Speaker Cites Agricultural Challenges Warns Juniors "No Primrose Path"

"Farming is at an economic level lower than other branches of industry in the agricultural countries of the world," warned Russell McAllister, president of the Ontario Junior Farmers' Association, at the seventh annual banquet and dance of the Halton junior farmers Friday evening in Trafalgar hall.

The 1956 head of the active organization went on to state that "the income for the management required in running a farm is much too small for the work involved."

The Halton juniors' male quartet, consisting of John Eves, Howson Ruddell, Tom Hunter and Stuart McFadden, and accompanied by Mrs. G. Newell, opened the three hour program with the singing of The Lord's Prayer, followed by the Queen. About 125 sat down to a turkey supper, with all the trimmings prepared and served by the ladies of the Bethel United Church W.A.

Following the dinner, Dave Wilson of Milton conducted group singing. The new secretary of the county group, Marie Marshall, introduced the head table guests.

Guests included former president John Pickett, county director Mac Sprowl, Mrs. Craig Reed, agricultural representative J. E. Whitelock, 1956 secretary Wilma Sinclair, director of extension T. R. Hilliard, Mrs. G. E. Elliott, acting secretary-treasurer of Ontario juniors, Art Bennett, who was formerly associate agricultural representative in Halton, treasurer Joan Wrigglesworth, speaker McAllister, past president Jean Peterson, 1957 county president Earl Wilson, press reporter Marilyn Heslop, trophy donor G. E. Elliott, Q.C., Mrs. A. Bennett, first vice-president Roy Ford, Mrs. Whitelock, second vice-president Sandy Buchnaan, trophy donor Craig Reed.

Joan Wrigglesworth thanked the Bethel group for catering to the supper. Mac Sprowl proposed a toast to hard working Jr. Institute and Marilyn Heslop replied on behalf of the girls. Roy Ford accepted on behalf of the Junior Farmers the toast offered them by Wilma Sinclair.

President McAllister began his message by stating that "the ruins of the cities of Babylon and the monuments on the Nile are tributes to agriculture," noting that in the time of the Greeks and Romans, agriculture had advanced to a fine and forward degree with the development of cereal grains.

However, he explained, the Romans let agriculture degenerate, as only unskilled slaves were used to run the farmers and efficient farms were eventually allowed to go to rack and ruin. This, he declared, is thought by some historians to have have been the cause of the downfall of the Roman Empire.

Mr. McAllister warned agriculture, or the lack of it, could be the downfall of the 20th century also, as farming is the basis of economy. "So long as we have our family units, though," he predicted, "the fall of the Roman Empire cannot be repeated."

"The picture looks gloomier all the time," he pointed out, after explaining that the brief presented by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to the Gordon Commission contained many problems for farmers today.

"If we as junior farmers consider farming as an occupation, we must be prepared to work at it and for it," he warned, and went on to point out the necessity and advantages of garnering a wide knowledge of farming through educational schools and organizations.

The Ontario president warned his listeners not to consider agriculture lightly. "Don't think there's a primrose path ahead for agriculture. It's going to take more brains and more money if it is ever going to stay successful." And, he noted, "as the nation's economic level rises, and people spend more on the luxuries of life, the intake of food might rise 25 per cent."

In closing, the speaker assured that these problems can be faced if ready to face and surmount all their problems. He looked ahead to the day when agriculture would become "not only the basis of society, but the highest social position in society."

Mr. McAllister, of Smith's Falls, was introduced by Earl Wilson and thanked by Sandy Buchanan.

Mr. Whitelock presented the Ernest Ervine awards for inter-club competition to Don Johnson and Freda McFadden representing Milton juniors, who placed first, and to Marie Marshall and Roy Ford representing the second place Palermo club. Mr. Ervine, who donated the $60 prize money, was unable to attend through illness.

The past president's pin was presented Jean Peterson by Mr. Elliott who also awarded the public speaking and debating team of Jack Black, Bill Marshall, Howson Ruddell and Bertha Watson, their cups and crests. Miss Watson was absent when the presentation was made. George Greenlees, Bill Robinson and Lynne Coulter, R. W. F. livestock judging champions, received gifts from Art Bennett, who presented them on behalf of the Halton Juniors. Mr. Coulter was also absent. For his outstanding leadership as the former assistant associate agricultural representative a pen and pencil set was given Mr. Bennett from the Halton juniors, presented by John Pickett.

Following the program, close to 200 took part in the dance, with music by Morrison's orchestra.

Join Women Around World In Prayer for Mission Work

Nearly 100 women met at St. Alban's Anglican church on Friday to join Christian women around the world in the annual Day of Prayer for mission work at home and abroad.

Mrs. H. F. Holmes was the leader of the service, which had as its theme, "Who Shall Separate Us?" and was written by a Hungarian woman on behalf of the Chrutian women living today behind the Iron Curtain.

Rev. Ray Costerus was the special speaker. Music was presented by Mrs. F. G. Oakes and Mrs. Ganley of St. Alban's church choir.

Representatives of the Protestant churches took part in the service with Mrs. Holmes. These were Mrs. Hutcheon, Mrs. C. Landsborough, Mrs. Bauman, Mrs. J. Inglis, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, Mrs. Evan Jones, Mrs. W. Denny, Mrs. Drysdale and Mrs. H. R. Force.

Esquesing Pays $186 in Bounty For Foxes Killed in Township

A total of $141 was paid by Esquesing township council to 16 men for 47 foxes at their last regular meeting in Stewarttown on March 4. Reeve George Currie presided.

Most fox bounty went to Clifford Stover—$30 for 10 foxes. Others receiving varying amounts were Alvin Moore, Acton, John Buck, Milton, Harold Deforest, Terra Cotta, James Carson, William Tuck, Georgetown, Frank Jones, Acton, Alfred Brigden, Hornby, Arthur Morris, Georgetown, R. J. Brada, Acton, James Hamilton, Hornby, Donald Hancock, Glen Williams, John Chisholm, Acton; John Verlis, Norval, Mervin Nesset, Acton and Douglas Leslie, Hornby.

Account of $100 for the fire at the M. Coles farm was paid to the town of Acton. Grand Valley Conservation Authority assessment of $13.58 was paid. Milton was paid $100 for Feikema and Bailey fires.

The road superintendent was instructed to advertise for tenders for approximately 20,000 yards of gravel for township roads.

Accounts passed included J. M. Dawson $80; M. Lawson $8; Glen Williams cemetery board, $30; Milton cemetery, $55; Halton Registry Office, $2.35; Thos. Whillier and Son Ltd., $281.40; Dept. of Health, 4.18; Bell Telephone Co., 14.60; G. C. Brown, 110.64; Association of Rural Urban Municipalities, $10; Campbell Sinclair, $7.

Regular accounts and fox bounties were passed for payment when Esquesing township council held a special meeting in Stewarttown on February 18. Reeve George Currie presided with all members present. Bounty of $18 was paid to John Verlis of Norval for six foxes, $24 to M. Whitney of Milton for eight foxes and $3 to Clare Wilson of Georgetown for one.

Accounts passed included Arthur Scott Motors, $3.55; American Marsh pumps, $11.; Co-Operators Insurance Assoc., $51; K. C. Lindsay, registration, $7.25; A. W. Benton, $5.

Name Directors, Buy Powder Warble Fly Control Program

Erin township council held a special meeting at Hillsburg on Saturday, February 23, to appoint inspectors and distributors under the Warble Fly Control Act and for the purchase of Warble Fly powder.

Council by resolution agreed to purchase the Warble Fly powder from the Chipman Chemical Co. at a price of 41 cents per pound.

The following persons were appointed inspectors and distributors: North Division, Albert Wheeler; West Division, George C. Burt; South Division, Charles McKeown; East Division, Alex Jackson.

At the regular meeting of Erin township council on Monday, March 4, the account from the Grand Valley Conservation Authority for the township share of administration costs of $205.94 was approved. The levy from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority of the township's share of $213.10 was also paid.

The county indigent hospital account of $2,606.86 was approved for payment, with one account of $12 to be held over for further investigation. Council petitioned the Department of Highways for the transfer of $2,400 from the maintenance of bridges account to the road maintenance account, also $500 from construction of roads to road maintenance.

The reeve and treasurer of the township were authorized to borrow from the Royal Bank at Hillsburg up to the sum of $30,000 at the rate of 5¼ per cent. per annum.

Payment of expenses of $40 for the delegates to the Roads Convention and the Convention of Rural Municipalities was authorized.

Council accepted the tender for printing of the Erin Advocate amounting to $475., of which $465 would be subject to 10 per cent. sales tax.

Accounts were passed as follows: general accounts, $250.61; relief accounts, $65.80; road accounts, $2,520.81. Total, $2,837.22.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

Surprise Reception On 20th Anniversary

About 60 friends gathered to surprise Mr. and Mrs. J. Whitham on their 20th wedding anniversary Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Long. With gifts, cards and best wishes, callers came from London, Port Credit, Georgetown, Toronto and Hamilton as well as Acton.

Congratulations were extended by phone from Chapleau and London.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitham were married in Acton on March 13, 1937.

Name D. Dills North Halton Commissioner

David Dills

At a meeting of the district Scout group committees in Georgetown Monday evening, David Dills was unanimously appointed District Commissioner for the North Halton Scout District.

The newly-formed district includes Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Hillsburgh and Erin.

During more than 18 years in the Scouting movement, the new District Commissioner went through the ranks of Scouting earning his King's Scout badge and Bushman's Thong, the movement's highest achievement. He also earned more than 25 proficiency badges. He served as Scoutmaster of the Acton troop for several years and was recently presented with a Medal of Merit for distinguished service to Scouting. During the world jamboree at Niagara-on-the-Lake he served on the editorial staff of the Jamboree Journal.

Department Speaker Guest at Acton W.I.

The Acton Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. F. Anderson, Brock Ave., on Wednesday afternoon, March 6.

Miss Tous Clipsham of the home economics service of the Extension Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture was the guest speaker.

The subject, Your Food and Your Figure, was presented in a most interesting way. The speaker emphasized the need for having well balanced meals with advice to those overweight and vice versa.

She felt that prevention in early years was better than trying to find a remedy later on.

The members were divided into groups to plan three meals using colored pictures of every variety of food and each was expected to choose wisely, counting the calories for the well balanced meal.

Mrs. George Fryer, the president, introduced the speaker and also thanked her for her interesting and good advice given.

A few items of business were arranged, another date was chosen and plans made to visit Halton Manor.

Mrs. Roy Brown, lunch convener, and her committee served lunch and a social time was enjoyed by all.

ORTON

Sells Farm in Orton To Reside in Guelph

A presentation was held in Orton Community Hall on Thursday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Ed Coe. Donna and Bonnie Mr. Coe has sold his farm and is moving to Guelph in the near future, where he has secured a position with Bond Hardware.

Mr. Jack Hayward of Toronto spent last Thursday with his mother and sister, Mrs. Thomas Hayward, Mrs. Till and David.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Culley spent the week-end with the former's parents, Rev. Ewart and Mrs. Culley.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hooper and family spent Sunday at Culling wood with Mr. and Mrs. Merle McCauley and Lucille.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Watson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Russel Watson at Galt.

EDEN MILLS

Churches Mark Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer was observed by the local churches in the United church with Mrs. H. Tomlinson and Mrs. W. Lowrie as leader.

Scripture was read by Mrs. Bould and readings were given by Mrs. D. Lowrie, Mrs. Hamer and Mrs. W. Gilbertson.

An address was given by Mrs. Cowell and a duet by Mrs. Will McLean and Mrs. D. Lowrie. Intercession period included prayers by Mrs. Hamer, Mrs. Milson, Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. C. Lasby and Mrs. H. Gilbertson.

Mr. Cecil Paylor of Markdale visited recently in the home of his niece, Mrs. C. Ramsey and Mr. Ramsey.

Mrs. James Gilbertson was home from Toronto for the week-end.

Friends of Mr. Garnet McDougall wish for him a speedy recovery from the severe burns he received last week.

Mrs. Anna Coulson attended the funeral of her nephew in Sudbury on Thursday.

ROCKWOOD

World Day of Prayer At United Church

The annual Women's World Day of Prayer service was held in the United church Friday afternoon. Members of St. John's church and the Presbyterian church joined with United church members for the occasion.

Owing to illness of some of St. John's church members and others in the village otherwise busy, attendance was not large.

Holy Communion was observed at St. John's church Sunday, the rector officiating and assisted by Mr. Robert Vincent.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barlow returned home the early part of last week from holidays at Miami, Florida. They had a fine time down south.

Rev. C. Gordon Harris of Nanticoke was a recent visitor with Mrs. E. D. McPhedran.

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OSPRINGE

Film on Safety Shown at School

Constable Petty of Guelph detachment of the OPP visited the school on Monday afternoon and showed a film on Safety, followed by a short address on Safety in various things. Constable Petty answered several questions from the pupils.

Rev. and Mrs. Hayward visited the local school on Friday afternoon for religious instruction. Mrs. Hayward plays the piano for the singing of the gospel choruses. Teachers and parents greatly appreciate this service so freely given by Rev. and Mrs. Hayward.

The women of the Evangelical Church of Christ Disciples met at the home of Mrs. H. G. Robertson on Friday afternoon for the World Day of Prayer service. Some members of the local Presbyterian church were present. Mr. Tom Fountain student minister of Division was guest speaker and gave a splendid message on Prayer. Several ladies from both congregations assisted in the program.

Mrs. Rose McEwan underwent minor surgery on Wednesday at the Guelph hospital and is now convalescing at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Millson and baby Greg, Miss Alfreda Winter, Oustic and Mr. Harry Angus, Toronto visited on Sunday with Mrs. Martha Jackson. Other visitors during the week included Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Awrey, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stubbington, Mrs. Ed Alton, Eramosa, Don Cameron, Fergus, Miss Margaret Winter, Oustic, Miss Myrna Woods and Mr. Randall Bilton, Belwood.

Visitors on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Robertson included Mr. and Mrs. Reg Carter, Laverne and Karen, Stratford, Mrs. C. Williamson, Guelph, Mrs. George Young, Acton, Mrs. Douglas Robertson, Sharon and Murray, Guelph, visited at the same home during the week.

Last Resting Place? Pigeon is in Doubt

A pigeon, peering out from inside a third floor window at the Rumley funeral home on Wednesday, was noted by a member of the Free Press staff.

A phone call to Amos Shoemaker followed and our feathery friend was free to bask again on the roof top.

LIMEHOUSE

Spelling Bee, With Box Social Proceeds for School Children

The W.I. garden committee sponsored an evening in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, March 2. In a spelling bee between teams from S.S. No. 9, Diana Shelbourne won first prize. Lunch took the form of a box social with John Crawford as auctioneer. Diana Shelbourne won for the best decorated junior box and Eileen Shelbourne for senior. Several tables of euchre were played with Bob Crawford and Mrs. Lundy winning firsts. Proceeds will help provide seeds and plants for school children's gardens.

Mrs. Janice Findlay attended the funeral of her friend, the late Mrs. James Blackjack, in Toronto on Saturday.

A number of Limehouse ladies attended a salad making demonstration by Miss Crawford of the home economics branch of the Department of Agriculture, sponsored by Silverwood W.I. in Limehouse Memorial Hall on Friday.

Junior pupils of S.S. 9 had a holiday Friday owing to the illness of their teacher, Miss Quinton. Mrs. Somerville will be teaching there for a week or two.

The Patterson's visited with Mr. and Mrs. Herb Sinclair and family in Hamilton on Sunday.

Mr. Ben McHarg is visiting his relatives in Quebec province.

Mr. Bill Newton of Barrie visited his mother and Miss Ivena on Sunday.

The W.I. sponsored an evening of entertainment in the hall on Saturday, Mrs. F. Brown, president, acted as chairman. Action, Junior girls presented their play, Not So Green and Mac Sproul illustrated talk on recent trip on the U.S.A. Joy Patterson and Time Hodge gave dance numbers and Mrs. Ruth McHardie and Neil Bendon obliged with piano selections. All were thanked by Mrs. James Noble.

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