

Uxbridge Fair crowds spotty

Exhibits increase

UXBRIDGE - While the week-end weather was fair, it wasn't all that fair-going. At least, not at Uxbridge's 118th Fair, which ran Sept. 10-12 at Elgin Park.

"Attendance was 'pretty good,'" said president, Kay Reeves, adding that, "at the same time, we would have liked to see more people."

"She said that this year's gate receipts were 'about the same' as last year. 'But a lot of people didn't seem to know

what to expect. They'd say, 'There's nothing here,' and then leave."

"I'd like some suggestions as to what people want. We can't have everything...They must know they can't have Dolly Parton."

Despite the desultory attendance, Mrs. Reeves said the Fair shows drew more exhibitors this year. "I think the people who want to exhibit fruits and vegetables, et cetera, always will," she said. "There were

more exhibits entered in the women's section."

The almost perfect weather may have worked against the turnout, "but there were still enough people interested in the Fair to support it," Mrs. Reeves said. She said, too, that

some city people who attended, were there because of their interest in country things.

The latter, however, were not the Fair's number one draw. The big attraction, it seems, was the demolition derby, Saturday night.

Four weeks to complete

Quilt skills

UXBRIDGE - Leona Moore, Marietta Street, Uxbridge, is undoubtedly the community's most accomplished quilter. Certainly, the judges must have thought so when they pinned a Grand Championship ribbon on her sunflower pattern reversible bedspread at Uxbridge Fair. The entry, that took about four weeks to complete, has been selected by Canada Packers for their annual fair display at Lindsay

Being accorded such recognition, isn't new for Mrs. Moore. She won a similar prize three years ago. She belongs to a group called The Cabin Quilters.

The Fair's reserve championship quilt was exhibited by Mary Drewery, Uxbridge, R.R. 2.

Division Winners
The following were winners in each division: Domestic Sci-

ence-Carol Speight, Leaskdale (1st); Leona Moore, Uxbridge (2nd); Dorothy Simpson, Uxbridge (3rd). Handicrafts-Kathy Wasylenky, R.R. 4, Uxbridge (1st); Nancy Miller, Goodwood (2nd); Nancy Hannah, Uxbridge (3rd). Needlecraft-Leona Moore, Uxbridge (1st); Helen McKean, Greenbank (2nd); Barbara Soulsby, R.R. 2, Uxbridge (3rd). Grand Champion Cake-Mrs. Stan Clarkson, R.R. 2, Stouffville; Reserve-Carol Speight, Leaskdale. Grand Champion Pie-Charlotte Hemington, Uxbridge; Reserve-Leona Moore, Uxbridge. Woodworking (Jr. Special)-Steve McGrath, Uxbridge. Student Classes-Sherri McMillan, Uxbridge (Teen); Angela Davis, Uxbridge (Junior). Goodwood Gardens Special-Howard Colby, Uxbridge (1st); Dorothy Simpson, Uxbridge (2nd); Eric Blackburn, R.R. 2, Uxbridge (3rd).



Show Grand Champion was this fine Ayreshire other pretty young lady is this year's Dairy Princess, Heather Honey of Seagrave, Ont. —Jim Thomas

Councillors square off

UXBRIDGE - Uxbridge Township Councillor Gerri Lynn O'Connor, plans to oppose fellow councillor and desk-mate, Maustyn McKnight, for the position of Durham Regional councillor in the November elections.

The veteran McKnight still hasn't announced whether he will seek re-election, although the implication is that he will.

Equally silent is Mayor Bill Ballinger, who told The Tri-

bune he felt it "too early to make an official statement." However, he left little doubt that he'd be back.

Mrs. O'Connor says she'll be a "full-time councillor," with chief concern, achieving good value, both locally and regionally, for the taxpayers' money.

Continued maintenance of roads and sidewalks, and a regular program to meet recreational needs, are also among her priorities, she said.

Outstanding musician

Followed in father's footsteps

CLAREMONT - Service was held from the O'Neill Funeral Home, Stouffville, Saturday, for William (Bill) Coates, one of the Claremont community's foremost musicians.

Mr. Coates, son of George and Mary Elsie (Howitt) Coates, died Sept. 9 in Scarborough Centenary Hospital. He would have been 88 the following Friday.

Bill Coates was best known for his musical ability as was his father. It was George Coates who first organized the Claremont Citizens' Band and served as its leader. Son Bill later took over from his father. For years, the group performed at many functions throughout the district, including skating parties at the old Claremont rink. Bill's specialty was the coronet although the family had many instruments in their home. A number of these have been donated to the Markham Museum.

For a time, Bill lived at Huntville and played in the Anglo-Canadian Concert Band there. Later, he moved back to the home farm on the Uxbridge-Pickering townline. Mrs. Coates, the former Melissa Morgan, died a short time after their marriage. He was also pre-deceased by a brother Tom and a sister Addie. The only living relative is a cousin, Ernie Carruthers of Goodwood. Mr. Carruthers maintained a close association both while Mr. Coates was living at Claremont and during his stay in hospital.

Bill Coates was a member in the congregation of Claremont Baptist Church and, when able, attended services there regularly. Rev. Blair Clark was in charge of the funeral with interment Uxbridge Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Ernie Carruthers, Morley Smalley, George Middleton, Frank Carson, Frank Ward, Charlie Symes, Norris Hardy and Lloyd Linton.

Interesting battle looms

PICKERING - With municipal elections in the Town of Pickering still 7 1/2 weeks away, an interesting battle's already shaping up at the regional level.

Gerry Fisher, going for his fourth term as a Regional Councillor, will be opposed by Norah Stoner, representative for Ward 3. Both reside at Greenwood.

Councillor Fisher is a regional police commissioner and a member of the works committee.

Councillor Stoner, an strong environmentalist, led the fight against a bid by Metro Toronto to shift nuclear soil from a property in Scarborough to the Beare Road landfill site. She also expressed concern for the safety of the Town's drinking water and successfully pressed Ontario Hydro to pay the cost of

moving Pickering's supply intake to Whitby.

Date of municipal elections is Mon., Nov. 8.

Instant action

UXBRIDGE - Uxbridge Township Council wasted no time in passing the minutes of Parks and Recreation Committee, following their submission, last week.

The meeting was held Sept. 7 at 8:35 p.m., and adjourned one minute later at 8:36 p.m.

Said the report in its entirety: "There were no items of business discussed."

Even the barn "danced"

ISLAND LAKE - Even the barn "danced!"

The gala hoe-down, that featured everything from the "snowball" to disco, rattled the rafters, Friday night, at the rural property of Jim and Liz Gilliland, Island Lake.

Last year, Jim and Liz hosted a pig roast. This year, neighbors Archie and Margaret Paterson suggested they "try something different". An old-fashioned barn dance was suggested and the enthusiasm spread like wildfire. Mike and Judy VonZuben; Harry and Laura Hows; Peter and Christine Hawkes and Roy and Joanne Schweizer "joined hands" with their hosts and soon had the structure "all dressed up" for the occasion. They split the cost six ways.

On Friday evening, an estimated 120 adults, young people and children flocked to the farm. While mom, dad and the older kids kicked up their heels, the wee tads frolicked between the bales or swung Tarzan-style from a rope fastened to a beam. Morley Batt of Pottageville, west of Aurora, was the D.J.

Mrs. Gilliland described her neighborhood helpers as "fantastic". They hope to make it an annual event.



When it came to showmanship and calves Murray Wilson of R.R. 2, Uxbridge knew all the answers. Murray won both senior showmanship and champion calf awards at the Uxbridge Fair 4H Dairy Competition. —Jim Thomas

Spending issue - chairman

Last hurrah?

DURHAM REGION - "Changing the chairman is not going to help," is the way Durham Regional Chairman, Gary Herrema, reacted to the knowledge that Oshawa Alderman, John DeHart, may oppose him for Durham's top political job.

"There is only one issue, and no other," Herrema said, and that is government spending. "We have to cut back."

At the same time, "the public doesn't want to be told how difficult it is to get a garbage dump, or sewage plant, but they want you to hold costs. The people can't carry taxes, but they all want more services."

"The big thing right now with the people is: 'protect my property.' I support them, but somebody has to pay the shot."

Many were under the opinion that "the bureaucrats don't work anytime," but everyone - unions, private industry and the public - had to recognize what the facts were: there was no money. Police protection, alone, constituted 51 per cent - \$21,000,000 - of the budget.

Herrema said that thinking in the smaller areas was not divided down the middle where growth was concerned. "People know there's no such thing as the status quo. If the schools go down, there are no teachers...We must have growth. Stouffville, for example, needs Dufferin (housing development)."

Herrema said that, in the matter of garbage disposal, "a dictatorial attitude," might soon be the only answer in dealing with it. The latter would come from Waste Management Corporation, which would select an area for a processing plant, and then find a landfill site.

Herrema said his own choice for a processing plant would be at Duffin's Creek.

Alderman DeHart said he would only run if fellow councillor, John Aker, didn't decide to

run as well. Aker missed out on the job by two votes in 1980. He said he will wait until just before the November 8 election to make his intention known.

The two aldermen say the region needs a leader from the urban area, and not from the more rural district of the chairman's Township of Uxbridge.

Injured in fall

GREENWOOD - A Greenwood area farmer suffered a fractured skull and five broken ribs when he fell from an upstairs barn ladder into a lower stable, a distance of about 25 feet.

Les Wilson was found in a dazed condition by son Keith, shortly after noon-hour, Wednesday. He was taken first to Brooklin and then to the J.O. Ruddy Hospital in Whitby. From there, he was rushed by ambulance to Sunnybrook after the seriousness of his injuries had been diagnosed.

"He's lucky to be alive,"

wife Marion told The Tribune. While her husband can recall little of what happened, she believes he slipped on the ladder and fell through an opening in the barn floor.

With the aid of his son, he was able to walk to the house and later to the car. However, he remembers nothing of what transpired.

At first it was feared Mr. Wilson might have suffered a weak spell, relative to a heart attack that occurred back in May. This has since been ruled out.

Auction has everything

DURHAM REGION - It will be a "garage sale" par excellence, Sept. 18, when Durham Region holds its eighth annual blockbuster public auction, with almost everything but the politicians up for grabs.

Starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Ajax works depot on Taunton

Corn hit by frost

UXBRIDGE - John Finlay, associate representative in the ministry of agriculture's office in Uxbridge, said that dry, sunny days are needed to prevent a "potential disaster" in the area's largest cash crop, corn grain.

Frost and rains have delayed

Road West, at Salem Road, Pickering, goods from throughout the region, as well as the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Peterborough, and Richmond Hill; will be dealt to the highest bidders.

A preview of the goods will be held, Sept. 17, 4-8 p.m., at the depot.

its harvesting, Finlay said, and also caused "considerable damage" to garden vegetables in Uxbridge and environs.

Finlay said that combining of the corn crop wouldn't be able to get underway until the first of October; "and that's only if we get good weather."



Whooping it up at an old fashioned barn dance are Ernie and Anne Topless, visitors of Jim and Liz Gilliland of Island Lake who, along with half a dozen friendly neighbors, refurbished and decorated their barn for a community square dance. —Jim Thomas