

Receives past president's certificate

Wm. G. Reid, Ashburn, Ont., on the right, is presenting the Past President's Certificate for Archie Roy, Howick, Que., to Robert W. McFarlane, Howick. Mr. Roy was President of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association of Canada in 1968, but was unable to be present at the Association's Annual Meeting in Hamilton, February 19th. Mr. Reid was President in 1969.

Approve Lot — Reject House

PICKERING TWP. — What disturbs me most, particular area had to be protected. Councillor Vic Rudik said severance of the lot was permitted because of geographical location. He admitted that the parcel was sub-standard in size, but the applicant was told of the 2,000 square foot house requirement, at the time.

Councillor John Kruger has termed it a bit of human tragedy, whereby a lot owner cannot obtain a permit to build a 1,500 square foot house because the bylaw calls for homes of 2,000 square foot size. The property in question is at lot 35, concession 8, Pickering Twp.

Deputy reeve George Ashe pointed out that owners of larger homes in that

Federation of Agriculture

Would remove education tax from farm land

Gordon L. Hill, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, believes the Ontario government should extend the per capita grant system for primary and secondary schools to replace the education tax on farm land.

The policy of the O.F.A. in this matter is clear: Education should be paid for entirely out of provincial funds . . . income and corporation taxes . . . which means 100 per cent provincial grants for education.

He stresses that this grant system allows school boards to concentrate their time on a better education and less on the problems of raising money.

"It is a basic tax principle that ability to pay should be the most important basis for taxation," states the O.F.A. President. "The income and corporation tax system is much more related to

ability to pay than is the property tax."

Mr. Hill explains that the benefit principle must be added to this. He emphasizes that land or property do not benefit from education; people benefit from education and these are divided into several categories.

"The individual himself will eventually repay any money invested in education 20 times over by his ability to create wealth and pay taxes," he continues.

The Federation leader concludes that there is no longer any justification for education being financed from property taxes. He calls on farmers to make this point clear to all political parties.

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Oppose hydro line

PICKERING TWP. — The proposed route of a hydro tower line, to extend through the Townships of King, Whitchurch, Uxbridge and Pickering, has met with opposition in Pickering.

The eventual hookup is at Cherrywood.

Council feel the line location was shifted eastward to bypass the proposed site of Century City. They argue it should follow the east branch of Duffin Creek to coincide with the sanitary landfill site. It is not known if the property involved has yet been purchased.

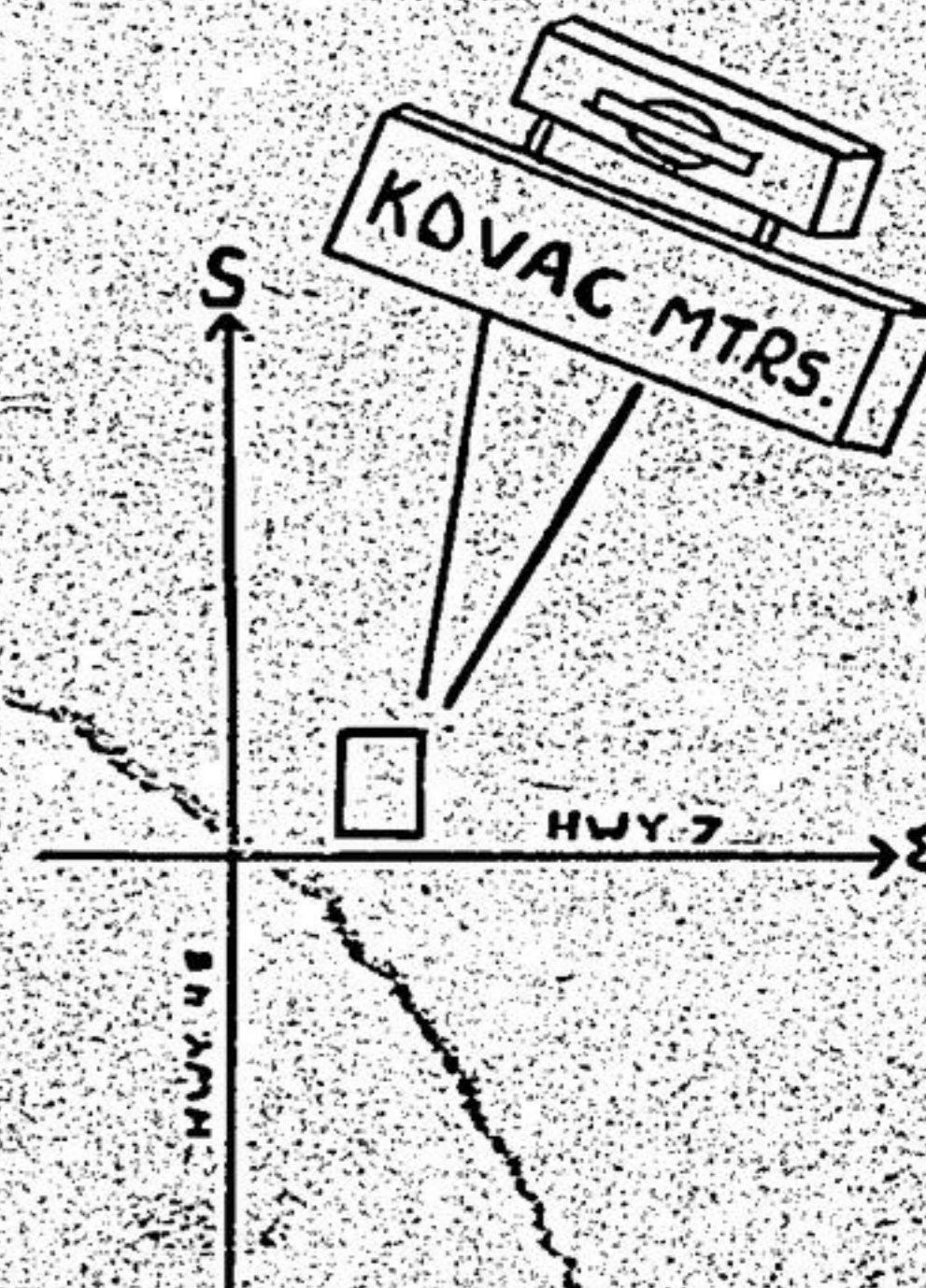
George Gathercole of Ontario Hydro has been invited to speak to council.

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