

\$300,000 County Grant Proposed For University



UP AND OVER IN THE RAIN

Despite the almost constant drizzle, some fine horse-jumping was exhibited at the Powys Hall Equestrian Centre near Hawkestone on Sunday afternoon. The rain, which delayed the animal horse show and cancelled some of the events, made the ground soft and difficult for

the jumping events. But it didn't stop Vicki Matthews, age 11 of Toronto, above, who takes a jump on a six-year-old bay horse, Shady Lady. The riding school specializing in English-style riding and operated by Barbara Lloyd and Gil Lloyd just moved to

this area last June. The course has all the jumps and trials of an International Course, with the exception of the water jumps. Some of the riders from this school expect to be competing at the Orillia Fall Fair this weekend in Orillia.

"Not Enough" Would "Throttle" Campus Plan, Says Committee

ORILLIA (Staff) — The finance committee of Simcoe County Council today recommended a county grant of \$300,000 for the proposed Waterloo Lutheran University campus here.

The original request for a \$900,000 grant over a ten year period, was turned down. Members of the Orillia University Committee said that \$300,000 is not enough from the county to allow the committee to reach its initial objective of \$1,550,000.

"It's like buying a ticket only half-way across the Atlantic," said Don Smith, a member of the Orillia university committee. "You can't get the rest of the way, and you can't get back."

The recommendation will come up for a vote of County Council at 10 a.m. on Wednesday. The university committee members are expecting a strong turnout for the vote by supporters of the project.

It was learned that an amendment will be introduced on Wednesday to ask for more funds. The minimum grant necessary from the county is \$500,000, committee members said.

"The committee already has enough pledges to buy the land, to service it, to build a library and mechanical building," said Wharton D. Russell, another university committee member. "All we were asking the county for was a grant to put up the teaching building," he said.

PRESIDENT TO SPEAK

On Wednesday morning, before the vote, Waterloo Lutheran University President, Dr. William J. Villeneuve will address county council in regard to the project. Mr. Russell will also make a short speech outlining the essential need for at least \$500,000.

"A grant of only \$300,000 falls short of the basic requirements," Mr. Russell said, "In effect it throttles the project."

The Town of Orillia and Orillia Township have combined to give \$350,000 to the project. Together, these two communities pay 22 per cent of the county budget. Whatever grant is made by the county, 22 per cent of it will be drawn from the Orillia area, in addition to what the area has already pledged.

"The amount we've asked for in terms of the average man's assessment is only one tank of gasoline per year," Mr. Smith said. "The county, in effect, is only going to give us four gallons."

"We don't have the big foun-

dations and rich companies in this area to give us support," Mr. Russell said. "We have to raise the money ourselves if we are going to be successful and accomplish something."

"The university project can barely get by with a grant of \$500,000," he stressed. "We'll have to do without the auditorium - gymnasium for a few years at least, but it will be possible to build and operate the university."

The minimum size of teaching building that would be economical to build and operate is for 600 students, Mr. Smith said. This is what we need through the support of the county council.

"Waterloo Lutheran University will contribute about \$135,000 a year by financing of salary and academic expenses," Mr. Russell said.