

### "WHAT SETS FARM PRICES" IS LIVELY DISCUSSION AT FORUMS

The discussion on the topic "What Sets Farm Prices" was evidently very timely and judging by reports received by County Secretary Mrs. Ellenton, most interesting to all Forum groups.

The first question was as follows: "Is it possible for farmers to control the prices they receive for their produce? Give reasons."

Five reports agreed it was possible for farmers to control prices to a certain extent if the market is not flooded with this certain product. A good marketing scheme and the farmer's co-operation to back up this organization could keep prices controlled to a certain extent. Controlled production helps the farmer to back up this organization and keep prices controlled to a certain extent. Controlled production helps the farmer to control prices. Farmers can control prices if organized properly as the Vice-keeper's Association. Western farmers through the pool have sta-

bilized the price of wheat, as has the Milk Control Board. Another group said farmers can control prices by advertising and by forming central selling agencies for the marketing of farm products.

In opposition to this answer six Forum groups stated farmers cannot control farm prices and as reasons gave (1) too many factors such as weather conditions, over production, substitutes entering into the picture to make it feasible, (2) too much interference and the pickers are making money out of the farmers who work hard to grow the produce; (3) the import and export markets waver with changing world conditions and further the farmers are as a whole not well enough organized; (4) supply and demand control prices. Farmers cannot control exports and because the product is perishable and therefore has to be marketed, the farmer is forced to take prices that are offered. (5) Two reports emphasized the necessity of farmers backing up their commodity groups, organized through the Federation of Agriculture and giving them their whole hearted support.

The second question: "Who should be responsible for marketing the surplus farm produce?" Six groups felt that this should be the responsibility of the government to buy up the surplus and sell it to countries who are in need at a price they are willing to pay. A ban should be placed on bringing food into this country from other countries, as it helps to create a surplus.

Four groups stated they thought farmers should handle the surplus through their commodity groups, while two groups thought surpluses should be handled through Marketing Boards.

The third question: "If you could choose, would you prefer to farm over a long period of ups and downs in prices, or in a similar period in which prices were stabilized?" The majority felt they preferred the stabilized prices, although one group stated on the whole they favored the ups and downs as controlled prices are seldom favorable to the producer. If we get all downs we can still look forward to the future old age pension.

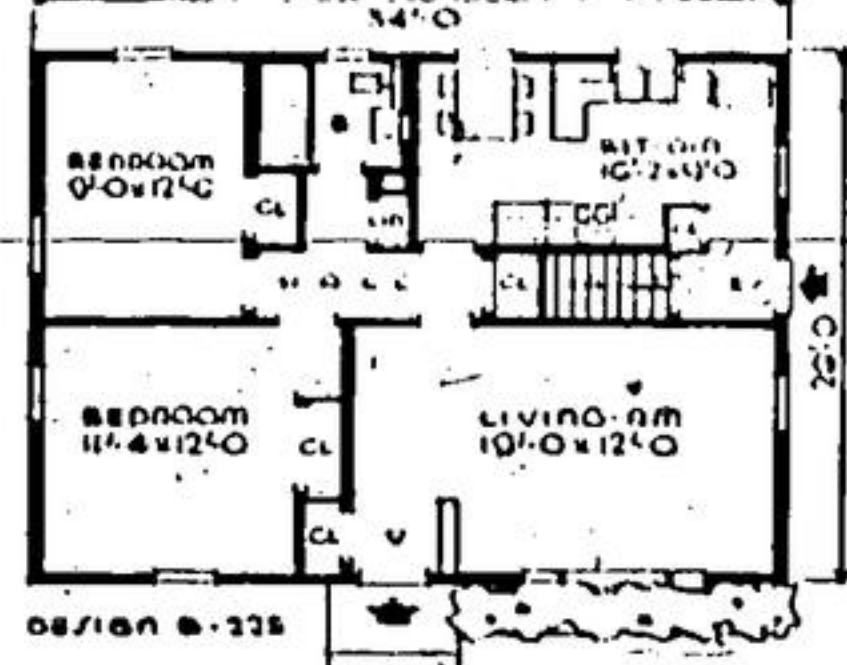
### Former Ballerina Instructs Dancers

Attention, National Ballet Company, and the Ballet Russe, Ballet Theatre and Sadler's Wells! If you're looking for young hopefuls to join the ranks of ballerinas, Acton's the place.

At the first ballet class held three weeks ago in the Y.M.C.A., there were 26 boys and girls, ranging from four years of age to 14, taking first instruction from Mrs. Ray Canham of Georgetown. The next Saturday there were 31 would-be dancers and even more last Saturday.

The instructress, a former ballet dancer, is from England originally — like Celia Franca, who just came from England recently to organize Canada's National Ballet Company. Mrs. Canham's local ballet company is sponsored by the Acton Arts and Crafts group.

There are a few young boys studying ballet as well as girls. The children up to seven have half an hour of instruction and then those over seven, an hour.



THE BLENNHEIM is a four roomed house consisting of a full basement, combination living and dining room, bathroom, living room, two bedrooms and six closets.

Cabinets are arranged on opposite walls of the kitchen, leaving a dinette in one end with a small snack bar. The refrigerator and sink are on the outside wall and the stove on the inside wall. Closets include wardrobe type closets in the bedrooms, linen closet and general closet in the hall, with coat closet in the front and side entrances.

Other features include a picture window, shelf screen for the front door, excellent circulation between the rooms, simple floor framing and a recessed tub.

The exterior finish of the Blenheim consists of siding and asphalt shingles. Overall dimensions are 34 feet by 26 feet. Floor area is 894 square feet, while the cubage equals 17,230 cubic feet.

### U.N. STUDY OF FARM FORUMS FOR WORLD BEGINS IN HALTON

At the General Council meeting of UNESCO in Paris, France, recently, representatives of 30 nations approved a grant for studying Canadian Farm Forums, to become models for forums in countries all over the world. And that study, according to a recent report, is to begin in Halton County.

This development promises to bring the Forum — the world's largest listening-group program of its kind — to the attention of adult educationists in many additional parts of the world. For one thing, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has begun an intensive study of the Forum organization, with a view to extending it to other lands; as developed in Canada, it is being published in "Ceylon and may soon be used in South-east Asia as a means of implementing rehabilitation plans in that area.

Canada was given the unusual honor recently, at the last General Council meeting of UNESCO in Paris, when representatives of 30 nations approved a grant for studying Farm Forum. It is their hope that, through this project the Canadian organization may become a model for educational work carried out with the help of radio in many countries. Visitors from 24 European and Asiatic countries have come to Canada recently to observe the Forum and the UNESCO study will eventually provide detailed information about it to interested people everywhere.

The study is expected to take 15 months. It will be carried out with the help of outstanding social scientists in Canada and the United States, who are currently being selected for the project. Chairman of the study is O. J. J. Shugart, public relations director for the Dairy Farmers of Canada, who has long been associated with radio and farm movements. Associated with him are W. W. Drummond and Norman Hugh of the Ontario Agricultural College, Gordon Brown, James Giffen, Carl Williams, J. H. Seward and R. Alex Sims, all of the University of Toronto; Edward G. Pleva of the University of Western Ontario; Leonard Harman of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture; A. K. Morrow of the CBC; and J. R. Kidd of the Canadian Association for Adult Education.

The study will consist of a detailed evaluation of Farm Forum records for 10 years, as well as field work in many parts of Canada. First there will be an intensive "area study" beginning here in Halton County and extending later to other regions, to determine the Forum's impact on the community, its effects on other organizations in the community, its contribution to the development of leadership in the community; "action projects" resulting from the Forum — everything from the forming of co-operatives and county hospital plans to the joint buying of machinery; and the relationship between the Forum and these resulting activities, and between the Forum and the policies of local farm organizations.

There will be a separate socio-historical study of Farm Forum carried out in all parts of Canada to determine national and regional influences and the relationship between the Forum and its sponsoring organizations through the year-

(National Farm Radio Forum is a joint project of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Canadian Association for Adult Education and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and its "tools" are summarized thus: radio broadcasts, printed study material distributed in conjunction with them, group discussion and reports, and group action. Motto of the Forum is "Read, listen, discuss, act.")

In Ceylon this month, Farm Forum will get international attention at the Colombo - plan Exhibition, which has been arranged by 15 countries including Canada. The Canadian display will illustrate the ways in which Canada might help the Asiatic countries. It will show certain features of Canadian agriculture, farm co-operatives, hydro-electric power development, road construction, engineering projects, health and welfare services and the National Farm Radio Forum.

The need for education in South-east Asia explains the presence of the Forum in the display. Over three-fourths of the people in India, Ceylon and other countries in the region cannot read or write. A way has to be found to teach them many things quickly, officials point out, and the Farm Forum technique may hold the key. Even where people can't read, they can meet to listen to a broadcast and study their mutual problems.

In the State of Bombay, in India, the Forum method has already been used with some success. The Indian delegation which attended the 1949 conference in Guelph, Ontario, of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers took the idea home with them after hearing about Canada's program, and a few months later it was reported in a news despatch that 57 Farm Forum centres had been set up in Bombay. The government has supplied receiving sets for community listening, to help further the project. Australia is also experimenting with a series of its own, modelled after the Canadian program.

### False Stomachs London Industry

The 1952 British Industries Fair held in London and Birmingham, England, in May, will, as usual, put on display thousands of exhibits ranging from false stomachs for actors to heavy machinery. The false stomachs are made by a London firm and are designed to give slender actors cast in "heavy" roles a realistic middle-aged spread.

### SECRETARY GIVES ANNUAL REPORT OF DEVONSHIRE CHAPTER I.O.D.E.

I beg to submit the following as the thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. There are sixty-three members of our Chapter and ten meetings were held in the homes of members with the exception of one which was held at the Cullen Fields Golf Club, Guelph. These meetings were presided in most cases by Executive Meetings. The average attendance for the year was thirty three.

A part of our Educational Program addresses were given by Mr. Stapleton and Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hogg, A. C. Fryer of the R.C.M.P. and Mr. Skuce, and a film shown on the "Family Tree of Canada".

Papers were read by members of our Chapter on the meaning of our Order, the Festival of Britain and World Affairs.

Some members attended the Provincial Annual Meeting in Hamilton, bringing back valuable information and inspiration, and two of our members attended the Semi-Annual Provincial Meeting held in Niagara Falls, Ontario. A commemorative service of the Order was held in February at the United Church in town.

Books were presented to the prize-winning essays at the Empire Day Observance held in the Town Hall. A tea was served by our Chapter to the graduates of the English classes held in our High School and presented each one attending these classes with a Canadian Citizenship Certificate for New Canadians.

A scholarship was presented at the High School Commencement to one of the students.

At the conclusion of our March meeting, the officers were the hostesses and served tea to the members and our thirty-fifth Anniversary of the Chapter was observed at a dinner held at the Cullen Fields Golf Club.

The Chapter sponsored a Tag Day in May for the Canadian National Institute of the Blind and conducted a Tag Day at Acton Fall Fair, the proceeds of which were forwarded to Provincial Headquarters for the purchase of food parcels for Britain and to assist with the Shipping Fund.

During the year, a shower of Canned Meats, Fats and Sugar was received for the elderly people of Britain and Europe. Materials were purchased for making nightgowns and diapers for "Save the Children Fund". Used clothing for the Children's Aid and overseas was gathered, and a child's crib quilt was made. Wool was purchased for an Afghan and magazines were collected for Canadian seamen.

All these materials were received, packed and shipped to Britain through Provincial Headquarters, which was our contribution to the Post-War Service Work of the Order.

The Chapter was enabled to engage in the yearly program of the Order by funds raised at a Baking Sale and Waistline Tea and a Cooking School, which augmented the funds in the treasury. Due to the efforts of the members of our Chapter the following grants and donations were made: For educational work a scholarship presented to the highest standing and graduating scholar of the Acton High School who was continuing his studies. Books were presented as prizes for Empire Day contests in the various grades of the Public School. I.O.D.E. calendars were purchased and distributed to the grades of the Acton schools and the neighboring rural schools.

### Unionville W.I. Sent Tablecloth

A ten-foot long linen tablecloth made by members of the Eversley Women's Institute, Hampshire, Eng. is being sent to their link branch at Unionville, Ont., as an expression of gratitude for food parcels sent during the war.

It is no ordinary tablecloth, for on the natural linen base is worked an embroidery pattern, symbolizing the bond of friendship between the two Institutes which began during the war as the result of a visit of a woman member of the Eversley Institute to Unionville. Two members composed the design, executed in panels so that individuals and groups could work simultaneously in their own homes. Embroidery and assembly of the panels took a year.

The cloth is of natural linen, worked in royal blue silk. The border is of maple leaves, with the Hampshire rose in each corner. One of the two main panels depicts the arms of Unionville and the other is designed upon the broom, the English countryside shrub, which appears in the badge of the house of Bramshill — a Jacobean mansion standing in the Eversley parish.

The keynote of the Order is Service and our Motto, "One Flag, One Throne, One Empire".

This was brought home to us by her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, when they reached the shores of our vast Dominion from the Mother Land.

This singularly expressed our loyalty to the Throne, Empire and Flag, which seems to be the most tangible asset in the world to day amongst all the "Empires".

There is work and more work to be done to maintain our democracy and what better way to express our true selves, but through the work of our Order. May we strive to attain the fulfillment of our hopes for unity and world wide peace.

Doris Graham, Recording Secretary.

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You know that he doesn't do many of the things he'd like to do with his money — because the family income will only go so far. And you know that he might reasonably spend money freely now — without a thought for your future. But he doesn't.

Regularly he puts aside money to give you the protection of life insurance. True, he may gain benefit from that insurance during his own life, but that isn't why he owns it. The real reason can be found in his concern for your welfare.

Do you cooperate with his efforts to provide for you in this important way? Are you encouraging his habit of thrift?

Right now, it's more important than ever to save money. For every dollar put aside for the future helps to check inflation... helps to protect the value of all your money.

So check over your budget. See what new savings you can make!

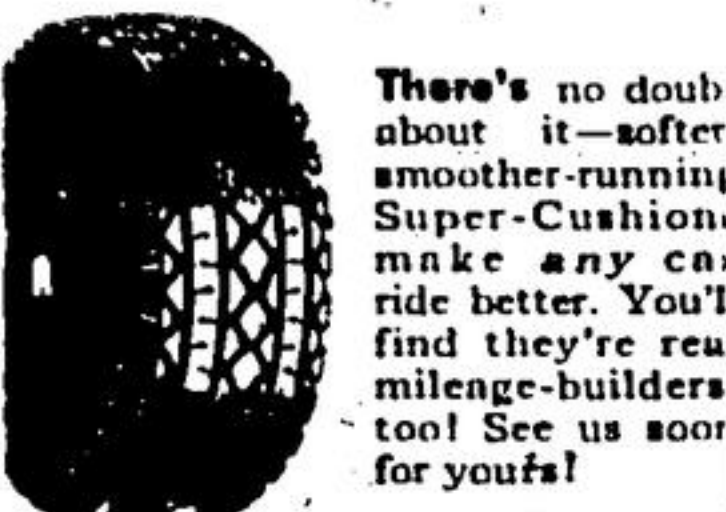
### The LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN CANADA and their representatives



AD Labs logo with a man's face and text: "Don't let troubles plague you. Take 'em all in stride. There always is an answer. To be found in classified."

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IT'S GRABLE TIME AGAIN! and Bett leads the entertainment parade in Twentieth Century Fox's Technicolor musical romance, "Meet Me After the Show", coming Monday and Tuesday to the Roxy, Acton. It's the nicest invitation you ever got! So c'mon down for showtime pleasure, laugh-time fun in the big-date musical of the year!