

Farm Tribune



Receives provincial honors

Susan Pearson, 17, a member of the Agincourt 4-H Homemaking Club, received her Provincial Honors Certificate at the York South Achievement Day, held May 2 in Victoria Square. Two members of the Stouffville 2 Club, Helen and Joyce Foote, were presented with County Honors Certificates.

—Peter Harris

Donald Dunkeld

Heads 125-Bushel Corn Club

ONTARIO COUNTY - Donald Dunkeld, Claremont, R.R. 2 is the 1970 chairman of the Ontario County 125 Bushel Corn Club. The organization's objective this year is 125 bushels of shelled corn per acre. Contestants may use any variety they wish and any means at their disposal to secure the highest possible yield from the three acres they use for their competition. To secure a club entry, send a \$4.00 membership fee to the Department of Agriculture and Food Office, Uxbridge, by June 1. The winner last year was O'Connor Bros., Pickering

with a yield of 141.9 bushels per acre. Carman Roadway, Mt. Albert, R.R. 3 was second with 130.2 bushels per acre. Other members of the executive include - vice-chairman, George Paisley, Uxbridge, R.R. 2; secretary-treasurer, Lynn Fair, Uxbridge; committee - Murray Dunkeld, Claremont, R.R. 2; Albert Foster, Claremont, R.R. 2;

Don Dunkeld, Claremont, R.R. 2; Paul Meyer, Claremont, R.R. 3; Paul Wellman, Claremont, R.R. 2; Malcolm Albright, Balsam; Carman Roadway, Mt. Albert, R.R. 3; Bob Hunter, Brooklyn, R.R. 1; George Paisley, Uxbridge, R.R. 2 and Ches Oldham, Zephyr.

Uxbridge Township

Predict higher construction costs if OMB gravel restrictions upheld

UXBRIDGE TWP. - The cost of raw materials for construction in Southern Ontario could at least double if a suburban Uxbridge Township zoning bylaw approved recently by the Ontario Municipal Board is allowed to stand, Crawford Reid, president of the Aggregate Producers Association of Ontario said in Toronto.

Mr. Reid said the association has appealed to the Provincial Cabinet for a review of the OMB decision because of its serious long-term implication for the construction industry and resulting higher costs to the consumer - and, ultimately, the public.

The bylaw, passed by the Uxbridge council in Oct., 1968 and approved by the Municipal Board last month, in effect froze sand and gravel operations in the township at 1968 levels.

Uxbridge Township contains some of the highest quality sand and gravel in Southern Ontario and supplies a substantial percentage of the aggregate used in Metropolitan Toronto.

Mr. Reid said the bylaw, if allowed to stand, could be copied by other municipalities and in effect choke off development of gravel reserves across Southwestern Ontario. This would force operators to dismantle expensive equipment and relocate on fields of lesser quality or import raw materials over longer distances.

"The net effect would be to cause at least a doubling

of the price of this very basic construction raw material," said Mr. Reid.

"And it really is not even a question of cost," said Mr. Reid. "The industry has serious doubts that there is the quantity and quality of aggregate in any part of Ontario that will be needed to meet the demands of the next thirty years."

Per capita consumption of sand and gravel in the Toronto-Hamilton-Niagara area has soared in the last 20 years from 3.5 tons in 1950 to 13 tons in 1966. By 1980, the association says, demand will hit 18 tons per person, or a total of 90 million tons for an area of five million people. The average house in this area requires 100 tons of sand and gravel, and each mile of expressway consumes 28,000 tons.

"Contrary to popular belief, the supply is limited and exhaustible. Once you take it out of the ground, it's gone from our natural resource supply forever," Mr. Reid said.

The petition was submitted by the association and most of the producers in the township. It asks for a review of the bylaw in the light of the overall requirements and the sources of the material in the whole of the Province.

The association points out in a background paper to the problem of pit operations, that pits in Ontario have been rehabilitated into golf courses, recreation ponds and lakes, industrial parks, housing developments, tree farms and

nurseries. The operators acknowledge that not all that could be done by way of rehabilitation has been done in the past, but that they have been made forcefully aware of the urgent need for province-wide policy governing the control of the operations and after-use of gravel-depleted pits and quarries, and are "fully prepared" to do what is right and reasonable for the protection of citizens affected by such operations.

Uxbridge township is sparsely populated (3,500 people); is 98.6 percent vacant land or agricultural

land and generally is not suited for agriculture and is "therefore an appropriate area for the extraction of sand and gravel", Mr. Reid concluded.

Charge stole trout

WHITCHURCH TWP. - The Boylen property on the Vivian Sideroad near concession 5 has been the location of suspected poaching from a private pond near the railroad track.

For this reason, Whitchurch Police have been keeping a close check on the site.

On April 27, Jack Beard of Scarborough was charged with trespassing. Mr. Beard faces an additional charge of theft of speckled trout valued at less than \$50.

You never can tell how a girl's going to turn out until her folks turn in.

Crabs in a basket

WHITCHURCH TWP. - Two Metro men, found trespassing on the Hazleton property, conc. 5 and the Gormley Sideroad in Whitchurch Twp., have been charged with poaching by a district game warden.

Jack Hagerman, Scarborough and Edward Duerton, Don Mills, were carrying several crabs in a basket.

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