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Tribune

Stouffville Co-operative Association

Sales up — net earnings down

STOUFFVILLE — A lower gross margin on general sales and an increase in bad debt expense, have been blamed for a \$23,937 decrease in net earnings by the Stouffville Co-operative Association for the year ending July 31, 1971.

The information was revealed in the financial statement released at the 28th annual meeting, Oct. 28 in the Stouffville Masonic Hall. The guest speaker was Bruce McCutcheon, president of the United Co-operatives of Ontario.

"This year's operation did not give us the result we would like to see," Manager George Timbers told his audience. He noted that while sales volume had gone up by \$13,000, net savings had dropped to \$20,052. By comparison, net savings in 1970, were \$43,989.

Mr. Timbers pointed to an increase in general sales by \$10,000 and in petroleum products by

\$12,000. He said too, that all other departments showed some increase, with the exception of feed sales, down by \$15,000.

Board president, Harold Gribble noted that while profits as compared to some previous years, were down, the year's operation was still a successful one. A 3 percent deferred patronage payment on general purchases and

a 2 percent cash payment on petroleum purchases, has been recommended.

The Board approved the purchase of a new bulk fertilizer spreader and a new truck was ordered, he said.

Directors re-elected included — Trevor Watson and Robert Beynon. Clifford Winger succeeds Harry Woodland and Donald Hope replaces

Gordon Ratcliff. Others on the directorate are — Harold Gribble, Ray Atkinson, Ivan DeGeer, Lloyd Grose, David Paisley and the secretary, Charles James.

The staff includes — George Timbers (Mgr.), Wilbur Irwin, Ross Wideman, Louie Hoover, Jim McCreight, Bill Rae, David Winn, Elmer Burkholder and Elmer Bentley.

Capital grants for farmers

By A.A. Wall, Agricultural Representative, York Region

THE wind-up of the corn this week finishes one of the best crop years on record. A big bonus is that it all came off in the good weather.

That's the good half of the story. The bad half is the price of corn and barley, which upsets the profit

picture completely for anyone in the cash-crop business.

Anyway, with fall work in good shape, livestock farmers at least may want to plan some major improvements in buildings and equipment.

The capital grants program of the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture may be useful here. It has been changed and now barn equipment like bulk tanks, pipelines, silo unloaders, butter cleaners, water systems and feed processing equipment, are all eligible for a grant of 40 percent. New buildings and renovations are still eligible too. The maximum per farm is \$3,000 total for all

grants.

The removal of trees in old orchards qualifies for a grant now too. The assistance is \$3.00 each for orchards of under thirty trees per acre. For orchards with over thirty trees per acre, the rate is \$1.50 per tree.

Since last spring, about 200 farmers in York have taken down dead elms, making use of the special assistance. I expect a lot more will come down this fall and help at \$5.00 per tree is still good.

Anyone wanting to qualify on any of these programs should check the details first, by getting a copy of the rules, from our office. An important one for part-time farmers is that there must be a gross farm income of

veterinarians at O.V.C., it covers all the common diseases and stresses prevention. The cost is \$30.00, covering texts and all material.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and daughter, Port Perry, visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bunker, Mongolia.

When 'Chuckie' goes to bed, he sleeps, and sleeps, and sleeps. He's a woodchuck, an 11 year old pet of Earl Lewis, Altona. 'Chuckie' went into winter hibernation, Sunday, a good enough

at least \$3,000. The work can go ahead and the grant applied for when it is done.

A different idea for livestock men could be quite useful in keeping a herd healthy and well. A home study course on preventive medicine is now available, from Guelph. Set up by

reason for a family farewell. Earl's niece, 3 year old Sherri Johnson of Milverton says goodbye — until spring. — Jas. Thomas.

'Chuckie' is ready for long winter nap

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Richard Colwell
Heads potato club

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The results of competition were announced at a banquet meeting, Oct. 27, in the Community Hall at Sandford.

Using the Viking variety, Mr. Colwell had an estimated yield of 604 bushels per acre. His total score for yield and quality was 120.

Runner-up was Bill Lockie of Zephyr, with a total score of 119 and 625 bushels per acre. He used the Kennebec variety. Walter Kerry of Port Perry was third.

Twelve potato-growers participated

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