

Ex-Warden Charges "Run-around" by Ont. Municipal Board

The Ontario Municipal Board was denounced by Reeve Fred Armstrong of Woodbridge, 1958 warden of York county, for its decision about three county problems—distribution of assets and liabilities of the former county; relief from undue burden caused by the formation of Metropolitan Toronto; and, proportioning of the costs for the administration of justice within the county.

"We are still getting the same old run-around, six years later. It's time the Municipal Board got its feet off the desk and did something about this unfinished business in York county," Mr. Armstrong told the January session of county council.

"We should elect another Castro and march on Queen's Park. We'll have to do that if we want a decision by the board," he charged.

Reeve Roy Pollock of North Gwillimbury concurred with Mr. Armstrong, as did county council, that immediate action was needed but added, "I can hardly go along with the past-warden to take such drastic action as that of 1837."

County Solicitor Lucas told council the county is not the only body connected with this issue. All the municipalities, formerly with York county and now a part of Metro, are having the same troubles. An early decision on the relief from undue burden was anticipated by Mr. Lucas.

Referring to Bill 80, under which Metropolitan set-up was organized, Mr. Armstrong said York county had not been invited to help prepare the bill. Now, in 1959, we are being given figures which should have been presented before the bill was passed.

Mr. Armstrong promised to buy a turkey dinner for every member of County Council, if a decision on these problems is reached by the OMB before 1960.

For the benefit of the new members of county council, the business before the OMB was listed in the report of the retiring warden and his commissioners:

By reason of the creation of Metropolitan Toronto and the separation of the northern municipalities, it was necessary to apply to the Ontario Municipal Board for an order adjusting the assets and liabilities of the county of York.

In 1953, the council of the county of York made application to the OMB for an order directing payment to the county by Metropolitan Toronto, by reason of undue burden brought about by the passing of Metropolitan Toronto act.

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York Holstein Breeders Receive Certificates

The guest speaker was Mr. Jack Fraser of Streetsville who showed slides taken on his "Round the World" trip. Mr. Fraser concentrated on the farming he had seen in some other countries, especially Australia and New Zealand, as compared with Canada. His very interesting and informal commentary with the pictures was certainly enjoyed by the club members. After a vote of thanks to Mr. Fraser, the meeting adjourned.

Farm Safety Conference

How can farm people live safely?
This will be the theme for a two-day Farm Safety Conference to be held on February 10 and 11 at the Ontario Agricultural College, under the joint sponsorship of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and the Ontario Dept. of Transport.

The conference will bring together a selected group of some 300 public-spirited Ontario farm people representing every county and district in Ontario. The conference will be an essential prelude to a thorough, province-wide Farm Accident Survey to be conducted by the Ontario Department of Agriculture for the full year from March 1, 1959 to February 29, 1960. The survey will determine the accident picture in Ontario and help give direction to farm organizations and the Ontario government in a safety education program designed to reduce the number of all accidents on Ontario farms.

The first day of the conference will deal with the current farm safety education program of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and the objectives of the Farm Accident Survey. A Farm Safety Session will then discuss various aspects of farm safety, including safety in the farm home, and fire safety on the farm.

The second day will deal with various aspects of traffic safety, and how it can be achieved through enforcement, through highway, traffic and automotive engineering, through education and community organization, and through driver licensing and the point system.

The conference will draw to a close with a discussion by several rural leaders on the subject: What can farm people and their organizations do to help prevent accidents?

Following the general meeting, the newly elected Board of Directors met to elect the officers for 1959. They are as follows: President, Gerry Walker, Eaton Hall Farm, King City; Vice Pres., Brock Barker, Woodbridge; Sec. Treas., Roy Barker, Woodbridge. The other Directors for 1959 are: Carl Boynton, Nobleton; Jas. Cowieson, Queensville; Bruce Davidson, Stouffville; Jas. Faris, Newmarket; Harry S. Grimsley, Woodbridge; Chas. Haines, Newmarket; Robt. Howden, Edgeley; Eldred King, Stouffville; Forest Macgarratt, Kleinburg; Bruce Rishbrough, Markham; Bruce Snider, Maple; and Trevor Watson, Markham.

The York County Holstein Club held its annual meeting this year in St. Paul's Parish Hall in Newmarket on Thursday, Jan. 22nd. Door prizes were given for those present at 10:30 a.m. when the meeting was scheduled to start. The morning meeting included reports from the President, Robt. Chapman of Weston; Sec. Treasurer R. H. Barker of Woodbridge and the District Fieldman, Gerry Nelson of Port Perry. Salesman Sam Gough of Milliken also reported, stating that Holstein sales in the county were up considerably over last year.

Many R.O.P. certificates were presented to York breeders and there were also many Star Brood Cow certificates awarded. It was noted that there were several "first time" recipients of awards and these breeders were offered hearty congratulations.

Lunch was served in the basement of the hall by the Saint Andrew's W.A. and the members enjoyed this break when they could chat over the table. At 1:30 the meeting resumed.

RED CROSS BRANCH ELECTS NEW OFFICERS
Newly elected officers and committee chairman of the Pickering Township and Village branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society are: Mrs. D. Crichton, president; E. G. Allman, 1st vice-pres.; Lloyd Peters, 2nd vice-pres.; Brigadier J. G. Sprague, treasurer; Mrs. A. Allerton, secretary.
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"Wrong Side" Drivers Charged

Are people trying to convert to the British custom of driving on the "wrong" side of the road?
Among the cases brought before the Vendor Traffic Court on Tuesday, January 27th, were several concerning "left-handed" drivers.
Ernest Judd of Wilcox Lake was charged with driving on the left-hand side of the road on approaching a gradient. In his evidence he pleaded that his car was higher than those used by the police and this permitted him to see over the grade.
This was counteracted by the officer charging, when he said that the difference between his own height and that of Judd equalled the difference and contended that Judd was endangering other drivers.
Judd was found guilty and fined \$10.
Ernest Joyce was another offender in crossing the white line, when he almost caused a collision with a police cruiser. His case will be set over to a later date in view of his absence from court.
John Smith of Holland Landing was also charged with this offense, in which he was stated to have created a traffic hazard. The officer accusing said the road was curved and consequently did not permit visibility for any distance. Smith was fined \$20 and costs.

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