

Simcoe Council To Get Public Opinion

Simcoe council is going to the people for opinions and ideas on how the town should be developed.

A public seminar is being convened by council June 5 in the Simcoe Composite School to hear the views of residents on the topic "Our town—its development—its future."

Seminar organizers are endeavouring to attract a wide cross-section of the townspeople, with

accommodation being provided for 250. The seminar will be advertised, and subsequently invitations will be sent out on a "first come—first served" basis.

If successful, the seminar will be the forerunner of further citizens' forums.

"Since this is the first meeting of its kind that we have attempted, we really have no idea of what the turnout will be on June 5," Mayor Alfred W. Judd said.

"However, if there is an overflow response, you can be sure we will arrange additional seminars on civic affairs."

Leaders of seminar discussions will be residents who are not connected with the municipality in any official capacity.

Background information on the growth of Simcoe up to the present time will be available. However, the main purpose of the seminar

will be to encourage and elicit opinions from citizens on the future directions the town should take.

Topics will include: the downtown business district, public buildings and parks, land-use planning for future growth, social planning, local and regional government, and continuing involvement of local citizens.

The all-day seminar will convene at 9 a.m., break for

a noon lunch provided by the municipality, and continue until 5 p.m.

The seminar was originally proposed by Mayor Judd and approved by council. Town officials have been deeply involved in planning for residential and business expansion expected in conjunction with the multi-million-dollar Stelco complex on the

Haldimand-Norfolk. Recently, Stelco announced its intention of starting construction in 1975.

Sports Notes

By Peter Myke

Cold weather has reduced local ball games this past week. Merchants are having weekly workouts with coach Bobby Smith in for the ailing Reekie. Since big John Edwards has left Jarvis play ball in Waterford, pitching will be shared by Hub Feherman and Pantourie. Ken Graham, Bill Prince, Fred McCraddock, make the make of a pretty fair team and will be following their year with game reports.

Hagersville will be having an Intermediate basketball team this year. There will be a practice on Sunday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. Players are welcome to attend. By next week league will have decided who will play where and how many teams will be entered.

Hagersville Juveniles will work out on Sunday afternoon starting at 6 p.m. Vince Petracca has moved last year's championship midget team up to juvenile. Abraham Taylor has agreed to manage again this year, so it should be quite a season.

Grant Kett and Don Laidlaw have decided coach a Bantam ball team. This team will practice Monday night at 6.30 p.m.

Nat Salvatore and Don Lampman will handle the PeeWee team this year. The first workout began Wednesday May 5 at 6 p.m. There will be a practice on Sunday May 2 at 6 o'clock.

Dave Speller and Jim Mcgrath will coach the Novice team with practice starting Friday night at 6.15.

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M. F. Thomson

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The calculations are based on a growth rate of 3/8" in diameter per year (a

conservative rate as there are many cases in this area where trees have grown at more than 1/2" in diameter per year). Thus, in 64 years certain selected trees will contain prime veneer logs of 24" in diameter.

Of course, there are expenses involved in growing premium quality trees. Initially, the cost of the trees, the cost of planting, and the cost of chemicals for mouse control and the control of competing vegetation require an investment of about \$45/acre. In year five and year ten, pruning and releasing of the young walnut is required at a cost of approximately \$15/acre. Again, in year fifteen, \$20/acre will be required for a further release and pruning of the walnut trees.

In years 20 and 25, the white pine should be removed so the walnut can have the full benefit of all the available growing space. Once again, the walnut requires some additional pruning, and \$25/acre will cover the cost of the pruning and removing the white pine.

Now you'll be wondering what returns you are getting for all this spent money. By the 32nd year, the 12" walnut trees will be becoming too crowded to maintain the maximum growth rate. Consequently, 100 walnut trees will be cut to leave the remaining 100 trees at a spacing of 21' x 21'. These 8' logs can be sold at \$200/M.b.d.ft., thus producing an initial revenue of \$860.

In the 48th year of the rotation, the 18" trees will be cut. However, such a proposal as this is not as rosy as it first may seem. What landowner can make an investment such as this and then wait 60-70 years for his return? Yet, imagine what a tremendous legacy such a plantation would be for your children! In addition, the fertile bottomlands, along creeks and rivers, which are excellent walnut sites, are often the idle, unusable parts of a property.

The Department of Lands and Forests, under the again be too thick; thus, 75 trees will be cut to leave the

best 25 walnut trees at a spacing of 42' x 42' to grow to full maturity. The 75 12' logs will be sold at \$600/M.b.d.ft. to produce an income of \$7,065.

Finally, at the end of the rotation the 25 top-quality walnut trees will be ready to cut. These 24" trees, containing a 16' log, will bring a price of \$2,000/M.b.d.ft. Each tree will then be worth nearly \$800, and the 25 trees will have a market value of \$19,200.

Woodlands Improvement Act, is authorized to enter into agreements with

landowners in which the Department will bear the cost of planting trees (walnut trees included!), and also, provision is made under the agreement for the pruning of selected, high-value trees such as walnut. Consequently, the landowner's investment is limited to the cost of the trees and the small costs of protecting the growing plantation.

Interested in an investment for the future? Your local management forester of the Department of Lands and Forests will be pleased to discuss your planting plans with you.

Selkirk Scene

Mrs. Robert Rhora is a patient in the WHH Hagersville.

Mrs. Graydon Fess is baby sitting with her grandchildren in Hamilton while her daughter and husband are on vacation.

Mrs. Mary Turnbull spent the past weekend as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Long.

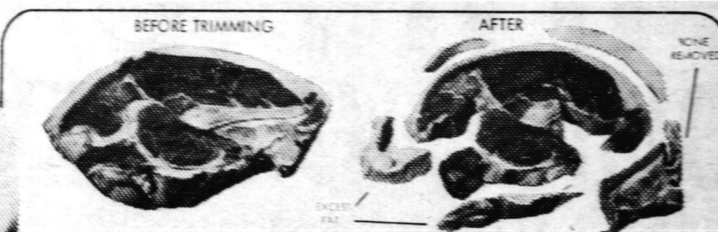
Mrs. Robert Hare is a patient in the Henderson Hospital, Hamilton.

Mrs. John Sitter underwent surgery in the Chedoke Hospital at Hamilton last Friday.

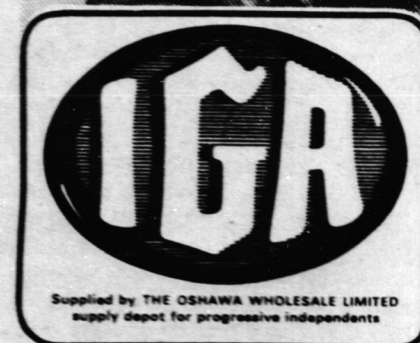
Mr. Lee Schwager was guest of honor Saturday night at a birthday party given by his wife and friends.



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