

Halton Federation Participates

Rural Safe Driving Week Launched Through Ontario

The Halton Federation of Agriculture announced this week that there are now 15 essays received in the essay-writing contest in conjunction with Rural Safe Driving Week, which is sponsored by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. Rural safe driving week is February 20 to 25 and is endorsed by the Ontario Provincial Government. In an intensified effort to help reduce the alarming death toll from auto accidents in rural areas.

The award for the farm forum presenting the best essay on Safe Driving will be given at an Awards Night at Fairview school, Lowville, on Monday, February 20. This contest was sponsored by the local Federation. Special speakers for the event will be Ontario Provincial Police officials and a film on Safe Driving will be a part of the program. Square dancing and refreshments will round out the evening.

Safe Driving Rallies will be held for over 200,000 farm people in every county in Ontario to launch this year's safe-driving campaign. Halton is only one of many counties who are holding these essay contests and similar contests in conjunction with the week. Many are holding banquets to open the rally.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture officials have indicated that any resolutions in respect to rural safe driving passed at the "Safe Driving Rallies" will be taken under consideration by the Federation of Agriculture, and, where applicable, will be presented to the Ontario government.



RURAL SAFE DRIVING will be emphasized next week during a campaign declared by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and endorsed by the Ontario government. Shown here from left to right are Lloyd Jasper, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Minister of Highways James Allen, Attorney General Roberts, Agriculture Minister Fletcher Thoms. The group is studying a graph of speeds recorded by the provincial police radar equipment.

80 Accidents Each Day In Rural Canada

In 1954 there was a total of 31,985 motor vehicle accidents in the rural areas of Ontario. In addition, there would be many accidents which were never reported to the police. This means that on the average, over 80 automobile accidents a day occur in rural Ontario.

A total of 783 persons were killed in 1954 as a result of motor vehicle accidents in the rural areas of Ontario. On the average, two persons a day are killed in rural Ontario in motor vehicle accidents.

Property damage arising out of motor vehicle accidents in rural areas of Ontario in 1954 amounted to \$16,127,792. Over \$44,000 a day damage is created by such accidents in Ontario.

Of a total of 31,985 motor vehicle accidents in rural Ontario in 1954, over 7,000 occurred at rural intersections and 1,100 at private driveways. Over a quarter of all accidents in rural Ontario in 1954 occurred at rural intersections or at private driveways. These two types of accidents are mainly due to personal carelessness.

Although many of our railway While 783 persons were killed in 31,985 vehicle accidents in rural Ontario in 1954, there were over 15 times as many people injured. Total injured was 12,795.

While property damage in 1954, as the result of automobile accidents, totalled \$16,127,792, this figure does not take into account the cost in terms of lost working time, medical expenses, emotional upset and physical disability.

The number of motor vehicle accidents on straight roads in rural Ontario in 1954 totalled 15,619; on curves 4,836; on hills 2,283 and on bridges 749.

If you are involved in a motor vehicle accident in the rural areas of Ontario, you are much more likely to be killed than if you were involved in an accident in an Ontario city. While half the motor vehicle accidents in Ontario occur in the rural areas, three-quarters of the total deaths resulting from motor vehicle accidents occur in rural Ontario. Total motor vehicle accidents in Ontario in 1954 was 62,500 and in rural Ontario 31,985. Total deaths resulting from motor vehicle accidents in Ontario was 1,045 in 1954 and in rural Ontario 783.

Set Of Silverware Is Anniversary Gift

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Aselton of R.R. 3, Georgetown, were host to many relatives Sunday, January 15 on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. They were presented with a lovely set of silverware.

Among the guests helping to celebrate the happy occasion were Mrs. Rose Black, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Black, all from Niagara Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Black, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Paskon of Port Credit; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Aselton of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. William Beeny, Mr. and Mrs. W. Edwards of Georgetown and Limehouse.

Officers Of Halton Company Re-elected

At the annual meeting on Monday in Acton of the Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, all the officers were re-elected for a second term. These officers for 1956 are: president, Cameron M. Kitching; vice-president, James T. Fisher and secretary-treasurer, A. T. Moore.

Directors of the company, which has been serving rural residents of Halton and adjoining counties since 1890, will this year be Cameron M. Kitching, James T. Fisher, T. J. Brownridge, Daniel Gray, Leslie Kerns, E. F. Ford, J. E. Pearen, Victor Hall, Charles Readhead.

The 68th annual report showed the company to be in a strong financial condition with total insurance in force at the end of the year of \$32,703,113.00. Losses paid in the year amounted to \$46,539.12.

Total assets of the company are listed at \$188,638.92, with a surplus at year-end of assets over liabilities of \$138,077.75. During the year the company made donations to Halton County Tuberculosis Association, the Wellington Association and the Hospital for Sick Children.

STEADY WATCH

SASKATOON (CP)—After a minor fire scare, a full-time janitor service has been appointed for the old city hall. It has often been unemployed at nights and on weekends. A new building is to be erected.

Co-operation Urged By Attorney General

"The Ontario Federation of Agriculture is sponsoring a 'Rural Safe Driving Week,' February 20 to 25, 1956," Attorney General Kelso Roberts announced today. "Each of the County Federations of Agriculture is co-operating and will be holding meetings during that week at which representatives of the Ontario Provincial Police will be present and will participate. This constitutes the type of co-operation in the safety drive which is so essential if the problem is to be solved on anything approaching a satisfactory basis," Mr. Roberts commented.

The Attorney General said that the O.F.A.'s drive was a part of the province's safety campaign which has been termed "Operation Live."

"The people of the Province of Ontario must endorse and support all the time this continuing drive to assure success in routine," the Attorney General said. "It is all the more important because every one of us has a personal interest in seeing it succeed—any one of us may suffer irreparable personal injuries or even death by failing to give that support and in our daily actions conforming to the requirements for safety on the highways."

He went on to express the hope that the problem of safety on highways would be tackled at the very highest level of government and authority on a continent-wide basis. "This does not mean that those of us responsible at the Provincial level, which includes responsibility on the part of public organizations such as yours and at all levels within the province, can give that support or lessen their responsibilities," Mr. Roberts said.

More than a third of Canada is in the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory.

To Award Safety Prizes at Rally

The Halton Federation of Agriculture announced this week that the Limestone Farm Forum will receive the prize for the best essay in the Federation-sponsored contest in conjunction with the province-wide rural safe-driving week.

Featherstone Colling will be presented with the award for their essay, entitled Causes of Accidents, by J. E. Whitlock at the safe-driving rally to be held next week. Besides the presentation of this award, special awards will be presented to eight Halton school bus drivers who have had five years or over of accident-free driving.

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Townships' Support Of Hospital Assured, Special Meetings Called

Support for Milton District Hospital has been indicated by two townships and the other two townships are planning special meetings to discuss their participation in the construction of the proposed 60 bed hospital. It was learned this week.

Nasagaweya township council passed the following resolution: "And resolved that whereas this Council has been requested to share in a debenture issue in support of Milton District Hospital, and whereas this Council recognizes the need for a hospital to serve the district, therefore be it resolved that this Council express its willingness to co-operate with the other municipalities in the area that this matter may be favorably considered."

Nelson township council passed a resolution favoring support of the fund with the amount to be decided on a per capita basis computed on the population in the area outlined in the circular which is the second concession north of Dundas St. and all of the New Survey.

Reeve Robert Marshall of Trafalgar reported a special meeting was being planned for early next week when it was expected more figures would be presented on population and definition of boundaries.

Esqueping township reported a special meeting of that council was being planned for Friday night of this week when members of the Hospital Board would be invited to explain the program.

In Nasagaweya Reeve Archie Service has called a public meeting of ratepayers for Brookville Ham to discuss the township's participation in the support of Milton District Hospital.

STEADY GROWTH

WINNIPEG (CP)—Membership of the Manitoba Motor League has increased from 3,000 to 18,000 in the past nine years, it was reported at a directors' meeting. C. G. Carter, president for nine years, was re-elected.

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