



4-H member receives dairy showmanship award

The Bank of Nova Scotia trophy for 4-H dairy showmanship at Markham Fair, this year, was won by David Houck, Gormley, R. R. 2. The presentation was made by director Roger Gardham, branch manager, at the annual awards' banquet, Nov. 30. — Jim Thomas

Zoning not restrictive

Industry still possible

BALLANTRAE Present zoning regulations would not prohibit a 154-acre industrial park in this hamlet, according to information brought forth at a Planning Board meeting Nov. 20.

Residents of the area near the proposed development bitterly oppose the plan and said so to the Planning Board. The site is on the northeast corner of Highway 48 and Aurora Rd.

Presently Whitchurch-Stouffville is seeking approval of a rural zoning for the property. The land is designated industrial under the town's official plan.

The delegation of Ballantrae Ratepayers demanded council "take all steps necessary to see that land remains rural."

Their brief maintained that industrial development is incompatible with the rural-residential nature of the area, which includes the school and community centre.

Other objections made by the group

include problems in water supply and waste disposal; types of operations there would be difficult to enforce; and 40 per cent industrial tax base philosophy of planning is not valid by today's standards.

Councillor Eldred King expressed his support for industrial development at the location with safeguards for surrounding residents.

"I don't oppose establishing industry in that area, and I'm sure it could be put in on a basis that would be acceptable to everyone," he said.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff and Planning Committee Chairman Merlyn Baker agreed that a modified plan to develop 25-30 acres might be acceptable.

"I think the municipality is going to have to be very cautious about the industries it allows to come in," Mr. Baker said.

He was wary that industries displaced by redevelopments in Toronto might want to locate in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Trustee John McMurray

No money-no increase

Public protest is in the opinion of trustee John McMurray, the only thing that will prevent a mass walkout of teachers in York County. Mr. McMurray doesn't feel the Dept. of Education will waver on its budget ceilings and he anticipates no change in the Board's latest offer. "If we haven't the money, we can't do it," he claimed. While predicting a greater concern by the people, he is hoping parents will consider both sides of the issue and refrain from any form of mass hysteria. "Unfortunately, as I've said before, the ones who will feel the real crunch are the students."

Question: Is a trustee or the Board always aware of extra-curricular activities carried on by individual teachers?

Answer: A trustee often learns of activities by accident. Teachers

involve themselves in certain projects because they enjoy it, they are dedicated people with the interest of the school and their pupils at heart. They don't stand on a pinnacle and say "see me," but go about their extra duties with little fanfare. We are very fortunate in this area to have so many teachers of this kind." Mr. McMurray mentioned principals Keith Sutherland and Lorne Broadway; Phys. Ed. Director Jim Rehill and Band Instructor Ted Hawley as four who contribute extras to their schools and the community. "There's something about this community," he said, "the people seem to pull together." He credits "Music Mania" as a contributing factor to "togetherness" in Stouffville.

Question: Is an official opening

planned for Ballantrae School? Answer: The Board has been so involved in other matters of major importance, there's been little time to consider this, Mr. McMurray said. He noted that some interior furnishings were still lacking at Ballantrae and outside landscaping had to be done. He anticipates something official later in the spring. Question: What anticipated expenditure (\$75,000) is planned for Summitview School in '74?

Answer: There is a real need for a multipurpose room at Summitview School, Mr. McMurray agrees. "The gymnasium they use is not a gymnasium," he said. "We talk about equality of education, and here is an instance where we should do something about it. All other aspects related to Summitview are in pretty good shape." Mr. McMurray observed that students there have no interior space for assemblies and even the June graduation exercises must be held outside.

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1-7 Your heating system.
 Clean forced-air filters once a month
 Bleed air from hot water radiators, fix leaks
 Empty the flue clean-out
 Have the system checked by an expert
 Insulate ducts and pipes in areas that don't need heat
 Don't use metallic paint on radiators
 A gravity air system with a single return works best with interior doors open.

8-13 Keep the heat in!
 Insulation, especially in attics, pays off in the long run
 Fit storm windows, weather-strip outside doors
 Keep fireplace damper closed
 Use range hood ventilators only when necessary
 If you sleep with the window open, close the door
 Close drapes at night.

14-17 Use your thermostat.
 Each degree you lower the thermostat cuts fuel consumption about 3%
 It's possible to save by turning the thermostat down at night
 If you use a humidifier, you'll stay comfortable with less heat
 If there's a Shivery Sam in the family, ask him to wear a sweater.

18-22 Hot water.
 Insulate exposed hot water pipes
 If your water heater has a dial, try setting it lower
 A dripping tap wastes up to 175 gallons of hot water a month
 Don't use dishwashers till they're full
 Generally, a shower, uses less hot water than a bath.

23-32 Around the house.
 Are the door seals on your oven, refrigerator and freezer good?
 Don't use the oven if a toaster or fry-pan will do the job
 If you buy an electric heater, make sure it has a thermostat
 Use lower wattage bulbs if you can
 Use Christmas lights from 6 p.m. till bedtime
 Use pots that cover stove elements
 Thaw frozen food before cooking
 Defrost freezers regularly
 A pressure cooker saves energy as well as time
 Don't use the dryer till it's full.

33-39 On the road.
 A well-maintained car is an economical car
 Check tires and alignment
 Prolonged idling wastes gas
 Can you use the bus? Or ride with someone else?
 Does your size of car really fit your needs?
 Over 50 mph, economy decreases
 Jack-rabbit starts waste gas

40-44 Around the farm.
 A well-tuned tractor burns 10% less fuel
 Underground or pressurized storage tanks reduce vapourization loss
 Reduce tractor wheel slip and you save fuel
 Prolonged idling of engines wastes gas
 Can you turn yard lights off earlier?

45-47 At work.
 Can the thermostat be turned down?
 Can you turn off any lights?
 Has your company got an Energy Conservation Suggestion Scheme?

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