly as does other fuels, particularly gasoline, and it is much cleaner.

Some women pick dresses that make them not only the woman of the hour, but of the hourglass.

new bulk delivery truck for delivering propane from the Guelph plant to customers has been purchased by United Co-operatives. The truck operates on propane gas.

"We will be offering service from our new plant through local co-operatives for a radius of approximately 75 miles around Guelph," Mr. MacDonald said. "This will enable some 40,000

UNITED CO-OPS TAKE OVER 66,000 GALLON PROPANE PLANT

United Co-operatives of Ontario last week took over operations of a 66,000 gallon bulk storage plant which it has purchased from the city of Guelph. To mark the occasion, representatives of some 20 district co-operatives, guests and officials inspected the new plant on Jan. 15.

Purchase of the plant was necessitated by an increase in the use of propane gas by Ontario farmers for their farm operations including brooder heating, tobacco drying and heating of farm houses.

"With our own bulk storage



The York County Soil and Crop Improvement Association held a successful annual meeting at the Newmarket town hall last week. Above are executive members: left to right, Bruce Snider, Maple, past president; James Darlington, Maple, president; William Sutherland, Milliken, vice president and W. M. Cockburn, Newmarket, Secretary-Treasurer.



Executive members and directors of the York County Soil and Crop Improvement Association are shown: back row, left to right—Stewart Watson, Markham; Don Brodie, Gormley; Ewart Stiver, Unionville; Ken Deacon, Unionville; Frank Merritt, Keswick; Archie Cameron, Woodbridge; and Oliver Bales, Sharon; front row, Ernest Crossland, Newmarket; Bruce Snider, Maple; W. M. Cockburn, agricultural representative, Newmarket; Jim Darlington, Maple; William Sutherland, Milliken; Eugene Lemon, Stouffville and Cliff Winger, Gormley.—Courtesy Newmarket Era

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