

Uxbridge-Pickering Farms Qualify In Centennial Project

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UXBRIDGE — Junior Farmers' organizations of both Ontario and York Counties are honoring owners who have maintained family farms for one hundred years or more. In the County of Ontario, there are 133 who qualify including 8 in Uxbridge and 19 in Pickering. Each is distinguished by a centennial sign posted at the lane entrance. Centennial farms in Markham and Whitchurch Townships will be listed next week.

In Uxbridge Township, the owners are: Murray Feasby, Uxbridge, RR 1; Marshall Sharrard, Uxbridge, RR 4; Gordon Kydd, Uxbridge, RR 2; Arthur Hamilton, Uxbridge, RR 1; James Jones, Uxbridge, RR 4; William Morris, Stouffville, RR 3; Kenneth Hockley, Claremont, RR 1 and Walter Wagg, Uxbridge, RR 1.

In Pickering Township, the owners are: Charles E. Barky, Claremont, RR 3; Ralph Jones, Claremont, RR 2; Mrs. Walter Hollinger, Pickering, RR 2; L. Grant Burkholder, Pickering, RR 2; Harold Spencer, Ashburn, RR 1; Isabel Gregg, Claremont, RR 3; Grenfell Wilson, Claremont, RR 2; Alan Clark, Locust Hill, RR 1; William A. Brown, Locust Hill, RR 1; Fred Gostick, Claremont, RR 2; Clark Major, Whitevale; Alan Lishman, Pickering, RR 1; Hugh J. Miller, Claremont, RR 2; Arthur Earl Taylor, Pickering, RR 2; Frank and Kenneth Hastings, Locust Hill, RR 1; S. S. Pugh, Locust Hill, RR 1; Loric Jones, Ashburn, RR 1; Walter and George Gauslin, Claremont, RR 2 and Irving McAvoy, Claremont, RR 2.

Course Helps Farmers

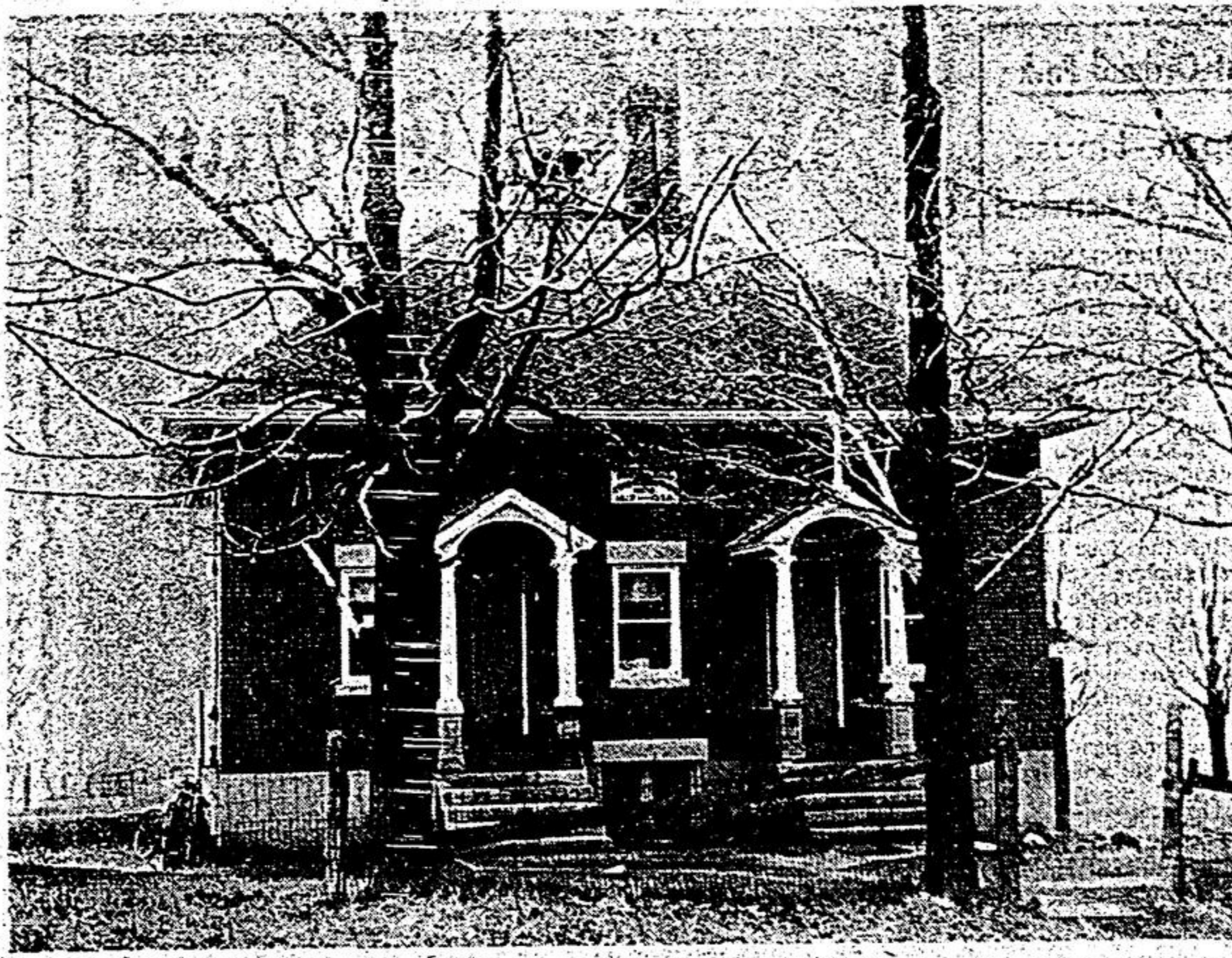
The Ontario Agricultural College's new "Financial Management for Farm and Home" correspondence course can help a farmer analyze his records for a more prosperous future.

The first section of the course is concerned with interest rates and installment buying. High interest rates are not confined to those who use finance companies. People who fail to take advantage of cash discounts are often paying an actual annual rate of interest of 24%. Other people would say "taboo" to finance companies, yet pay an actual annual interest rate of 48% through dealer "book credit." The new correspondence course is designed to make the student aware of many of the high interest sources of credit and how to calculate the actual annual rate of interest. It suggests methods of avoiding some of these high costs of credit.

The study also discusses the three R's of Credit: Returns (Will it pay to borrow and how much?); Repayment (Can I meet the repayment schedule laid down by the lender even though it may be profitable to borrow?); and Risk Bearing Ability (Can I take the chance of using a given amount of credit?).

The course includes a layman's interpretation of the Farm Credit Corporation Act, how to improve lender-borrower relationships, and a number of credit problems confronting today's farmers. The cost of the course is \$40.00 and anyone, regardless of a academic background, may enroll. Enquiries should be directed to: Office of Correspondence Courses, Department of Extension Education, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

The spendthrift is one person who never lacks helpers. Repartee is the clever comeback you think of next morning.



Parents Ask School To Be Closed

A group of parents from the Quaker Hill area of Uxbridge Township has asked that their one-room school be closed and the children transported by bus to a more modern building. Their complaints were aired at a special meeting called by the Board at Goodwood. —Staff Photo.

Capital Grants Now Available To Farmers

Agriculture, like any industry, in order to expand and meet the technological advances of the day requires increased capital.

To help provide this capital the Ontario Government, through the Department of Agriculture and Food, has created a capital grants programme. This programme is to provide financial assistance to farmers to make capital improvements on their farms. Advisory and technical services are available from the office of the Agricultural Representative.

Under this new capital grants programme grants are available to assist with farm drainage; construction of new buildings; renovation or enlargement of permanent farm structures to assist with the farm water supply, which includes livestock water from wells and ponds. Field enlargement is also taken into consideration under this new policy.

Any farmer whose gross annual income the previous year has been at least \$3,000 may apply for a grant. Under this program the word "farmer" includes a partnership, or a corporation engaged in the business of farming. The farmer must own the land on which the capital grant is to be used.

The programme for drainage and farm structures extends over a period of 12 years. This will enable the grant to be used most effectively. Applications may be made any time during the 12 year period, which began April 1, 1967.

Completed forms must be submitted through the office of the Agricultural Representative, and includes two copies of the completed form, with the original receipts, dated and marked paid in full. On farm drainage and permanent improvements, the grant is 50% of the cost up to \$1,000. On field enlargement, the grant is 40% of the cost up to \$500. The grant on a well and a farm is 50% of the cost up to \$500 per farmer. This makes a total of \$2,500 that a farmer can qualify for in grants over the next 12 years.

A farmer who is eligible for a grant may secure application forms and further information from any county office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food.

Heads Calf Club

PORT PERRY. — The organization meeting of the Port Perry 4-H Dairy Calf Club was held April 10, at Port Perry High School. Under the supervision of Larry Burt and the Assistant Agricultural Representative Bill Cooper, an election was held and officers are: President, Ken Diepman Greenbank; Vice-Pres. Ron Parish; Uxbridge; Secretary, Bruce Smith, Port Perry; Press Reporter, Murray Stone, Greenbank.

Leading computer manufacturers in the United States are lending a number of machines to Expo 67's "Man the Producer" theme pavilion to illustrate the wonders of modern science. In this pavilion visitors will also see edible food made from petroleum, an automated factory, the most advanced type of appliances, and a futuristic car by Alfa Romeo.

Small Farms May Lose Aid

The Canadian Dairy Commission warned about 100,000 small farmers to expand their operations or get out of the business of producing milk and cream for manufacture into butter, powder and other products.

Announcing details of the federal subsidy program for the current dairy year, the commission said that it proposes next year to cut off the subsidy to any farmer producing less than 50,000 pounds of milk or 1,750 pounds of butterfat.

As the average production of a cow is about 6,000 pounds of milk a year, this would eliminate most farmers with a herd of eight or fewer cows.

A member of the commission said it is estimated that there are 80,000 cream shippers and 20,000 milk producers in this category—45 per cent of the

Maritimes and the Prairies. "The commission's mandate is to encourage efficient production," said a spokesman. "We want to get these people into an efficient bracket."

The small farmers will have this year to expand their operations or to sell out.

If by next year they are still in the business but not producing 50,000 lbs., they will lose the subsidy

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of \$1.21 per 100 pounds of milk. But they would still be able to sell their milk and cream at the market rate.

The farmers complain, however, that even with the subsidy their operations are not profitable.

The loss of the subsidy would mean a loss of about \$500 in cash income for a farmer with six cows.

But many of the 100,000 farmers run small herds as a sideline to their main op-

eration and the loss of their milk income would put them out of business.

A member of the commission emphasized that yesterday's statement said it was "proposed" to cut off the subsidy for small producers next year.

"We'll have to see what happens this year and take another look at it later," he said, indicating that the new policy may be intended as a stimulus to small farmers to improve their operations rather than a firm decision.

GARDEN GUIDE

To Sod Or Seed?

By JOHN BRADSHAW

Whether to seed or sod a new lawn is the question which puzzles every new home owner. The cost of preparing and levelling the soil is the same for seeding or sodding. The two deciding factors will probably be the extra cost of the sod balanced against the immediate lawn you receive when using sod.

Nursery sod has only been generally available for the past 10 years. Before that its use was limited to a quick ground cover or a temporary lawn. This was because the sod came from old pastures whose grasses are never satisfactory for lawn purposes in the beginning, and by the time the sod was laid for a lawn it was invariably full of weeds of the worst kind. Nursery sod is available to anyone living in this area, composed of the best of grass mixtures. Such sod consists mainly of Kentucky or Merion bluegrass and you can use such sod with complete confidence.

In choosing a seed mixture there's no doubt that one containing Merion Kentucky bluegrass is the best to use. It was found growing on the lawn of a course at Merion, Pennsylvania just prior to World War II. The reason a green-keeper noticed it was because it was still growing vigorously and was a dark green in color during July when Kentucky bluegrass goes dormant. Since the end of World War II, Merion bluegrass has become the number one lawn grass in Southern Ontario.

Merion bluegrass is better planted in a mixture than grown as a pure stand. If a mixture is used, disease is not likely to spread from plant to plant. Where some infection does occur only part of the turf of a mixed lawn will be killed out leaving other varieties still able to keep out the weeds.

As far as we know at the moment, an outstanding mixture for this part of Ontario should include 40 to 45 per cent Merion with smaller percentages of Kentucky and other bluegrasses. I also believe that the addition of small amounts of redtop will give quicker greening right after sowing.

If you do a little figuring with a pencil you'll discover that it's actually cheaper to use a more expensive top quality mixture such as we've suggested above, rather than one of the so-called "bargain" mixtures. Although the price per lb. of a quality mixture is a fair bit more expensive, you only need to apply 2 to 3 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. of lawn area, as against 5 lbs. of the cheaper mixture; thus, the cost of seeding the lawn is actually less using quality grass seed than the bargain kind.

All soils for sodding or seeding are prepared in the same way by working into the top six or seven inches of earth a quantity of humus and fertilizer. The best forms of humus for this purpose are organic compost (cattle manure), materials processed from sewage or peat moss. These are applied at the rate of one bushel of humus for every ten square feet of lawn area.

At the same time as you apply the humus, scatter a complete lawn fertilizer over the earth at the rate of 4 pounds per 100 sq. ft. of lawn area. Thoroughly work the humus and the fertilizer into the top six or seven inches of soil. For a very small lot this can be done by hand or with a shovel but for larger ones it pays to use rotary tillage equipment which is usually available for renting.

This will leave the lawn with the soil in a flour-like condition; then it will need raking three or four times, coupled with a final rolling to achieve a fine, level seed bed. The lawn should slope gently away from the house towards the edges of the property.

A fertilizer spreader or a cyclone seeder is the best way of making sure that the seed is sown evenly. Divide the seed in half and sow one part one way and the other at right angles to it.

After the seed is sown, rake the soil lightly using the tips of the teeth of the rake, so that the seed is covered with no more than an eighth of an inch of soil.

Whatever you do, don't let the soil dry out during this period or much of the grass seed will not germinate. Use the gentlest spray possible when watering the lawn at this time.

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