



# FARM NEWS

## Louis Bromfield Addresses Crop Convention

The famous Louis Bromfield addressed the annual banquet of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association in Toronto on Thursday evening last. He had a capacity house of around 800 and if accommodation had been available there were equally as many more who would have liked to have heard him.

We have read his book "Malabar Farm" and were intrigued to say the least—we have talked to several who have visited his farm and in all cases they pictured an outstanding practical farmer and coming from practical farmers that's quite a tribute. We had been warned that his ability as a speaker was far, far short of his ability as a writer. Frankly, we weren't disappointed—we enjoyed him immensely. True, he jarred our complacency—he rudely upset the opinions of many of us relative to floor and parity prices. However, if you had heard his address in its entirety, we think you would have agreed with the majority that "Bromfield has a lot on the ball."

The secession of the thirteen colonies from the British Empire was in his opinion one of the greatest tragedies in the history of the world. The economic union of the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States would have prevented the last war and today would solve many of our world problems.

In our country (U.S.) 80% of the farmers do not like farming or livestock—they are the white trash who want floors or subsidies. He debunked much of the glory which had been heaped on the shoulders of our pioneer farmers. A large percentage, he stated, were "not farmers but land miners—some of them were out a farm in Pennsylvania—went west to Iowa and on until they got as far as Oregon. Our nation cannot afford that kind of farming any longer—not many such farmers are now left in his native state of Iowa—they are being liquidated." Prosperity, he stated, will not be based on high prices—on brains rather than brawn. We have not done anything at Malabar that any farmer cannot do. Profits must be based on "Greater Returns Per Acre." Two things he stated make surpluses: (1) our costs are too high—our whole performance is idiotic—400 many 20 to 40 bushel corn farmers. Depression begins with the farmer who cannot buy "good farmers," he stated, "make 5 per cent on investment in bad times." Our present policy is to subsidize our bad farmers to keep them alive. Subsidies, he stated, should be withdrawn. The second factor which causes surpluses is Bad Distribution. Our world distribution is appalling. Our present policy of parity prices and floor prices only results in surpluses accumulating. We in U.S. under such a policy have built up millions and millions of bushels of corn, of potatoes and millions and millions of dozen of eggs, etc. It is all absurd and idiotic, he declared.

Farming is the oldest profession in the world. The successful farmer is a part business man—part specialist, and part scientist. He must have imagination to the point that he can imagine himself a cow—a hen—a plant or a cubic ft. of good soil. Mr. Bromfield envisaged the farmers of the future in North America as resembling the farmers of Belgium, Holland, and other European countries—there the word farmer is synonymous with "rich man." Why is he rich? Because he gets the maximum per acre for a minimum of cost.

If you didn't get a chance to hear Mr. Bromfield, we would suggest that you get a copy of "Malabar Farm." You will enjoy it and you will get food for thought. Now some of the Halton boys are beginning to ask "How about the possibility of organizing a bus trip to Malabar farm next May or June?"

## Jersey Breeders Elect as President, Duncan Moffat

Wilfred Tolton, Director of Public Relations, O.A.C., was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Halton Jersey Club held at Hornby on Tuesday of last week. Approximately 90 Jersey enthusiasts were in attendance for the business session in the morning and the noonday Banquet which was catered by the ladies of the Hornby W.I. in their usual high efficiency.

Gerald R. Graham, president of the Halton Club was chairman of the day, and in addition to short addresses by Harold Butcher, secretary of the Ontario Jersey Club and John Bull, a director of the same organization, and some Jersey scenes throughout Canada, the principle speaker was Dr. Wilfred Tolton, of the O.A.C. Needless to add Mr. Tolton's humorous, philosophical addresses were always ap-

preciated, and certainly this was no exception. The appreciation of the gathering was extended to Mr. Tolton by Victor Hall, Hornby, and to the ladies of the Hornby W.I. by the newly elected President, Duncan Moffat; and to Mr. Harold Butcher by Kenneth Ella. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Duncan Moffat; 1st Vice Pres., W. H. Devlin; 2nd Vice Pres., Kenneth Ella; Directors: Trafalgar Township, M. C. Beatty, J. Featherstone, W. H. Devlin; Esquering Township, Gerald R. Graham, Mac Alexander, Kenneth Ella, F. D. Charles; Nelson Twp. Ernest Davies and Robert Hayward; Nassagaweya Township, Geo. Hewer and Duncan Moffat; Erin, Chas. McKeown; Erasmust, W. J. Hatch.

## Rev. Wm Young Guest Speaker At Annual Junior Farmer Rally

The annual Junior Farmer Rally was held in the auditorium of the Milton High School on Friday evening of last week. There was a good attendance for the excellent program presided over by Miss I. Keen, president of the County organization. This included solos by Miss Viola Bridgen, of Norval Juniors; violin selections by David Pelletier, of Palermo Juniors; and a humorous skit presented by the Milton Juniors.

During the program Silver medals were presented to Miss Vera May of Hornby and Stuart McFadden of Milton, winners in the Junior Farmer Public Speaking Competitions held last fall. Reference was also made to the new County Choral Society which the Junior Farmers are sponsoring, and in which they have thirty-eight young people participating at the first practice, held under the direction of Mr. Alex Pudwell.

The guest speaker of the evening was Rev. Wm Young, Chaplain of the O.A.C. The Rev. Mr. Young's address will long be remembered by Halton Juniors in attendance, and amply illustrated why he is in such demand as a guest speaker for rural organizations of all types. Presentation of the new Junior Farmer film entitled "Farmers of the Future" was also made, and the evening's program concluded with a brief Dance of music provided by Miller's Orchestra.

## RIGHT OF PROTEST

By Joseph Lister Rutledge

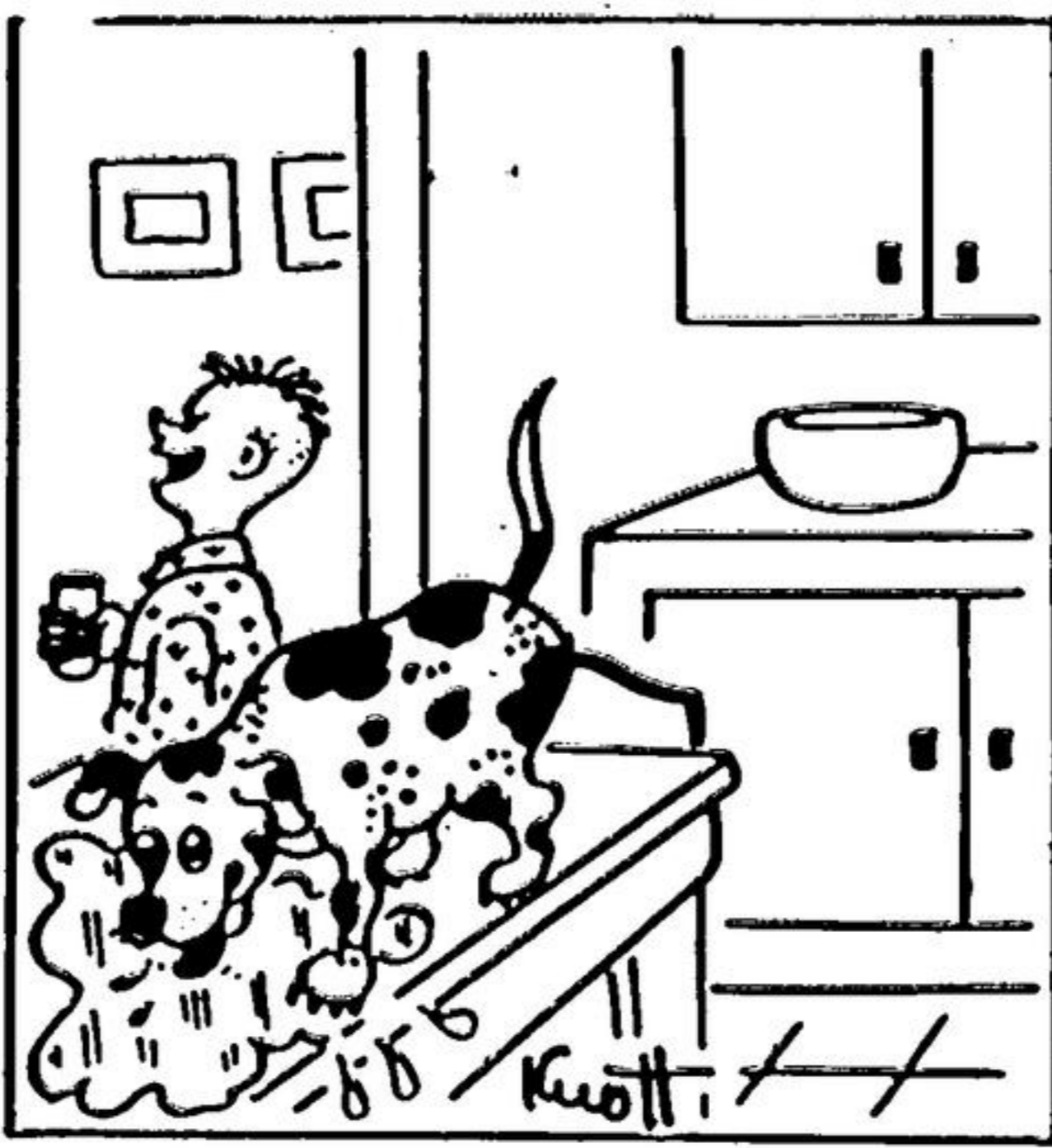
In a letter to the Toronto Globe and Mail, a Toronto citizen designated as "unmilitated impertinence" the suggestion that, as the owner of a car he should be taxed an additional \$10 fee for the privilege of using it on Ontario roads. He pointed out, graphically that he was already taxed as a car owner, taxed for driving it and more than substantially taxed for the gasoline he had to purchase to enable to travel these roads. He recalled that the basic argument for the imposition of all these taxes was that it would provide revenue to be used exclusively for road building. Now a further tax was proposed to make good these promises that had not been fulfilled. The correspondent's blood rose to fever heat.

Happening to recognize the letter writer and so recognizing, also, that the proposed \$10 fee would not unduly handicap him, nor, under ordinary circumstances, disturb him, we saw with a warm glow of approval that here was a man who was mad through and through over a principle. He had been promised something. The promise had not been kept, but an alternative promise had been suggested. He was now standing on the rights and obligations implicit in citizenship of protesting a real or imagined injustice.

It is much more important than a matter of an annoying \$10 tax. It is the suggestion that government or some of its hangers-on are proposing to do something to you, rather than something for you, on the assumption that you won't recognize what is happening. That, a good citizen may not permit. Now this protest happens to be on a matter applying only to Ontario, but the principle involved applies everywhere. All citizenship and all government suffers when even a small injustice is allowed to fester in the mind of any citizen. The basic right of your democracy is the indisputable right and obligation to protest.

## AIR TRAFFIC SOARS

Although there was no increase in the size of its fleet of aircraft TCA carried a record volume of passengers and cargo in 1939. According to The Financial Post, passenger traffic increased 23 per cent over 1938, cargo up 55 per cent and mail was almost doubled. Company schedules involved over 100 flights daily; 98 per cent of all scheduled mileage was completed.



"YES, MAMMA! I'M CLEANING UP THE SPILLED MILK NOW!"

## Tyranny is Always Tyranny

By Joseph Lister Rutledge

Does it make much difference to the victim whether he suffers under the tyranny of capitalism or a tyranny of labor? There was a tyranny of capitalism in days gone by. It was beaten down by thousands of forces, but mostly by the realization that it was a losing cause. It didn't work. It didn't profit. It grew in upon itself and, in the end, destroyed itself.

In the light of this we turn to an open letter from the Rev. F. C. Green, pastor of the congregational church of McKeesport, Penn. "My church," he writes in The Christian Century, "is almost entirely a labor congregation, composed of steelworkers and their dependants, and I have been in this parish more than 20 years. Our community has just undergone the effects of a six weeks' strike which has wiped out a large part of the savings of our families. The rank and file of the union membership was almost wholly opposed to the strike, which was called by the top leadership without a vote of the members. None of the ministers here has met one person who favored the strike."

The Protestant Ministers' Association, Rev. Mr. Green reports, approved, without a dissenting voice, and published in the local press, a series of statements to the effect that the vast majority of the members of the union opposed the strike; that most union members preferred a contributory pension plan, because that would insure the future security of the pension system; that it is a fallacy to expect something for nothing. These were the only public statements of the sentiments of the strikers or the community. Individuals and civic bodies agreed privately but dared not do so openly. In his letter Mr. Green gives an explaining incident. One union man canvassed his own neighborhood, door to door and received 129 signatures in opposition to the strike, in 130 calls. When this came to the notice of the union leadership, he was warned to desist. When he stood on his rights to do this, he was told: "O.K. then; we'll send the goon squad and wreck your home." This is not an idle threat in the Pennsylvania hills, which not so long ago saw men armed with guns and dynamite threatening life and property. "There is an undertone of fear," says Rev. Mr. Green, in the presence of a new, vast and impersonal power in the hands of a few men far above the reach of the humble members of the union or outside the range of the community interests. "My predecessor," he added, "prophesied in the earlier days of corporation control, that someday labor would have union organizations to meet the power of industry on equal and fair level. The unions are a reality. But the rights of the individual are no more secure than in the bad old days."

There is a story that it took courage to tell. There too is the challenge: "Perhaps the church could find here a new and much needed field for democratic action." Perhaps too, labor might reflect it at a free public sooner or later will always challenge the threat of tyranny.



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