

Farm

Tribune

York County farmers

# Press assessment battle

**YORK COUNTY** — Farmers from all the rural municipalities in the county have joined in a fight to reduce assessment on farm land. Farmers are being asked to contribute \$10 to retain legal help in presenting the case. To date more than three hundred farmers have joined and a Brampton legal firm has been retained.

Some members of the group say the big jump in farm land assessment could tax them out of business. Farm assessment on the whole county is six times what it was last year and the farmers feel that the sudden jump will impose an undue tax burden on them.

"We don't mind paying our fair share of taxes," said G. F. Whittamore of R.R. 1, Markham, the group's secretary-treasurer. "But we maintain that

once you start to assess farm land at its sale value, our tax becomes out of line in comparison with the services we receive and ability to pay."

Mr. Whittamore emphasized that the group is protesting farm land assessment only, and not the assessment for farm buildings.

County Assessment Commissioner Don Wright has said that the new assessment will not result in undue tax because each municipality mill rate will drop in proportion with the assessment increase. He said he doesn't believe the farmers have a case for reduction of their assessment. But farmers expect a substantial mill increase. They admit this cannot be accurately predicted at this time, but they're still worried. Whittamore said his group originally wanted to test three cases in each

municipality, but "lack of co-operation by the Assessment Commissioner made it impossible for our legal firm to make test cases before the Court of Revisions began." Assessment Commissioner Wright said he felt the market value criterion is not unfair to farmers. The farmers' organization was formed last month at a meeting in Vaudorf called by the Federation of Agriculture. The federation is not involved in conducting the group's business, however.

## Hay protein high

A. A. WALL,

**YORK CTY.** — We had a good number of home grown feed samples analysed this fall. Protein levels can vary from year to year, and in making up rations it's good to have an idea how hay and silage stacks up. Good first-cut hay has been averaging around 13% protein and corn silage close to 3%. These levels are a little higher than we normally expect. Grain rations with usual amounts of protein should do a good job this winter, except where hay was cut late or is mostly grass.

We took the samples from farms at Schomberg, King and Woodbridge. The tests are done at the University of Guelph for a fee of five dollars. Hay samples are taken with a boring device that cuts a core out of several bales and these are mixed to

get a good sample. Protein and moisture content are determined in the test.

We got a sample of second-cut at Grant Leonard's at Schomberg that set a record for protein at 19.8%.

A few haylage samples were done, and they ran a little higher in protein than hay, likely due to earlier cutting dates.

We did some tests on home-grown grain mixes too. Protein levels in grain are a lot more constant than in the roughages, but we wanted to find out how close our estimates checked out with an actual test, on

mixtures made up for dairy and beef cattle.

Generally, the difference was less than one percent, so that most of the time, protein content can be worked out on paper accurately enough. The only hard part is knowing for sure, the actual amounts going into the mixture.

These are often measured by volume with some guessing to get the weight. The margin of error can upset the whole deal here because the weight of a bag, a tank, a scoop or a shovelful can vary all over the place. Add the complication of

high moisture shelled corn, or cob corn, or corn and cob meal, and the job of mixing quantities accurately takes some time and thought.

The feed analysis service is one of the tools that

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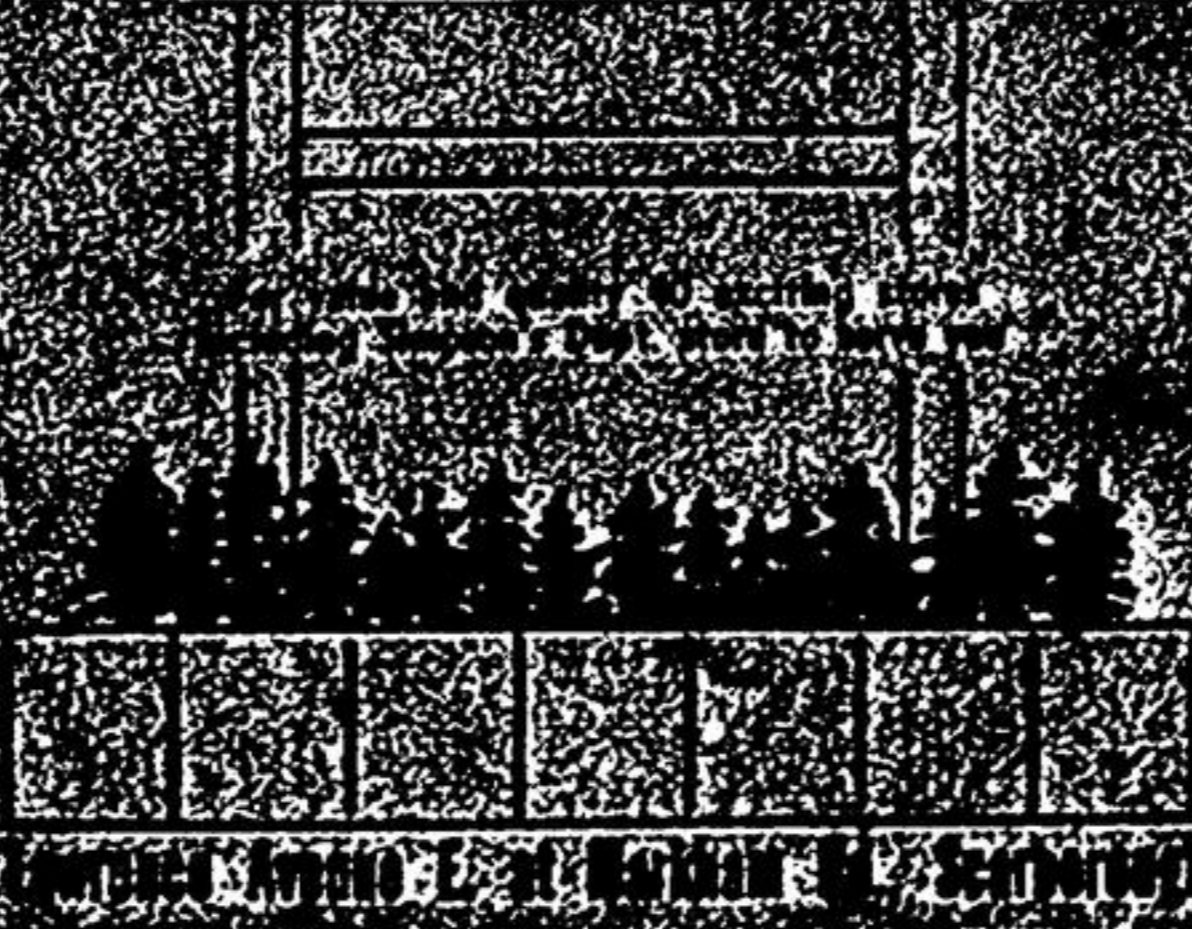
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Banquet — 6:45 p.m. Annual Meeting — 8:15 p.m.

SPEAKER: KEITH MATTHEW, O.F.A. VICE PRESIDENT

Banquet tickets available from Federation Directors before November 30th. No tickets sold at door.

Jas. Faris, President. Don Kennedy, Secretary.

## Order fence removed

**UXBRIDGE TWP.** — The owner of property fronting on conc. 6, Uxbridge Township, has been given up to Dec. 1, 1969 to remove a fence currently blocking Sideroad No. 5.

Action follows a complaint registered in writing by Mrs. Mary Weller, R.R. 1, Claremont to Uxbridge Twp. Council, stating that a number of unused roadways were blocked in this manner. Mrs. Weller suggested that the only obvious rea-

son for such action was to keep out partying young people and snowmobile operators.

Councillor Frank Hendy contended that the complainant should be invited to a meeting so the issue could be discussed further. Other members disagreed.

The motion, ordering the re-opening of the side-line, was moved by councillor Hendy and seconded by deputy-reeve Bob Nesbitt.

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The treasurer of the Ladies' Aid club brought a deposit to the bank and handed it to the slightly deaf teller saying it was "aid" money. The teller, thinking she said "egg" chirped back pleasantly: "My, my, it looks like the old hens have been doing quite well."