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Federation News

Grey County now has a commercial Hog Producers' Association. At a meeting called by the Grey County Federation of Agriculture and held in Markdale on January 25th, it was decided to organize a branch of the Ontario Hog Producers' Association on a county and township basis.

Mr. Joe Crutchley of Glenelg township was elected president with Mr. G. A. Bothwell of Sydenham, Vice-President and Mr. T. S. Cooper, Agricultural representative, secretary. An additional executive committee of three is composed of Mr. Calder of Egremont township, Mr. Harold Atkins of Euphrasia and Mr. James McLoughry of Artemesia.

Mr. Wilfred S. Bishop of Norwich, Ont., secretary of the Ontario Hog Producers' Association, was present and addressed the meeting. Mr. Bishop, in referring to the new bacon subsidy, said that Hon. James Gardiner now recognizes the Ontario Hog Producers' Association. Ontarios' 115,000 hog producers lead all other provinces in the production of bacon and it is now time that we have a strong organization in every county in the interests of the industry. Mr. Bishop stated that the feeding of western grain to eastern hogs has proven even more satisfactory than had been anticipated and he visualized that there might possibly be a permanent movement of western grain to Ontario.

As with any other organization, one of the chief concerns is finances The Farm Products Control Act in Ontario allows for a commodity levy but only when a majority of the producers give their consent on paper. Mr. Bishop thought this to be entirely too difficult with so many producers spread all over the province. He hopes that we shall get legislation this winter, that will make every producer in Ontario a member of the Association with a small fee (suggested 5c) deducted from every hog going to market, for a trial period of years, after which each producer would be given an opportunity to say whether he wishes the plan to be continued or abandoned.

There was a great deal of discussion on the present manner of marketing hogs and on prices. Mr. Bishop thought that much of the bruising of animals going to market could be eliminated and that possibly if the organization employed check graders it would remove much of the suspicion from the minds of the producers.

Grey County has 7,500 producers of bacon, which, when organized into one voice, should certainly have an influence in the development of future policy.

CANADIAN AIR RAFFIC IS STEADILY GROWING

The foundation of Canada's aviation future is indicated by the vast increases in all branches of the services rendered to the public by the Trans-Canada Air Lines. The volume of air express carried was nearly 108 times greater in 1943 than it was during the first year of operation just six years ago. Air mail was 11 times greater and more than 68 times as many passengers were carried.

Now and then a restauratuer runs out of ideas and uses chicken in chicken salad.

Mahogany, formerly used in fine furniture, is now used to build light, speedy submarine chasers.

It is said that farms in this district are being bought for settlement of returned soldiers.

Clear-voiced girl (in crowded bus to her friend: "I wish that good-looking man would give me his seat." And five men got up.

Price board officials said recently that concern was felt over maintenance of the present butter ration due to rising consumption of milk products and lowered production during the winter months.

H. H. Hannam Is Federation President

Mr. Herb H. Hannam, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, is a former Swinton Park boy and presided at the eighth annual meeting held at Quebec City last week. He said one of the major issues before the Canadian nation is "the intelligent planning of a nation-wide production and marketing program for agriculture in the post-war era." This issue, together with measures to be taken to achieve equality for agriculture, will in all probability be for the first time "a topmost issue in the next Dominion election."

In the future of agriculture, and accordingly in the outcome of the election, the Federation of Agriculture in deeply concerned. It has much at stake because from now on agriculture need not and must not be asked to be content with a menial portion of the national income.

Though the Feredation will remain strictly non-partisan, its leaders and members will scrutinize more carefully the pre-election pronouncements of parties and their candidates, particularly with regard to agricultural policy.

The value and success of floors under farm prices would depend upon how they were set and at what level.

The Principal of Subsidies

Misconceptions concerning the farmers' position regarding subsidy benefits should be cleared up and their general attitude toward the subsidy principle better understood.

In the first place a subsidy program is the logical corollary of an overall price ceiling plan, and is largely unavoidable when an attempt is made to hold a rigid ceiling which is not rigid for all groups.

Subsidy payments to producers are not handouts, nor should they be looked upon as bonuses over and above satisfactory prices. In reality they are part of the legitimate sale price of the farmers' product.

Under the price ceiling plan subsidy payments have been assumed by the Federal Government rather than permit price increases which would produce a rise in the cost-of-living index and in turn necessitate increased cost-of-living bonuses to wage earners.

It is estimated, Mr. Hannam said, that for 12 months ended March 31 next the total of such subsidies may approximate $100,000,000.

What of Peace Prices?

But the aspect of the subsidy program which worries us is this: What action will be taken regarding these subsidies when the war is over? Will they be wiped off as war measures and our farm producers forced to move back to a lower price position in relation to other prices?

Or will the Federal Government now declare that the basic farm price will be moved up to include the amount of the subsidy—just as the Prime Minister declared that the existing cost-of-living bonuses are to be added to and become part of basic wage rates for urban workers."

Why should the Canadian Government adopt such a policy for urban workers and not adopt a counter policy for our farm people? Or will Federal Government officials set about seriously to convince consumers that immediately after the close of the war they must, for example, cheerfully pay six to nine cents a pound more for butter than they are paying at present—or two cents a loaf more for bread or two cents a quart more for milk?

Mr. Hannam has been appointed managing-director of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and will be in charge of the organization's national office at Ottawa. He was also elected president of the Federation for the fifth term.

General Clark, commanding the Fifth Army, told his troops they were the best troops in the world. General Crerar told the Canadians in Italy they too were the best troops in the world. It is to be hoped the boys won't fight it out among themselves.

ADJOURNED TAX SALE

TOWNSHIP OF OSPREY

The Adjourned Tax Sale of the Township of Osprey will be held in Feversham on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 1944, at 2 o'clock p.m. The Municipality now gives notice that it will proceed to buy any of those properties for which the amount of taxes and costs are not offered.

—C. N. LONG, Treasurer.

DAVID McDONALD DIES IN HOSPITAL AT DURHAM

(By Ceylon Reporter)

David McDonald passed away in the Red Cross Hospital at Durham on Wednesday evening of last week, January 26th, where he had been a patient for the past two weeks, and prior to that had been ill for a considerable time at the home of Mr. R. C. Oliver.

The late Mr. McDonald was the soo of the late Donald McDonald and Mrs. McDonald and was born in Greenock Township, Bruce County. He lived practically all of his life in the Priceville district, where many friends will regret to learn of his death. Deceased was in his 77th year and was the last member of his family. His wife, formerly Miss Nellie Crawford, passed away some years ago, also four brothers, Hector, Alex., Archie and Will are deceased.

Mr. Paul Rumball, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Priceville, had charge of the funeral service, which was held in the Presbyterian Church, Priceville, on Friday afternoon last. Floral offerings were silent messages of tribute to the deceased. Interment was made in McNeil's Cemetery, Priceville.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. Jos. E. Whyte, Robt. Parslow, A. S. Muir, W. R. Meads, John Oliver and R. C. Oliver.

Mrs. Mamie McDonald and son, Mr. Leroy McDonald, and daughter, Leone of Toronto attended the funeral.

A young captain has discovered how to make a loaf of bread for the British army that keeps fresh for five days and is still good to eat after eight days and the method is being passed along to the British housewives.

Canada's gift of 15,000 tons of wheat a month to Greece is feeding forty per cent of the Greeks, according to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. This is virtually the only wheat entering Greece.

MRS. JOS. ARMSTRONG DIED AT TORONTO HOME

The funeral took place on Monday last to the Union Cemetery, Thornbury, following a largely-attended service in Thornbury Baptist Church, of Dora Ann Scanlon, beloved wife of Joseph Armstrong of Toronto, formerly of this community.

Deceased, who was in her 70th year, died at her home in Toronto, following illness of fourteen weeks. Prior to the remains being taken to Thornbury, a service was conducted in Runnymede Baptist Church by the Rev. B. P. Lowney. The service in Thornbury was conducted by pastor Rev. R. Harmer. Pallbearers were S. S. Petch, T. G. Idle, W. J. Chalk, E. Carr, A. Haines, Harry Woods.

The late Mrs. Armstrong was born in Thornbury in the home now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. C. Rankin. Deceased was the daughter of late Christopher Scanlon and Belinda Jane Teskey. On March 11, 1899, she married Joseph Armstrong, who survives. Following marriage they lived in Huntsville for six years, thence to Thornbury where they lived for twenty years, earning the high esteem of residents here for their good neighborly qualities and citizenship. In 1924 Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong moved residence to Toronto, where they had since resided. They were frequent visitors in that time to the old home community which will sympathize also with Mr. Armstrong in his great loss. During their Thornbury residence, Mrs. Armstrong was associated with the Mission Circle and Red Cross.

Two brothers and a half-brother, namely, Ben of Oregon; Alf in Montana; and Richard Scanlon in Toronto, are also left to mourn.—Thornbury Review-Herald.

Picture Show

TOWN HALL
FLESHERTON

Friday, February 4

George Formby
in
"SOUTH AMERICAN GEORGE"

Screen Snapshots
Starring
Milton Berle & Andrews Sisters

Start at 9.00 p.m. Admission: 31, 20

PORTLAW

Miss Florence Boyce of Toronto is visiting at the parental home.

Mrs. Slater and Wayne have returned home, after a three weeks' visit with Toronto friends.

Herb and Henry Blakey of the 12th line were visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blakey, at the week end.

Pte. Everette Fisher, from near Sarnia, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Fisher.

Gordon Nicholls is at Brampton employed in a dairy.

Ffriends here were sorry to hear of Mr. Roy McMullen of Vandeleur having his hand severely crushed as he was working with the windmill. Mrs. McMullen and little son, who were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Shier, were called home, Gordon Shier accompanying them.

The Fourth Line Red Cross unit met at the home of Mrs. J. McKee on Thursday, with 12 members present. A quilt completed in the home of Mrs. Harry Fisher was handed in. Some dresses by Mrs. Boyce and some quilt blocks were also handed in. The next meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. C. D. Meldrum on Thursday, Feb. 10th.

Patience is a great and a useful virtue, but it may have counterfeits. To put up, patiently, with things we oughtn't to put up with can hardly be named a virtue.

DANCE AT PORTLAW SCHOOL A SUCCESS

(My Portlaw Reporter)

Fourth Line Red Cross unit held a dance in Portlaw school on Friday night. The proceeds at the door amounted to $24.75 and the lucky ticket was drawn on a quilt made previously by the ladies. Mr. Bill Robertson of Maxwell was the lucky winner. The proceeds from the quilt were over $26. This money is being used to send cigarettes to 38 soldiers overseas.

If there is really going to be a beer shortage won't the consumers foam?

If it's the woman who always pays why is it that the men are always broke?

"Are you unmarried" inquired the census taker. 'Oh, dear, no," answered the little lady, blushing to the roots of her hair, "I've never even been married.

LAST-MINUTE TIPS ON HEAT-SAVING

"CORK" the cracks around your windows

Cracks around windows can make your house a "sieve" for heat. Insulating tape (on sale in lots of stores) will help keep you snug as a bug in a rug.

A friendly reminder from your 'blue coal' dealer

F. W. DUNCAN
Hardware FLESHERTON

Four More Weeks Left

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