

Mac Sprowl To Study 6 Months In U.K. On Nuffield Scholarship

Last Friday the news was released that Mac Sprowl, a young farmer well known throughout the county, had been selected by the special committee of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to participate in the 1954 scholarships offered by the Lord Nuffield Foundation of England, for at least six months of study and travel in the United Kingdom.

Young Mr. Sprowl's many friends were delighted; he himself could scarcely believe the news, telephoned to his farm Friday by this newspaper. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Sprowl, Lot 23, of the third line of Esqueting.

A past president of the Halton Junior Farmers who has taken part in many club and community activities, Mr. Sprowl admits he really enjoys attending meetings, courses, organizing and assisting at special events, competitions and well, everything from a local Junior Farmer meeting to acting as the youngest president Acton fall fair ever had.

And he likes travelling, too. He is thrilled at the prospect of his visit to England, although he doesn't know much about what he'll be doing there yet. He has heard another

winner of the Nuffield award speak and knows that his predecessor attended a short course at a college and visited many farms in England and Scotland and Wales. Luckily, Mr. Sprowl knows a little of what to expect since Graham Roger, a young Scottish farmer, stayed with the Sprowls when he visited Canada last year.

The young farmer also wants to look up relatives while he's away on scholarship. He's descended from a pioneer family that migrated from Glasgow, Scotland, to the Scotch Block, in Esqueting in 1820, moving to the Acton district in 1828. Born on November 5, 1927, on the farm owned by his grandfather, the late Robert S. Sprowl and now owned by his father, Mac Sprowl attended Banockburn school and other good Scotch name and Acton continuation school.

Mr. Sprowl, who turned 26 a couple of weeks before being awarded the scholarship, will leave about April 1 for his all-expense paid study tour.

Exchanging information, he'll be telling U.K. farmers about his 185 acre Halton farm, where oats, wheat, and hay are grown to feed 70 head of Shorthorn cattle. All

calves are kept and raised and each winter 12 to 15 steers and heifers are fattened. Eggs are shipped to market in Toronto from 200 laying hens. The farm has a full line of modern machinery he helps operate.

So Mac is well qualified to talk shop— or rather, talk "farm." And he's been talking "farm" and learning "farm" and promoting farm living a great deal for a man in his 20's. He attended high school in Acton for four years. For the past three winters he has attended night school in Milton— taking farm machinery, farm business and farm management. This year he's studying effective business. As well, he has taken two short courses at the O.A.C. in 1948, livestock, crops and soils, and the past winter, the 4-H club leaders course.

An outline of all the activities in which he's participated is almost unbelievable, since it's well known farmers are kept busy right at home.

He has been associated with Acton Junior Farmers since 1945. Since 1947 he has missed only one meeting of the club. During that time he acted as director in 1948, secretary in 1949, and president for a year and a half. During the term of presidency he was also vice-president of the Halton Junior Farmers and was later county president.

Now he's a county director on the Ontario Junior Farmer board of directors.

Last June he acted as chairman of the Junior Farmers' softball committee at Guelph field day, supervising nine diamonds. This is the largest field day held in Canada.

He is a member of the Halton Farm Machinery club, and has completed five years of Grain Club work in Halton. In 1947 he was a member of the team representing the Acton Grain Club in the inter-club grain competition at the O.A.C.

For nine consecutive years he has participated in the Halton Junior Farmer Livestock and Seed Judging competitions and in 1951 coached a team of junior boys from the county livestock judging competition. Partially as a result of this he was awarded the Hamilton Spectator Championship trip and participated in the Lincoln county bus trip to the states of New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland in July, 1951.

In 1949 he won the Thomas Blakelock trophy for the best judge of swine in Halton county.

Believed to be the youngest fall fair president in the province, Mac Sprowl earned much praise for his splendid work directing Acton's annual fair last September. Even as youngest president, he had plenty of experience in fair work. In 1948 he was elected an associate director of Acton fall fair board and as a director the next year. He has been a director each year until last, when he headed the board. He has served on committees on beef, cattle, grain, dairy cattle, roots and vegetables, and in 1952 was assistant superintendent of the field.

He is a junior farmer director representative in Esqueting township on the Halton Federation of Agriculture executive. He's a member of the Halton 4-H club leaders' association and last year acted as assistant club leader of the Acton Tractor Maintenance club. He is a junior director of the Halton Crop Improvement Association and in 1952 was chairman of the junior section of the county fair held at Milton. The Halton County conservation committee also counts him a member, and he attends the local farm forum meetings.

At the Canadian National Exhibition, he was a judge three years and in 1951 was a member of the Halton livestock judging team which placed third at the inter-county competition at the Royal Winter Fair, in which 30 counties took part.

At school he won prizes for public speaking, piano playing and singing. Back in 1936 he performed in kilts at local events— too bad those kilts won't fit him now for his trip to Scotland! In 1950 he was a member of the Acton Junior Farmer entertainment group for inter-club competitions.

What young farmer doesn't like to square dance? Typically, Mac Sprowl not only square dances, but was chosen group leader of the two junior farmer square dance sets from Halton that placed in the finals in the 1952 Royal Winter Fair.

He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and has taken part in Young People's activities. He's also a debater.

In 1950 he represented Halton at the provincial leadership camp at Geneva Park as boy delegate.

Through? Not yet— there's still the field of sport, and husky Mr. Sprowl is only too aware of his sports activities this week. While the committee was finalizing their choice for the Nuffield scholarship, he was bound by seven feet of adhesive tape for painful broken ribs he received during a junior farmer hockey game in Milton. Even tightly strapped, Mac Sprowl still laughed when he reported the familiar words, "Acton lost again!"

He has played hockey and softball three years. At school he played basketball, soccer, took part in track and field events and army cadets.

While his activities all centre in Halton, Mac Sprowl has travelled through the west to British Columbia, has been all over Ontario, through Michigan on a tour with members of the Halton Crop Improvement Association in 1953 and to the Eastern United States in 1951.

And what's more, he works on the farm! Last week, with his broken ribs, he was "taking it easy" repairing a hen house.

His scrapbooks on a junior farmer events, already bulging, will have to make room for a great deal more clippings, programs and ribbons if Mac Sprowl continues his busy career.

Not only does Halton's scholarship winner take part in all these events—he does a wonderful job. Evidence was overheard at a meeting recently when Mac's name was put up for office. From the other

side of the hall, someone questioned just who the candidate was. The nominator declared, "It's the Mac Sprowl who did such a grand job with Acton fair." The hall broke into spontaneous applause—and Mac was elected junior representative on a county committee.

One farmer leaned forward and whispered to one of his friends, "It's really a surprise that such a young fellow comes to all the Federation of Agriculture meetings."

Mr. Sprowl talked for an hour and a half with the Ontario Selection Committee composed of V. S. Millburn, secretary-manager of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, J. A. Garner, director of extension of the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture and T. R. Hilliard, associate director of extension of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and secretary-treasurer of the Ontario Junior Farmers. The committee wrote Mr. Sprowl the day after his holiday saying he had been chosen Ontario's nominee.

The Nuffield scholarship has only been awarded four years, and Mac Sprowl is the first nominee from Halton county. He is the second from Ontario to win, Donald Small winning in 1952.

Lord Nuffield is head of the British firm which manufactures Morris and MG cars.

The Nuffield Foundation Dominion Farmers Travelling scholarship is given "to study farming practice and conditions of agricultural life in Great Britain... with the objects of promoting a better understanding between farmers of Canada and Great Britain."

Travelling with the Halton farmer will be the winner from the west, Kenneth, Ellison of Oyama, British Columbia.

Many have expressed congratulations to Mac Sprowl— feeling his selection is an honor to the county. Some of these messages follow:

George Leslie, Warden of Halton County and Reeve of Esqueting Township:

"I was indeed delighted to learn of Mac Sprowl's success in being awarded a Nuffield Scholarship for 1954. It has been my privilege to know Mac and his parents, and his brother Calvin, for many years. Over the years Mac has made a noteworthy contribution in many fields of endeavor, to his community, the township of Esqueting and the County of Halton. In winning the award Mac has brought honor to himself and family and also to the entire county.

"I am very happy on behalf of the County of Halton, to extend to Mac sincerest congratulations. May his stay in Great Britain prove a most profitable and enjoyable one."

J. E. Whitelock, Halton County Agricultural Representative:

"Mr. Sprowl is indeed a worthy winner and his legion of friends will indeed be most happy that his outstanding contribution to agriculture in his community, township, county and province have been recognized in this fine way."

Dave Pelletier, past President of Ontario Junior Farmers:

"I would like to extend congratulations to Mac Sprowl for being chosen as one of Canada's two representatives on the Nuffield scholarship. This is also a well-earned reward for the effort and time that Mac has devoted in helping to carry out the various activities in his rural community.

"I came to know Mac through his participation in the Acton Junior Farmers and the county organization. As president of Halton Juniors, he displayed a great deal of leadership ability. Never has a county president devoted more time of worked harder to make the organization run successfully. As a result of this ability, Mac now holds many responsible positions in senior organizations, as well as being the director of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario.

"A great deal of Mac's success has been due not only to his own efforts but to the assistance given by other agricultural leaders in the county. Tribute should be paid to Mr. and Mrs. Sprowl and Calvin, who have given him every opportunity to participate in community affairs and thereby develop into an outstanding community leader.

"I am sure that the county of Halton will benefit even more by Mac's co-operative ways and untiring efforts after his six months' study of agriculture in Great Britain."

Miss Ethel Chapman, editor of Home and County and native of Halton:

"I was delighted to hear on the radio tonight about your getting the Nuffield scholarship. I can't think of anyone who deserves it more or who would get more good from it. My very best wishes for a really worth-while experience."

A. P. Service, President of the Halton Federation of Agriculture:

"Halton farm people will, I am sure, join with me, as president of Halton Federation of Agriculture, when I say how happy and pleased we are to learn that a Halton farm boy in the person of Mac Sprowl has been awarded the Nuffield Scholarship through the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, which entitles him to at least six months of study in Great Britain.

"To be chosen one of two farm young people in all Canada is indeed an honor, but to be so worthy of such an award as Mac has proven himself by the capable leadership and effort he has given to Junior Farmers' Associations, 4H Clubs, fall fairs and Halton Federation of Agriculture, makes the honor still greater.

"To his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sprowl, and other members of his family, may we say thank you for the leadership Mac has given and we trust that his award will amply repay you for the sacrifices you must many times have made to permit Mac to give the time and leadership that he has to his community and farm people."

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