

Revue Federation Highlighted Canton Farm Meeting

The February meeting of the Durham Federation of Agriculture took the form of a pot-luck supper and was held in the village of Canton at their Community Hall.

Mr. M. H. Staples, president of the Federation offered the gathering an insight into the set-up of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture by referring to the origination and evolution of the movement. Charlie Osborne, in his comments, explained a few recent accomplishments of the Durham Federation.

R. E. Drope, ex-M.P. for Northumberland, and manager of the Harwood Co-operative Creamery and president of the Northumberland Federation of Agriculture brought the greetings of his organization to gathering. He said the Federation is doing a lot of good work throughout the province and that as a result members, on the whole, prove better informed about what is going on in Ontario and their own particular County. "Canada is mainly an agricultural country," he said. "If farmer don't take an interest in their country, nobody else will."

Similar to the income tax query held in Orono last fall by the Durham Federation of Agriculture, Northumberland plan to hold a similar meeting in the month of March.

In his capacity as creamery manager, Mr. Drope offered the information that during 1950, 1,119,000 lbs of butter were produced at the Harwood Creamery which in his words is "Quite a lot of butter if you have it all in one block."

President Staples, in an effort to foster greater understanding among farmers of Federation activities, explained the origin of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the rapid progress it has made in its short 15 years.

In 1935, a group of farmers attending the Royal Winter Fair met in Toronto to discuss the establishment of an organization which could offer "one voice" in matters pertaining to agriculture and attempt, through union, to bring feeling to bear on government and market policy.

The first organization to emerge was the Chamber of Agriculture which was composed mostly of wheat

farmers in the prairies. But this was a beginning and within a few years, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture was set up. In 1943, the staff was extended and to-day it includes the president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, a secretary-treasurer, an economist and three secretaries.

According to Mr. Staples, the Canadian Federation was originally composed of top organizations in the field, but they wanted to get closer to the individual farmer. "Somehow," he said, around 1940 Provincial Federations were set up in each province then county units were organized and their job, as is the job of the parent organization, is to bring the Federation to the individual farmer."

Forbes Heyland was the first president of the Durham county Federation and Walter Reynolds the first secretary, according to Mr. Staples, who further discussed the methods by which the Federation obtains its monies.

In delivering his report on Federation accomplishments in Durham County, Charlie Osborne dwelt upon the income tax meeting in Orono and the case for equalized assessment.

On the basis of the Orono meeting, Mr. Osborne said, "We'll have to keep books. If we don't, we're going to get into trouble." He also said, "We either got to have a basic herd or set up inventory." Account books are obtainable at any bank, from the Agricultural representative or from the Department of Agriculture. "Income tax is here to stay," Mr. Osborne told the supper crowd.

Through the efforts of the Federation of Agriculture, a committee has been set up to study the equalization of assessment, claimed the speaker. Speaking of his own area, said there are 10 school sections in the Public School area supported by 525 property owners with less than five acres of land, and 400 with over five acres. According to Mr. Osborne, the 400 property owners that have more than 5 acres of land pay 80 per cent of the school tax. If every property holder were to pay an equal share, each would pay \$31.10. At present, "A good many farmers pay up to \$200," Mr. Osborne said.

Democracy, Theme Taken By Father Coffey At Lions

Democracy and the attitude towards it by the people was the theme taken by Father Coffey for the text of his address at the regular meeting of the Newcastle Lions Club on Thursday evening of last week.

Weather conditions and sickness reduced considerably the number attending the meeting.

Lion Tom Lewis of Orono introduced the speaker from Bowmanville who in his address brought to the front the workings of Democracy and the Russian attitude towards this form of governing.

The speaker, in his dynamic manner stated, that the people of Democratic countries took far too much for granted concerning their form of government. However, to lose any of the freedoms or franchise to vote would cause a great deal of concern and discontent. Through the laxity by the people of democracy it would be possible to be deprived of their franchise and freedoms. Further to strengthen his point of the unconcerned attitude taken towards the democratic form of government was his statement that only fifty percent of the people take advantage to use their franchise at election time.

Father Coffey pointed out the failure on the part of Russia to use the Democratic way, even after the defeat of Germany. He told how Russia snatched Eisler from a concentration camp and shot him without a hearing of any description.

Lion Art Randall thanked the speaker for his address on behalf of the Newcastle Lions Club.

During the business period a number of subjects were discussed. It was decided that the club would undertake to decorate the Arena for its official opening on Monday, February 26th. Lions Frank Rickard and Richard Davies were appointed delegates from the Newcastle Club to attend the Convention which will be held in Montreal on May 20th.

Lion Frank McMullen showed a movie of the 1950 open golf tournament which had been held in the city of Montreal.

Valentine Ball Enjoyed By Those Taking Part

The Valentine Dance sponsored by the Rebekah Social Club last Friday was another successful venture.

The Town Hall was beautifully decorated with Valentines and balloons and the dancers enjoyed the smooth rhythms of Bernard Tierney's orchestra from Oshawa.

The first prize, a lovely luncheon set, was won by Mrs. Allan Cornish. The second prize, a pair of hand crocheted Pillow Cases were won by Mr. Hamilton Boyd. Half way through the dance there was a shower of balloons released from a net at the ceiling. The prize balloon was caught by Mr. Carlos Tamblin.

A tasty lunch was served by the ladies of the social club

A total of some hundred and twenty-five attended the dance.

Measles Spreading Through United Counties

A measles epidemic is spreading throughout the United Counties now and an official of the Northumberland Durham Health Unit said last week that office-graphs show the disease may creep up to equal 1948's all-time peak.

Two hundred and ten cases of measles were reported to the Health Unit from all over the United Counties recently.

However, a Health Unit spokesman said the figures could not be taken too seriously. "It may be, he said, that there are simply more cases being reported now by both physicians and parents. We know there are always a great many more cases than those reported to us," the official said.

The Health Unit Doctor, in an interview last week, said that the measles epidemic was general all over the province. "We're just getting the brunt of it now," he said. "In places to the west of Hamilton, for instance, its showing signs of slackening off."

According to a regular weekly report sent out to district newspapers by the Health Unit head office at Cobourg, the hardest hit town is Cobourg, itself. Some hundred and three cases of red measles alone, were reported within the town during the last week.

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WESLEYVILLE

The W. A. Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Truman Austin, Wednesday afternoon. Fifteen ladies attended. Mrs. Arnold Austin's group led the devotional program. A story was read about Miss Ann Preston, known as Holy Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Nichols were in Toronto for two days. Mr. Nichols attended the Good Roads Convention.

We are glad to hear Mr. Harold Best is doing well after a goitre operation he went through last Friday.

Dr. Oke's sermon Sunday morning was "Christ the Light of the World"

Mrs. Harold Reeve, attended the showing of "Twelfth Night" at Peterborough this week-end.

Several men from the community attended the Hog Grower's meeting at Orono on Friday afternoon. Mr. Percy Snell was fortunate to win the door prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dinner and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Snell.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Payne were in Myrtle, Saturday attending the wedding anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Duff.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Payne and Ruth visited Mr. and Mrs. C. Nichols on Sunday.

Donna Joughthead, Wanda and Gwen Ford attended a Valentine party at Mrs. Arnold Thorndyke, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ethel Payne, Port Hope, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Payne on Sunday.

The ladies have finished another quilt at Mrs. A. Austin's home.

Durham Hog Producers Show Much Interest At Meeting

The basement of the Town Hall at Orono was comfortably filled with hog raisers from all parts of Durham County on Friday last. They had assembled to elect a new slate of officers for the present year and to hear Dr. McIntosh of O.A.C. talk on pigs, especially along the line of their ailments.

Mr. Leonard McNeil of Cavan, president of the Durham Association called the meeting to order and invited Mr. Summers to give an account of the years work. This he did by reporting the success of the Swine clubs, the providing of good males for service and also the stress being placed on the securing of good breeding stock. He then explained the work being done by Dr. McIntosh and his staff of helpers at the College whose duty it was to track down diseases of animals, find out the causes, how they may be prevented and if possible cured.

Dr. McIntosh began his address by pointing out that one of the prime essentials of a good desirable and profitable animal is good health. No one factor is so important in maintaining good health as good food. He then told of a ration which was easily available for every farmer and which they at O.A.C. had found most suitable for young pigs at weaning stage. It consisted of 100 lbs. of Oat groats (i.e. sifted or hull-less oats), 100 lbs. of middlings, 40 lbs. dried buttermilk, 5 lbs. of dried brewers' yeast, 2 lbs. iodized salt and 2 lbs. of bone meal. No bone meal should be fed while the pigs are nursing. If this ration is fed, if pens are clean and reasonably warm, and if there is no contagious disease which has already infected the pigs they are pretty sure to come right along.

However, he said, there are diseases and he dealt at some length with a few such as shipping fever, pneumonia, round worm and lung worm, and by special request with rhinitis. This, he said, is almost always contracted by very young pigs with the sow. It is an inflammation of the nasal cavities caused by two germs that work together. It rarely causes death itself but may so weaken pigs that they become victims of other diseases. It seriously retards the growth of the pigs infected. Mature pigs never take this disease if they are free from it at the age of four months or so. Infected premises can be made free of infection by the removal of diseased swine, a thorough cleaning followed by an application of Gillette's Lye dissolved in five gallons of warm water.

As a premium for attendance at the meeting a young three month old registered sow had been provided. The lucky ticket for this animal was drawn by Mr. Percy Snell of Newcastle, R. R. 3.

The following officers were elected for the year 1951; president, Mr. John Rickard, Newcastle; vice-pres., Mr. Howard Malcolm, Janetville.

The following Township directors were appointed, for Cavan, L. McNeil, Eric Fallis; Hope, Lloyd Kel-

Clarke Township Has Largest Acreage In Ganaraska

At the close of its fourth year of operation, December 31st, 1950, the Ganaraska River Conservation Authority is the owner of 4,396 acres of forest or potential forest.

This acreage, which is distributed over four Townships in Durham County, represents about one-third to two-fifths of the land purchases contemplated for the projected Ganaraska Forest.

Roughly, one-third of the land purchased has been planted by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, and the young trees are reported to be doing well. Some of them will be four years old in the Spring of 1951.

About one-third of the land held by the Authority was bought with timber of sufficient growth to require no replanting.

About one-third of the total acreage will be planted in the next few years, as trees become available for this purpose.

A summary of the acreage held shows Clarke township leading that of other townships taken in by this authority. The acreage for Hope township is 1303, for Clarke township 1893, Cavan township 800, Manvers township 400. The total acreage amounts to 4,396 acres.

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THE BEAUTY OF THE SUN

The sun rose in a blaze of glory, bathing the mountainous landscape in a rosy hue. It cast long shadows in front of the picturesque mountains that rose high into the blue sky. Small clouds, like bits of pink fluff, floated lazily across the sky while the golden sun rose slightly higher over the mountains. Now the sky was becoming brighter changing from one tone of blue to one still more beautiful. The dark shadows shortened and the sun's rays shone on the grass making them sparkle through the crystal clear dewdrops like tiny diamonds. Like a king riding in a golden chariot, the sun now began its rapid ascent across the bright sky. No one can truthfully say that the rising of the sun is not one of the most beautiful things in the world.

This paragraph on the Beauty of the Sun was written by Catherine Powers who is in Grade 10.

A competition between the forms was held when tickets for the concert were being sold. As a result Grade 10 sold more tickets than the other forms. As for the concert on Wednesday evening, it was an event which many enjoyed and thought was well presented. The students here at O.C.S. were very delighted to have Millbrook High School at Orono.

Logg, H. W. Barrowclough, Clarke, Clarence Nichols, Roy Ball; Dartington Art Found, Gerald Pederson; Cartwright, Howard Forder, Murray Malcolm; Manvers, Addison Scott, and Jack Wilson.

"Beantown Choir" A Highly Commended Comedy Drama

The Beantown Choir, a comedy drama, is being presented in the Orono Town Hall this coming Monday, February 26th. The comedy play is being sponsored by the Orono Woman's Association and being presented by the choir of the Enniskillen United Church. Proceeds from this venture will be used by the local organization to complete their work in connection with the church.

The Beantown Choir has acclaimed many a favourable word by those who have had the opportunity of witnessing the humorous plot and capable acting by the Enniskillen group of troupers.

The following is a view taken by one reporter after taken part as an audience at one of the numerous playings of this drama. "One of the most brilliant, colorful, happy, fast-moving comedies to be presented in

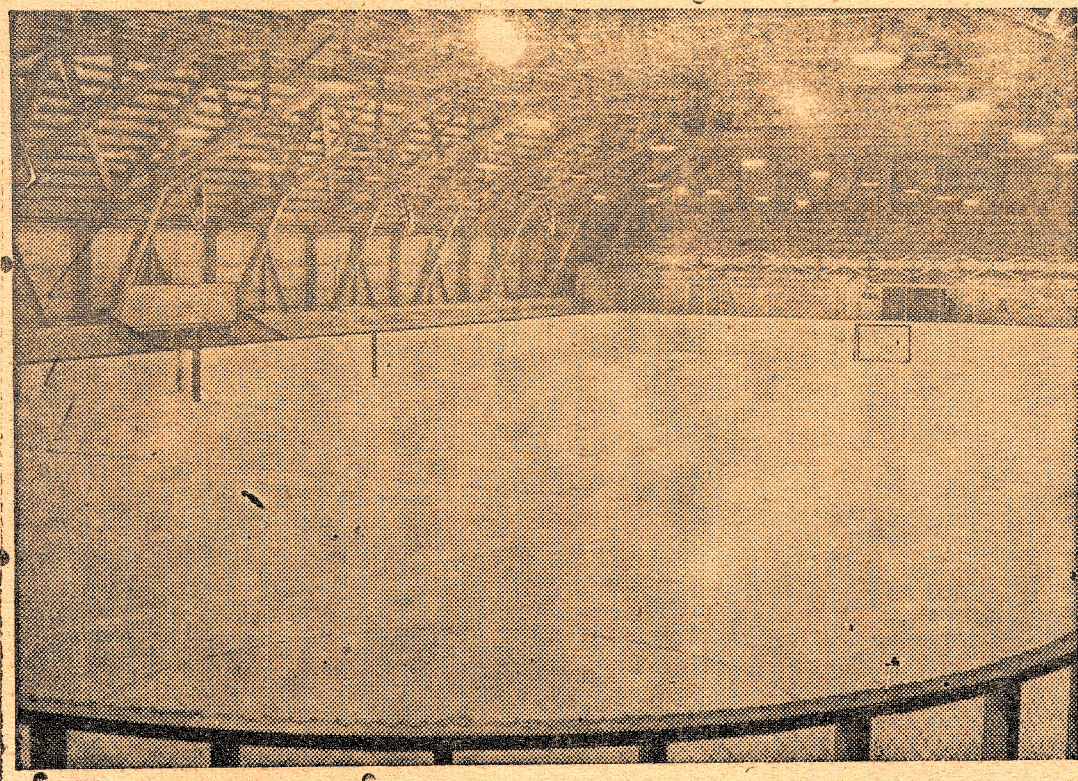
this district was staged by the choir of Enniskillen Church to a capacity audience two nights last week. Seldom have we had a production which caused such laughter and merriment.

The entire cast appeared in humorous, old-fashioned costumes, several articles of clothing being over 100 years old. Each player left nothing to be desired in their interpretation of the character they represented.

A good plot, a love story culminating in a wedding, formed a nucleus around which the production developed.

With such praising comments, it seems inevitable that one is to be assured of an enjoyable outing when the Beantown Choir is presented in the local town hall this coming Monday evening at 8.30 p.m.

Newcastle Arena Official Opening, February 26



This \$25000 structure receives its official opening this coming Monday at which time will be present a number of government officials and Maple Leaf Hockey Stars. Also the Orono Band and Figure Skating.

