

## Farmers become more diverse

CLAREMONT — A policy of "not putting all your eggs in one basket", is proving a benefit to farmers in the Riding of Durham-York during tough agricultural times. M.P.P. Ross Stevenson told The Tribune last week.

Mr. Stevenson spent an afternoon in Claremont, Friday, talking to constituents at the Community Hall.

"Farmers are becoming more diversified, particularly in choice of crops," he said. Instead of putting all their acreage in corn or wheat, they're experimenting with soybeans and even sunflowers—with considerable success, he observed.

Describing agriculture in the riding as "a significant industry," he said farmers in Durham-York hadn't been as hard-hit as those in some other areas of Ontario. "Even those specializing in beef and pork had been in it long enough to have their feet on the ground," he said. Some had been forced to sell, however, he stated.

Dairy farmers weren't as seriously affected, the local Member explained, and while beef and pork prices are better, "they still go up and down like a toilet seat."

Stevenson pointed out that very few property-owners in Durham-York had applied for or had qualified for aid under the province's Farm Adjustment Assistance Program.

As for unemployment in the area, the M.P.P. said layoffs at General Motors had been experienced by some. He noted, however, that with few major industries in the riding, the problem isn't as severe as in more urbanized centres.



The Claremont Lioness Club held a bake sale, Friday, on the Brock Road Bypass, with all proceeds going to the Carol Rowe Medical Fund. In-cluding monetary donations, receipts exceeded \$800. Three of the sale organizers (above) are (left to right) Denise Norton, Sandy Hill and Shirley Pilkey.

—Jim Thomas



Ross Stevenson, M.P.P. for the Ontario Riding of Durham-York, was in Claremont, Friday, speaking to constituents at the Community Hall. He was accompanied by his constituency secretary, Sheila Adams of Claremont.

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## Hooker dealership end of an era

KINSALE — Hooker and Sons Ltd., one of the oldest and largest G.M. dealerships in the area, has passed out of existence with the holding of an auction sale at the Kinsale site.

Such scenes are not uncommon today—a sign of the times," commented Morley Bain, sheriff for Durham Region.

"It's happening to many good and respectable citizens who, through no fault of their own, have run into financial difficulty," he said.

The Kinsale firm, distributors of General Motors' cars

over a wide district, was established back in 1931—fifty-one years ago. None of the family was present to witness its demise.

During the first six months of 1982, a total of 5,383 Canadian companies have declared bankruptcy. The problem is attributed to inflation, high interest and mortgage rates and a cut-back in spending by the general public.

But as one business goes under, another is riding the crest of success. Homer Stephens of Greater Toronto Auctions, Mississauga, indicated all is going well for them.

"When things are good, we do good and when things are bad, we do better," he said. Receipts from the Hooker sale were estimated at between \$75,000 and \$80,000.

## No-hitter

CLAREMONT — Bobby Ryan, pitching ace for the Claremont Legion "Blues", has written his name into the 1982 OASA Bantam "D" record books. He fired a brilliant no-hitter, Thursday, as Claremont crushed Wyevale 16-0 in the first game of the provincial zone finals.

Ryan faced only 22 batters in seven innings, striking out the side in the 1st, the 3rd, the 5th, the 6th and the 7th. A walk in the sixth "robbed" him of a perfect game. He whiffed 19 batters.

The hard-throwing right-hander will be honored by the Association through the

presentation of a no-hit citation next spring.

In addition to his mastery on the mound, Ryan was also a power at the plate, hitting four for four (including a home run) and chalking up five RBI's. Catcher Frank Soule and short-stop Randy Lyon also belted round-trippers.

Lyon had four hits in six at-bats; Mark Hendy had three-for-five and Scott Harper had two-for-three. Hendy drove in four runs and Harper two.

Claremont is expected to wrap up the series when they host Wyevale here, Wednesday (to-night) at 8:30 p.m.

## Carol making good progress

CLAREMONT — Cottage-bound families travelling the Brock Road Bypass, took advantage of a bake sale, Friday, sponsored by the Claremont Lioness Club and by the time it was over (around 8 p.m.), the Carol Rowe Medical Fund had benefited by \$818.06.

Food plus donations came from all areas of the village. After five hours "on the road" just about everything was sold. Denise Norton, one of the project's co-ordinators told The Tribune.

Carol, currently undergoing treatment for a skin disorder at a clinic in West Germany, is expected home in about a week.

"She's doing well," Denise said, following receipt of a letter, "she's in good spirits."

Corrective measures used by skin specialist Pavel Kozak, have a lot to do with diet, Denise explained. Proper clothing (100% cotton) and exclusion from direct rays of the sun are also requirements, she said.

Originally, it was expected that Carol might be home this weekend, but the physician de-

cidied she should remain a few extra days.

To date, more than \$11,000 has been raised to help cover Carol's expenses, including \$1,000 contributed by her grandfather. This Saturday (Aug. 7), the Claremont

Lions and Lioness Clubs are holding a dance in the Community Centre Hall. Tickets (\$15 a couple) are available from Denise Norton (649-2615), Shirley Pilkey (649-2359), or at the door. The dance begins at 8 p.m.

—Jim Thomas

## Playoffs

CLAREMONT — The league-leading Claremont "Legion" will battle Brooklin, Thursday night, in the first round of the OASA Int. "C" Zone Playoffs. The contest, starting at 8:30 p.m., is in Brooklin Park with the return game at Claremont, Monday, also at 8:30. The winner will advance against Greenbank for the Zone Championship.

The Claremont club will be minus two key players. Marty Uzzell is slated for surgery in York County Hospital, Newmarket, this week

and Brian Redshaw, is also out of the lineup.

Coach Paul Carruthers is confident his ace hurler, Darrell Norton, will carry the team into the next round. Bill Carruthers completes the battery. Others on the roster include Todd Pascoe (pitcher); Gord Lehman (1st base); Dave McKenzie (2nd base); Larry Pilkey (3rd base); Howie Jones (short stop); Norm McKenzie (left field); Doug Rowe (centre field); John Pollard and Bob Leger (right field). Larry Brown is the assistant coach. Don Vale, the manager.

## Local private rail service?

CLAREMONT — Fifteen businessmen are considering the purchase of a commuter train to operate on the C.P.R. line between Toronto and Peterborough.

If successful, the service would replace the present VIA-Rail system, slated to be withdrawn Sept. 7.

A member of this industrious group is John Lennox of Janetville. He admits the scheme is still "up in the air" since nothing has been finalized with Canadian Pacific. A lease arrangement must be worked out on the tracks, a line that runs about 110 kilometers or 70 miles.

If the proposal goes ahead, the train will operate five days a week from Toronto to Peterborough with stops along the way at Claremont, Dagmar, Myrtle and Burketon. It would be impractical to go all the way to Havelock, Lennox said.

The three coaches would be handled by two diesel locomotives.

To make it a paying proposition, fares will likely increase by at least 25 per cent, Lennox said, depending on the number of stops involved. It would be strictly a private line with no government support, he ex-

plained. He said that due to the amount of work involved in finalizing the scheme, a short break in the service might be necessary after Sept. 7.



It's called "a millionaire's family"

Michael and Joanne Straughan of 1655 Geta Circle, Pickering, have a "millionaire's family". Rebecca Michelle and William Nicolas were born July 23 at Ajax-Pickering Hospital, weighing 6 lbs. 11 1/4 oz. and 5 lbs. 2 1/2 oz. respectively. Mrs

Straughan is the former Joanne Lyon, daughter of Jim and Sharen Lyon, R.R. 3, Stouffville. Mike is the son of Frank and Marjorie Straughan, Goodwood.

—Jim Thomas

## Frank Collins — avid gardener Had great sense of adventure

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Frank Collins, a life-long resident of Uxbridge Twp., passed away suddenly on Sat., July 24, 1982.

Francis William Elwood Collins, son of John and Elizabeth (Poyner) Collins, was born Feb. 15, 1905, on the family farm, Conc. 4, Uxbridge, where he resided at the time of his death.

Frank's maternal grandparents, the Derushas, were among the original pioneers who homesteaded just south of Frank's residence on the Fourth Line.

As a young man, Frank had an adventuresome spirit, leaving home for brief periods to work in gold mines at Kirkland Lake and to travel on western excursion trains to help with prairie harvests.

On Nov. 28, 1934, Frank married Marjorie Sharrard and settled on one of the Collins' family farms where they raised three children and two foster boys. When he stopped farming, Frank worked for nearly 20 years as a miller with the Claremont Co-operative, retiring in 1969. His wife prede-

ceased him three years ago.

Frank was an avid gardener. His beautiful flower and vegetable gardens stand as a testimony to his hobby. He was active in the Claremont Golden Age Club and was a familiar participant at local card parties in the area.

He leaves to mourn his passing, son Jack of Goodwood; daughters Greta Hudson of Burnt River and Ruth Paxton of Sandford; foster son Allan Barter; four grandchildren and

three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Edith McManis of Goodwood United Church from the Low and Low Chapel, Uxbridge, Wed., July 28 with interment Uxbridge Cemetery.

Pall-bearers were Frank Moore, Alvin Redshaw, Ivan Norton, Gordon Symes, Gordon Wilson and Arnold Maye. Flower-bearers were Norm Faulkner, Ron May, Charlie Symes and Alan Redshaw.

## Oppose Bell

DURHAM REGION: Durham Regional Council has voiced strong opposition to Bell Canada's proposed 15 per cent rate increase in 1983.

This feeling will be written into a report now being prepared for submission to the Canadian Radio Television Telecommunications Commission; federal politicians in Durham Region and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Oshawa's Bruce McArthur urged "swift action" calling for the region to "spearhead the fight".

The deadline for filing objections is Aug. 16.

Bell Canada has informed the region that a 15.1 per cent increase in revenue would allow the company to earn a return of 17 per cent next year.

McArthur described the proposal as inflationary.

## Windfall

UXBRIDGE — An Uxbridge area housewife was "the big winner" in last month's Wintario draw.

Shirley O'Connor, Uxbridge, R.R. 1, is richer by \$100,000.

She and husband Ralph plan to deposit the windfall in the bank and eventually buy a farm. They have two children, both in their teens.