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### FEDERATION NEWS

(By Clifford Allen, President of Grey County Federation of Agriculture)

It was quite evident at the recent annual meeting of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture that women are really prepared to assist in directing, and to share the responsibility of that organization.

Up until two years ago women had no voice in the work of the Federation but at that time the constitution was amended to provide that there be at least six women directors and six directors sponsored by the young people on the board with one of each six to be appointed to the executive.

That was the beginning, but not the end. At the annual convention this year a group of six women made a very effective presentation to the general convention, setting forth their attitude and views.

Mrs. Ralph Burton, who in 1943, represented women on the executive reported that fifty-five women had met in separate session. About fifteen came as delegates from county federations and she urged that every county send one woman delegate next year.

Mrs. O. G. Anderson explained that women are doing more of the actual work in the production of such commodities as cream, poultry and eggs and felt that organization of producers of these commodities should be developed with all possible speed because, all the other things for which women are asking, in the way of improvement of rural life, are directly dependent upon our economic security and set-up.

Other matters dealt with in their presentation were the distribution of hydro, saying that hydro should be a public service for everyone with the total cost pooled over the whole province, the urgent attention of rural people on the matter of health and medical service; the provision or extension of existing rural recreation facilities and that more women be appointed to all Federation committees, boards of directors and executives.

It is highly desirable that women be given a more important place in the Federation. It is because of the unbalanced economy of our country, because of the lack of labor-saving equipment and farm conveniences that the health and vigour of our farm people (not excepting the women) has been sapped with the result, in a good many cases, that they are wearied of the whole situation.

Yes, we want women in our Federation and we want women to become more active in our Grey County Federation. Grey County ranks among the leading counties of the province in the number of Farm Forums reporting each week and our women have been active in this part of our program. The Federation of Agriculture with its broad economic and social program is interesting in many of the same things as our Women's Institutes, the former J.F.W.O. Clubs and other groups of women. We want to help them and we want their assistance in directing our program.

Wellington County Federation of Agriculture has a woman president, in the person of Mrs. Taylor and she represents that county on the board of directors of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

Yes, women can have a voice in the affairs of agriculture. Come on women! Let us make Grey County Federation stronger.

We can take a creative part in shaping the nation's future.

### Walters Falls Circuit Shows Good Annual Report

The congregations of Walters Falls pastoral charge have had a successful year. Reports summarized for the annual records show: 97 families; 152 resident members; 194 Sunday School membership; 80 members of Women's Associations. Total amounts raised by the several churches were: Ebenezer, \$128; Knox, \$240, \$883; Walters Falls, \$571; White's, \$371, making a total of \$2,072. Of this amount the W.A.'s raised \$338 and the Sunday Schools \$134.

\$118 was remitted for the Missionary and Maintenance Fund and \$40 Thank Offering for W.M.E. Knox group secured hymns of praise (1 and 2 combined) for choir. Collections were taken for the Bible Society, Orphaned Missions, work in war areas and in addition \$100 for the church deficit. Benevolence covered Red Cross, hospital, milk for Britain and soldiers' boxes.

The unified appeal to help India and China was presented last Sunday. Knox will take an envelope offering on February 13th and 20th. Response will be made by White's, Ebenezer and Walters Falls. 100,000,000 people are living amid famine and plague. The United Church has in Free China as many missionaries as from all other American Societies combined. We have therefore a great opportunity to minister to those in need. Let us make a generous response.

Presbytery meets at Owen Sound on February 17th.

Munitions and war supplies were the main generators for this huge amount, putting it at the highest level in Canadian history. Consultant figures are interesting, too. The index of mineral production topped a little but gold receipts and coal production declined. Manufacturing production index showed an increase of 21.8 per cent. There were advances in operations of flour milling, meat packing and in the tobacco industries, with a recession in newspaper output and of steel and iron. And Canada's domestic and foreign exports hit the astounding figure of \$3,001 million, three times that of the pre-war year 1938.

The Minister of Labour is issuing an order which will put the onus on employers, to check male employees of military call-up age to see if they have complied with mobilization regulations. Inspectors will include Dominion, Provincial and municipal governments as well as private business or farmers, even where the employee is a son or other relative of the farmer.

Americans are really big investors in Canada. A United States Treasury census reveals that American-owned property in foreign countries reaches over the nine billion dollar mark, 24 per cent of this being in Canada.

If you sometimes wonder why banks have increased staffs, put it against the large number of cheques that are issued, for one thing. Cheques cashed against individual accounts aggregated \$5,797,000,000 during 1943, a new high point in Canadian history (see). Be sure to read that amount correctly, because it sure is passing the bucks and no fooling.

Agricultural Notes: The department advises potato growers to order that 1943 seed potato requirements without delay, and a list of growers having certified, Foundation A or Foundation seed can be got from Plant Protection Division, Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa.

As for potato acreage a five per cent increase is wanted for this year, Ontario, Manitoba and B.C. have each a target to 10 per cent more acreage; Quebec and Alberta will aim for 5 per cent, the Maritimes with 1943 plantings greater than long-time average will maintain level of production, as will Saskatchewan. An increase of nearly one-third over the 1943 output in maple syrup and products is being asked, representing about three million gallons on a syrup basis. Marketings of lambs and sheep off Canadian farms and ranches in 1943 is also expected to be up 5 per cent over 1942. Corn, however, looks for a jump of 53 per cent over 1943 acreage—nearly 400,000 acres—which was the estimate quoted at the joint agricultural conference in Ottawa. There will be planting of vegetables like peas, beans, carrots, onions, radishes, lettuce, tomatoes, swedes etc., available for 1944 spring planting because the Agricultural Supplies Board arranged a production program in the spring of 1943. We are informed that about 65 per cent of the Canadian production of vegetables and field root seeds were grown in British Columbia last season.

Pot-Pourri: Canadian metallurgists now are devising new plans for civilian use of magnesium (Canadian produced) restrictions for which have been removed by the Department of Munitions and Supply. Apparently we've got plenty for war requirements. In the same category now is poorer grade reclaim and scrap rubber. An-

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### A Turning Point of Empire

(This is the first of a series of three editorials dealing with some of the issues raised by Lord Halifax in his recent Toronto Board of Trade speech.) Regardless of any personal points of view, there is no question that the proposals that Lord Halifax put forward in his recent speech to the Toronto Board of Trade, have certainly aroused an unprecedented amount of interest. In fact if editorial comment is any criterion, it probably ranks second to few events that have taken place during the war. It has already created a lively issue in both Houses of the British Parliament as well as on our own Capital Hill.

It is significant and Canadians would be the first to admit, only right that a speech with such far-reaching Empire implications should be delivered in Canada. It stresses all the more the position in world affairs that Canada is attaining and emphasizes the importance which Empire leaders attach to the future role that this country will play. Whether we like it or not the "grandstand-quarter-back" role of pre-war days will not be good enough after a war in which we have been in the thick of every huddle and actually called a good many of the plays ourselves.

Lord Halifax's address was interestingly timed. With the tortuous road to victory apparently coming to one of its last turnings and with people's thoughts everywhere on post-war plans we seem to have come to another of those great crossroads of civilization.

### TEMPLE HILL

Mrs. Boyes of Saskatchewan spent a few days with her sons, Roy and Douglas McGillivray.

Mrs. Boyd held a Red Cross quilting on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Erskine, accompanied by Mrs. Wilbert Menary, spent the week-end with friends in Toronto.

Word was received on Sunday by Mrs. Russell Spearling of Blackwater stating that her mother, Mrs. McTaggart had passed away. Mrs. McTaggart had resided with her daughter the past year before they moved away.

The sympathy of the community goes out to Mrs. Spearling, Russell and Marie.

Miss Marion Boyes of Collingwood spent the week-end with the McGillivray boys.

The log trucks are making good time hauling logs from John McPeck's bush. Mr. and Mrs. Norman McInnis attended the funeral of the late Robert Clark of Meaford on Tuesday last.

Mrs. Clifford Erskine spent a day recently with her daughter in Mount Forest.

The world as we know it is at a point of tremendous change. In his speech, Lord Halifax put forward certain ideas which he must feel will help the Empire give the right kind of leadership in the colonial decisions that have to be made. This is what he must have meant, when he said, "If we are to play our rightful part in the preservation of peace, we can only play it as a Commonwealth, united, vital and coherent. By so doing and only by so doing, can we hope to achieve the highest purposes to which we are dedicated by the sacrifice and suffering of war."

Lord Halifax himself would be the last person to demand, or want, complete sheeplike agreement on the suggestions that he has made. He is not getting it. And that is only right. He has, however, thrown down the gauntlet and clearly pointed out the decisions that have to be made and some of the issues that are at stake.

### TRAVERSTON

The dip in the weather has put the pollywogs deeper into the mud and the crabs to hike south.

Mr. A. E. McNally lost a valuable Jersey cow from indigestion on Friday night. Last year she gave birth to twin calves. There seems to be something lacking in the hay and straw this season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robson celebrated the 40th anniversary of their wedding on Thursday of last week, February 3rd. May they live to see their golden and diamond anniversaries.

Mrs. Herb. Timmins spent last week with friends in Guelph. Herb sold a springer cow to Mr. Leonard McKewen of the Glen at the week-end. Leonard is one of Glen's most gifted violin players. 'Tis natural to the Irish race and runs in the blood.

The saving bees are hustling the farmers and their sons around here at present. R. T. Cook is a hustler. Last week he cut two big piles for T. Glenn and son and Albert Maynard and son Bill. On Monday p.m. with a Murray were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wood, hunky gang they sited up 45 cores for your scribe in five hours and this Tuesday p.m. are tackling a big pile at Jos. R. Edwards, with a half dozen jobs awaiting. This snappy weather makes the lads lively at handling the poles and pulling up the blocks.

Mr. Cameron G. Robson of Hamilton was a week-end visitor at the Robson homestead.

Mrs. W. J. Cook was summoned on Saturday afternoon to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Cook of Elmwood who is suffering from an attack of pneumonia. The latter is 90 years old.

Farmers are pleased with the new hog bonus, as the price of western feed and the scarcity of home-grown grain was creating a problem. The new bonus solves the problem.

A big crowd gathered at the coast home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McNally in the hamlet on Friday evening of last week, February 4th, to the reception party for their daughter, Edna M. and her hubby Pte. Wilfred L. Brodie. During the merry hours the

### GORING

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wood spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Postage.

Mrs. Thompson Murray spent the past week visiting with friends in Shelburne, Proton and Markdale.

Visitors with Mr. Dick Wood and Miss Martha Wood were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wood and Mr. Harold Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Murray and family visited on Saturday with Mrs. Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Abbott of Meaford.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Saunders spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Breader.

Mrs. Harold Parker and Marjorie returned home from Toronto after spending a few days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Breader spent a day recently with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Breader.

Miss Viola Murray returned home after spending the past week with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Abbott of Meaford.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Murray were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wood, Lloyd Parliament, Mrs. Alex. Gardiner and Elwood.

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### WODEHOUSE

Miss Fern Wiley spent Friday afternoon with Misses Iris and Madeline White.

Mrs. Gladwyn Wiley and Devona of Hamilton are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wiley.

Miss Christina Mills of Markdale spent the week-end with her parents here. The Glen Mills arrived back from Toronto on Saturday to spend a week's leave before joining his unit. He has signed up with the Tank Corps.

Percy Wiley met with a slight accident one day last week while coming out of the bush with a load of poles. The binder chain came unfastened, letting the binding pole loose and striking him on the head, knocking him unconscious for a time. We are glad to say it was not serious and that he is able to be on his job again.

Miss Helen Wiley, Reg. N., of Guelph and Miss Eva Wiley of Markdale spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wiley.

The Glen Mills and Ronald spent an evening this week with Seward and Harold Merrifield of Beaverville.

Mrs. Richard Fawcett visited with his wife on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wyrill at Vandoeur.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morrison of Vandoeur spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Morrison.

newly-weds were called to the front when Miss Leona McNally read a most appreciative and well-wishing address while Mr. Eben McNab presented them with a generous gift of money from the neighbors and friends, besides a goodly shower of valuable gifts. A substantial cheque from Mr. T. J. Brodie was among them. The bride and groom expressed their appreciation and hearty thanks and the crowd gave them the usual hearty send-off. A merry evening was crowned with a rich repast, a fat chunk of wedding cake and the best of good wishes for the future welfare of this young couple.

Mr. Robt. Dixon has returned home on an extended leave from Army service.

The Clarence Dixon left here last Wednesday enroute for his camp in Nova Scotia after a fortnight leave at the parental home.

Miss S. Deleere returned to her military position in Owen Sound on Saturday after visiting her sister, Mrs. Catharine for some weeks.

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## VANDELEUR

On Wednesday afternoon the W.A. met at the home of the president, Mrs. Geo. Buchanan with a good attendance of members. Mrs. Louis Teeter, convener of the program, presided over a well prepared one. Misses Marie and Dorothy Johnston favoured with a duet. Mrs. Lundy Johnston read the topic, "Church's Responsibilities". Several members gave readings. Mrs. Angus Bowles conducted a humorous contest. Busy fingers worked at quilts.

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Farm Forum met on Monday evening at the home of Howard Graham. The subject was "The Church in the Rural Community." Following the broadcast a couple of articles on the subject were read by Miss Dawn and H. I. Graham. Two discussion groups were formed under the leadership of Miss Dawn and Mrs. W. G. Bowles. These groups made reports to the open Forum. A period of games, etc. followed. Lunch was served by the hostess. Next meeting will be at the home of Mr. Andy Fawcett with Mrs. Geo. Shaw as program convener and Vernon Fawcett in charge of recreation. The program will have some Valentine features, along with progressive croquet.

The 12th neighbors of Mr. Roy McStulen, who suffered a painful injury to his hand recently, had a wood bee for him one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Gilray are moving to their new home at Wodehouse this week.

Miss M. Dawn spent the week-end at her home at Heathcote.

Mr. Melville Buchanan won a prize at the carnival in Owen Sound recently.

Mrs. Agnes Bowles is spending a couple of weeks with friends in Albion.

Mr. Ralph Fitzsimmons has gone to Toronto where he expects to work for a couple of months.

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