

## ADULT EDUCATION IS DISCUSSED BY ONTARIO FOLK SCHOOL COUNCIL

by Mrs. Roy Coufner

The third annual meeting of the Ontario Folk School Council was held at John Madsen Folk School, Cherry Hill, Unionville, Ont., on April 9 and 10. Delegates were present from 19 counties which held folk schools during the past year, for the purpose of evaluating the work done during the year and looking into ways and means of improving "Adult Education in the Counties".

Chairman Dan Stauffer, president of United Co-operatives of Ontario, welcomed the group and turned the evening session over to Floyd Griesbach, national secretary of Farm Radio Forum, who acted as chairman for the panel discussion on the theme.

Mrs. David Brown outlined the methods used for the various types of adult education in Lambton county which included Farm Forums, Women's Institutes, Junior Farmers, Folk School activities, County Federation of Agriculture, Film Council and the Leadership Training Classes. The success of this work is due mainly, Mrs. Brown stated, to the fact that the office of the Federation of Agriculture and the county Farm Forums are one and the same.

It is an easy matter to obtain mailing lists of all rural organizations for the purpose of publicity in any project. Rev. Arthur Luffman told of the first folk school held in Northumberland county, at Baltimore, last October, and how it had definitely filled a need for his community, some from other parts of the county also participating.

Ray Hergott, fieldman for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, then told of the Co-ordinating Educational Committee in Bruce county, which acts as a clearing house to avoid conflicting dates in activities of the rural farm organizations, and helps also to avoid duplication of speakers and special projects.

In the discussion which followed, the groups all agreed that the importance of having co-operation and understanding from all organizations, so that, even if a certain group was not participating in every project, they could give assistance in the publicity of it. The fact that Bruce county had had such success with their Co-ordinating Education committee impressed the value such a committee would have in their own counties. Rev. Luffman had shown that having a minister and his wife as leaders for the folk school could be a decided asset. In summarizing it was pointed out that there had been great variety, plenty of activity and an evidence of purpose in all programs of adult education in the counties reporting.

Another topic for discussion, pertinent to adult education, was the valuable resources available in the county, and the use to which they were being put. The various groups disclosed that the Community Programs Branch of the Department of Education serviced many organizations from their Music and Drama Lending Library, Leadership at Leaders' Courses, Travelling Libraries, and Instruction at Community night classes; the Women's Institute Branch supplied literature from their reference library and also leadership for the Special Service Courses; National Film Board had supplied films on various subjects to many organizations. The Ontario Farm Forum had encouraged further study on topics suggested in their reading lists that were available to any organization, many groups had taken advantage of this help. Professional people had all been mentioned as valuable human resources called on in many

counties to assist in the adult education program, not the least of whom are the trained leaders from various organizations in the cities who gave of their time and talents freely and to the best advantage, especially those who had been called on to assist with the folk school movement in many counties. A few groups had used the literature provided by a membership in the United Nations Association in Canada and folk schools had utilized most if not all available resources.

On the second day, after morning devotions and the routine business of the group, the routine business of the group, discussion method, under the leadership of Cliff Walte, secretary of Ontario Farm Radio Forum, was again used to talk over such problems as: what types of projects should we as a Council service? how can we make the best use of the money we have? the need for a Provincial school; how could a central planning committee be of assistance to the county committee?

The afternoon session was used to discuss the handling of next year's program and the election of the Executive Board. The following were elected: Dan Stauffer, United Co-operatives of Ontario; Ray Hergott, Ontario Federation of Agriculture; Cecil Belyea, Ontario Federation of Agriculture; Floyd Griesbach, National Farm Radio Forum; Rev. Doug Brydon, Bruce County; Leonard Harmon, U.C.O.; Dr. Roby Kidd, Canadian Association for Adult Education; Cliff Walte, Ontario Farm Radio Forum; Rev. R. Luffman and Mrs. J. Goodfellow, Northumberland County; Betty Madsen, Unionville; Beatrice McLean, Ontario County; Mrs. A. Berry, Carleton County; Mrs. D. Brown, Lambton County; and Mrs. R. Coufner, Halton County.

### OBITUARY

#### W. J. Smith Dies After Long Illness

William J. Smith, a well known blacksmith and woodworker at Everton, passed away after a lengthy illness at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Baptie (Sadie), R. R. 3, Acton, on Saturday, April 4, in his 79th year.

He was the son of the late Robert Smith and the late Mary Blair Durham. He had resided in Everton for over 50 years. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, the former Sarah Jane McCutcheon, three daughters, Mrs. Fred Baptie (Sadie), R. R. 3, Acton; Mrs. Alvin Miller (Pearl), 21 Queen St. E., Brampton; Mrs. Earl Van Norman (Vera), Acton; a son, Percy, deceased; one sister, Annie, King City; one brother, Robert Smith, Shelburne, and also five grandchildren.

He was married at the McCutcheon home, second line, Erin, 52 years ago by the Rev. A. Fleming, who was pastor of the Everton Church of Christ Disciples. Mr. Smith was a member of the Church of Christ Disciples at Everton.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, April 7, at the Victor B Rumley funeral home, Acton, conducted by the Rev. H. Ford, Everton. Many friends gathered at the service in tribute and sympathy. Burial was at Everton cemetery.

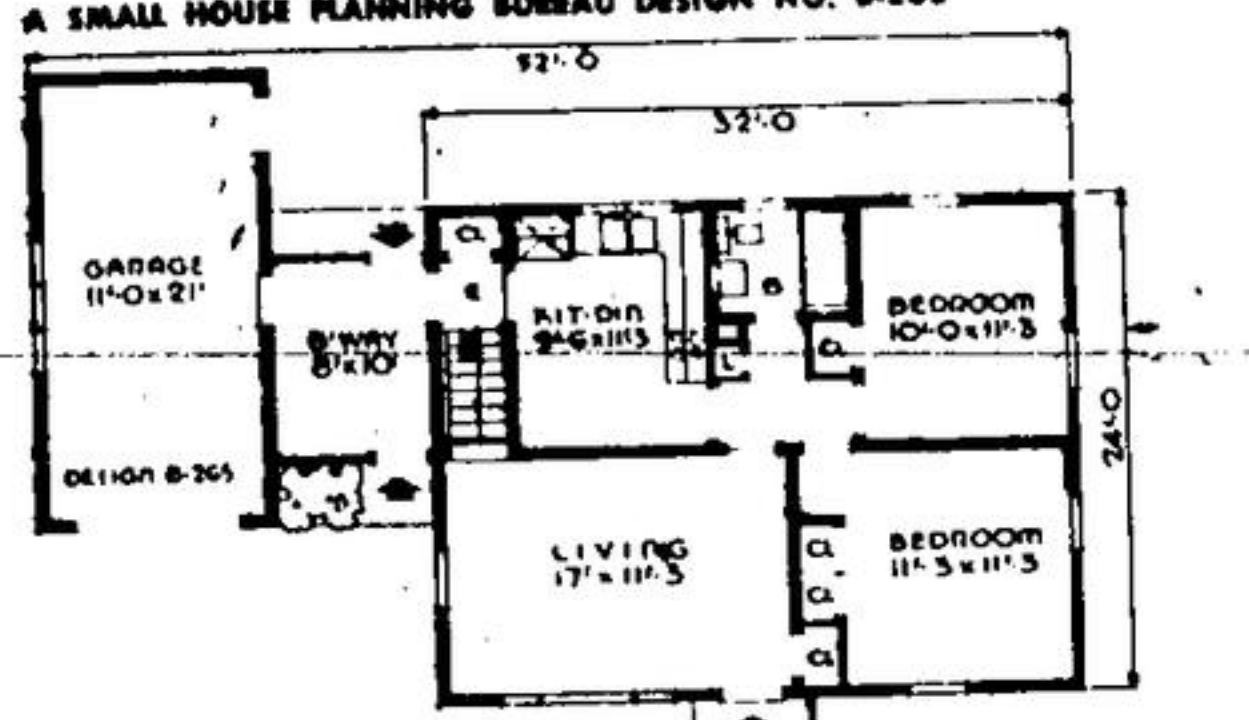
The pallbearers were five nephews, Frank Morrison, King City, Willie Smith, Shelburne; Tom McCutcheon, Mord McCutcheon, Acton; T. D. McCutcheon, Everton, and a cousin, Tom Blair, Durham. Flower bearers were neighbors Jack Weatherston, Billie Stewart, Doug Cross, Leaman Thomson, Bill Jackson, Colin Parker and a nephew, Fred McCutcheon, Acton.

Floral tributes included the following: pillow, wife, wreath, the family; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith and family, Shelburne; the Mitchell family, Rockwood; Dr. and Mrs. Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. Norm McEachern, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Benson, Mrs. Robert Van Norman, Acton; Mr. and Mrs. James Van Norman, Guelph; sprays, Billie, Marian, Marilyn, Betty, Ann and Ronnie Miller, Brampton; Raymond and Joy Law, Church of Christ Disciples, Everton; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McKinney and Warren, Acton; Allan Cleighorn, Toronto; Mrs. Bert Green, Mrs. Garnet Coates, Mrs. Arthur Neals, Mrs. Manly Kerr, Mrs. Gordon Coates and Mrs. Roy Roshritch, Brampton; Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCutcheon and family, Acton; baskets, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Green, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Burt Ham Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller, Hillsburgh; Mrs. Robert Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Leaman Thomson, Guelph; Smith McCutcheon, Gall, C. K. Browne, Mr. and Mrs. Mord McCutcheon, and Muriel, Acton; Charlie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vaughan, London.

#### OVER 40% MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN ONTARIO

Registrations of motor vehicles of all kinds in the ten provinces of Canada totalled 2,872,343 in 1951, an increase of 272,074 or 10.5 per cent over the 1950 total of 2,600,269, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. Of this total 1,205,088 were in Ontario, compared with 1,104,080 in 1950.

Alberta had the largest number of motor vehicles of all kinds in relation to population in 1951 as in 1950 with one to every 3.6 persons; Ontario was second with one to 3.8 persons; Saskatchewan with one to 3.9, and British Columbia with one to 4.0 persons.



A central hall connecting all rooms is a feature of this small home. For economical construction and simple framing, all wall projections and roof dormers have been omitted in the plan. The laundry is located under the bathroom so that all plumbing pipes are located in the one wall. The chimney is centrally located. Other features include coat closets at both entrances, wardrobe closets and linen cabinet. Dining space is provided in the kitchen. There are book shelves over the stairs. The attached garage can be omitted if desired. Exterior finish consists of wide siding, asphalt shingles, 2" overhanging picture window and a screened breezeway. The floor area is 768 square feet with a cubage of 14,592 feet not including the garage.

#### A. T. BROWN PHOTOS TO APPEAR IN COMING FREE PRESS FEATURE

"Tales on Tintypes" will be the regular weekly feature article in the Free Press when it makes its appearance soon. The historical feature of pictures from the A. T. Brown collection with notes by G. A. Dills will interest you if you live in Acton or ever lived in this district. Be sure and tell your friends of the new feature. They won't want to miss it either and the trips you take down Acton's memory lane will be well worth while.

The pictures will be presented in large "easy-to-see" size and including glimpses of the past caught and recorded in the well-known A. T. Brown collection of photographs which were displayed last fall at Acton fair.

#### Deanery Plans For Picnic in Acton

At a deanery meeting in St. Stephen's parish hall at Hornby recently a summer picnic for Halton Anglicans, to be held in Acton was planned. The summer rally was inaugurated four years ago, when it was held at Lowville Park. The next two years it was held at Appleby College. It embraces a religious service at which all county clergymen take part, with Anglican families taking a picnic lunch.

Les Duly, Acton, was chairman at the dinner held in the new parish hall which has been created by excavating a basement under the church. The ladies of the church catered for the dinner and guests were welcomed by Rev. J. E. Maxwell and Mark Bussell, senior member of the congregation.

The guest speaker, introduced by George Atkins, Bronte, was Rev. W. A. Young, chaplain of the Ontario Agricultural College. Mr. Young interspersed his serious remarks with a good amount of humor. He stressed the value of the special summer course offered to rural clergy of all denominations at the O.A.C. to make them familiar with the problems of the people to whom they minister and asked the congregations to give serious thought to paying expenses of their minister to attend the course.

Mr. Young's main message was what he called "The Order of the Concerned." In every church, he said, there are too many people who do not work for their religion, who are content to sit in the back seat and whose praise or criticism does not count because it is only superficial.

His opposition to the practice of a minister's heart, he said, "It is indifference." He asked those present to be concerned about their church and to share in its activities to the full.

The fall dinner of the deanery laymen will be held at St. George's Church, Lowville.

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