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Coroner's Inquest Suggests Tractor Registration Fee

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Easily Overturned
Mr. H.E. Wright, Secretary of the Ontario Farm Safety Council said that his organization was attempting through education, to impress on the public the hazards involved in tractor operations. He noted, however, that the Council had no powers to enact legislation.

He revealed that demonstrations with row-crop tractors under various conditions had proven that such machines could be overturned with comparative ease.

He said that legislation had been considered to halt the use of tractors by children but he contended that such a law would be difficult to enforce. "It would require a large staff to police the activities of farm people," he said.

Dr. Fleming revealed that he had been called to four fatal tractor accidents in his area this year and in three of the cases, the victims were children. "Even to-day, I saw a 12-year old driving a monster of a tractor," he said. There are

many similar incidents."

Mr. Wright admitted that due to the severity of farm accidents his organization might be forced to extend its operation beyond the field of education. "Very few parents would permit a young boy to drive their \$3,000 car, but still allow him to drive a tractor which is just as hazardous," he said. He noted that under normal conditions, a 10 or 12 year old can operate a tractor satisfactorily but under extreme circumstances, they have not the capabilities to cope with the emergency. He noted that legislation is presently in force that makes it illegal for a boy or girl under 16 years to drive a tractor on a road but there was nothing in the books to cover this practice on private property.

Safety Conscious
Mr. Wright said that manufacturers were safety conscious and were concerned over the farm accident rate. He noted, however, that a tractor is a "workhorse" and safety factors that would prove a detriment to its practical operation.

Jury foreman, Fred Wicks said he was shocked to see the absolute disregard for safety measures during the parade of men and machines at the International Plowing Match. "The organizers or sponsors were defeating the very purpose of your safety program," he said, directing his remarks to Mr. Wright.

In commenting on the imposed tractor registration fee, Mr. Wicks said that it might serve two purposes (1). Bolster the funds of the County Safety Council and (2). make the farmer more safety conscious.

"Usually when people contribute money to something, they become interested in it," he said.

Charles Grubbe, President of the York County Safety Council, expressed favour with a tractor registration fee but suggested that many farmers might resent it.

Aware of Dangers
Eighteen year old Glenn Steiner, brother of the victim said that Marlin had driven both the neighbour's tractor and their own on many occasions. "I have never seen him act carelessly," he said, "we had taught him to be careful." He said he believed the front wheels of the machine had dropped into a shallow ditch at the edge of the lane. The owner, Mr. Hoover, said that the tractor was in good mechanical condition and the tires were "loaded". He noted, however, that if the driver had taken one hand off the steering wheel to protect his face from low-hanging tree branches, the front wheels could have turned sharply out of control.

The hearing, that opened at 8 p.m. on Wednesday evening, lasted nearly three hours.

Control Of Mastitis Is Major Problem To Many Farmers

(A. A. Wall, Agricultural Representative, York County)

It's estimated that the annual bill for treating mastitis in this country is around one million dollars. Add to this figure the loss of cows, milk and the mental frustration of farmers trying to keep the disease under control, and it is easy to see that mastitis is a very serious disease.

"Why haven't we been able to fight Mastitis more effectively? I think there are several reasons. One is that we haven't realized that it's so common. We think that only the cows that have it, are the acute cases that show up clearly. The fact is that most cows are infected but we don't notice them until some upset or special stress brings on obvious symptoms. The result is that we treat in-

dividual cases, rather than paying attention to the whole herd. It's been found that the only way to beat mastitis is to check the herd regularly and treat or weed out the offenders. The California milk test can now be used and it is reliable. Milk samples can be sent to the Veterinary College at Guelph through any local veterinarian.

Another gap in the battle against mastitis is the proper use of disinfectants. Just because a dairyman uses a disinfectant doesn't necessarily mean that it is doing its proper job. It may not be mixed at the right strength, or if it has been stored too long, it may have lost some effectiveness. To do its job, it naturally has to be applied to the right places and at the right time. Most materials take about 30 seconds to work, so that a quick dip and out dip often doesn't do much good.

Milking machines frequently cause trouble too. Vacuum is often too low with a slow milking result. Pulsator timing may be off which causes trouble too. It is probably a bad thing that a milking machine can be badly in need of repair, and still perform the milking job.

The operator of course, is the key man in mastitis control. Success rests on his shoulders, even after testing and checking of disinfectants and the machine has been done. Dairyman will agree, that it's worth a lot of effort to be free of this costly, annoying and frustrating problem.

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GOODWOOD

The sympathy of the community goes out to Mrs. Lavern Cairns and daughters Ruby and Shirley and families in the death of Mr. Cairns who died suddenly last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kidd and Melody visited Mr. Kidd's sister and family at Tyrone on Thursday.

Let us remember shut-in friends with cards at Christmas. Here is Mr. Steve Shular's address: 887 Centre Road, Essexville, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Williamson and children visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Art Goddard and family on Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Woodland and Mrs. Bert Maye entertained their Sunday School class of girls to supper at the Woodland home Sunday.

Dianne Maye entertained five little girls on Friday afternoon it being her eighth birthday. Treats are in store for the month of December at the Baptist Church. The tree will be up next Sunday and Homer James, cousin of George Beverley Shea will be singing. He was a winner of the Talent Show with the George Murray Show on TV. Come and hear a talented musician singing for the Lord. White Gifts will be received for mission parcels.

Oak Ridges Resident Lone New Candidate In Whitchurch Election

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ship force, he said, would be operated by a Police Commission to remove responsibility from any member of Council.

The Deputy-Reeve referred to a new Land Use Bylaw having been prepared by Planning Board subject to approval by the Ontario Municipal Board. He said the special zoning for Lake Wilcox had been passed while the zoning for Musselman's Lake had been deferred until the summer of '64.

Seventy-seven Meetings
Stewart Burnett said that he had attended 77 meetings during the year and served on four committees. He said he was not in favor of the winter works program as it proved more expensive than paying the 20% billed to the municipality for direct relief. He commented that increased road costs were likely to occur as the public continued to demand more and more service.

Council Has Little Say
Councillor Alvin Farmer drew applause when he stated he thought Clerk Jack Crawford should be given two mos. paid holiday in Florida. He pointed out the great administrative load Mr. Crawford has been carrying for many years.

Mr. Farmer said the public would be amazed at the limitations on the powers of council; school requests not subject to review, road expenditures subject to the Dept. of Highways, bylaws subject to the Municipal Board and county council increasing its costs and township paying its share.

He expressed the view that continued pressure should be kept on the Highways Department for more subsidy.

Mr. Farmer thought an increase in township population desirable and couldn't see the sense of forcing a man to buy a ten-acre lot when he only wanted two. In conclusion he quoted from Isaiah, "Come let us reason together," stating that was what council wanted from the electors.

Councillor Ivan McLaughlin expressed his appreciation to the public for his vote in 1962 when illness kept him from being out at election time. He made mention of the township's good fortune in past years as regards police costs but said he could not predict such favours for the future.

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In these days of constant municipal growth and change, bringing with them heavy costs, we accept with humble appreciation, the confidence the electors of Stouffville have placed in us by according us an acclamation for the town's first two-year council term.

We believe that Stouffville will be faced with sizeable expansion problems during the next two years and we will devote both our time and energies to these problems, keeping in mind at all times the best interests of the entire community.

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