

Ontario Minister of Agriculture Praises Service Branch Members

At the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, the Extension Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture celebrated 50 years of Agricultural Representative Service during their Annual Conference, June 24 to 27.

An appreciation of the work of the Agricultural Representatives was given by the Honorable W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Ontario, in his address to the Extension Service. His remarks paid tribute to the early pioneers in the extension field, and the agricultural program developed in 50 years of service.

The Agricultural Representative service was started in 1907. In that year six men, graduates of the Ontario Department of Agriculture,

were appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Education. That was the start of the Agricultural Representative Service of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Education.

In the early days of the service, the Agricultural Representative taught Agriculture in the High Schools and gave assistance on general agricultural problems. Over the years, there have been many changes, but generally many of the same problems have been advised on.

These problems include farm management, drainage, feeding and management, and weed, insect and parasite control. Rural youth programs have always been a part of the Agricultural Representative work. Such programs were

the Rural School Fairs which developed into the existing 4-H Club movement, and organized Show Courses, the forerunner of Junior Farmer activity.

The theme of the conference was "Program." Although there was reminiscing on past achievements, the conference discussion dwelt on new developments in agriculture, extension methods and future programs.

On Saturday, July 6, the CBC Country Calendar program will have as its subject the Agricultural Representative Service. The program will include interviews and scenes depicting the growth and work of the Extension Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.



Another Load For the Beach

Working feverishly, workmen on Monday dumped load upon load of sand on the beach area at Fairy Lake, Acton, in order to better the appearance and allow a more suitable bottom for the swimmers. This work is a project of the Acton Y's Men's Club.

NEWS SPOTLIGHT

By the Canadian Press

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The first hurricane of the season - Audrey - delivered an smashing blow to southwest Louisiana last week. A preliminary count showed 150 dead in that area.

Major Joe Carroll of the Lake Charles air force base directing helicopter operation at Grand Cheniere, La., said his copters were bringing in about 50 bodies from the Grand Cheniere area but added "there are hundreds more bodies floating under the debris."

While the business of counting bodies went on, a corps of military engineers swept back into the Gulf of Mexico bearing to sea many victims of the 20-foot tidal wave that swept the beaches and the marshes. Hundreds more were injured when the raging wall of water came out of the gulf on the heels of the hurricane.

Area Devastated

A reporter who flew over the devastated corner of Louisiana said "you can hardly tell where the beach once was and the land has disappeared."

The Red Cross last Saturday was caring for 40,000 homeless in Texas and Louisiana. President Eisenhower sent Val Peterson, former head of U.S. civil defense into the area. Peterson pledged "all the resources of the American government in this emergency."

Patience threatened the water-logged land. Tens of thousands of dead cattle and wild animals lay in the hot sun and oppressive humidity that followed the 100-mile winds of the hurricane.

Audrey moved inland northeast and on through Mississippi into Tennessee, dying in a gush of rain over the Ohio Valley. It was responsible for high winds and heavy rains in the northern U.S. and Canada.

Commonwealth Chiefs

Leaders of 10 Commonwealth countries meeting in London heard a call from Canada's new prime minister, John Diefenbaker, for a conference on trade matters.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced he hopes Commonwealth finance ministers will visit Canada late in September to decide "when, where and whether" a full scale Commonwealth trade meeting can be held. The finance ministers are to meet in Washington September 24-27 in connection with International Monetary Fund discussions, and the Canadian prime minister suggested they then go to Ottawa.

Meanwhile, the Commonwealth statesmen representing Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, the new independent state of Ghana and Nyasaland made a forward-looking study of Russian policies, disarmament, the spread of Communism in the Middle East, the Baghdad pact and the Far East.

Israel's Aid

Premier David Ben-Gurion of Israel has offered to negotiate peace terms with Arab countries including "all possible aid" in resettling Arab refugees. He proposed that these refugees be resettled in Iraq and Syria.

Close to 1,000,000 Arab refugees of the 1948 Arab-Israeli war now live in camps under United Nations auspices in the Gaza Strip and on the west bank of the River Jordan. These areas are in Egyptian and Jordanian territory, but close to the Israeli borders.

More than 1,500 Britons set out on a pilgrimage last week-end to Dunkerque, France, where 17 years ago a hard-pressed British army staged its historic evacuation. The pilgrims, relatives of men who died in France and Belgium during the grim spring of 1940, made the trip by special trains and boats.

Queen Mother Elizabeth on Sunday unveiled a memorial to a service in the French port to commemorate British soldiers who fell in the campaign and have no known graves. Meanwhile a convoy of little ships left English channel ports to be in Dunkerque for the ceremonies. They are the same type of tiny craft that shuttled back and forth from England to France in eight days in May and June, 1940.

Of the estimated 370 little vessels in the evacuation, 179 were sunk by German planes and U-boats. But more than 337,000 of the stranded army, including French, Dutch and Belgian fighters and many of them wounded, were rescued by the motley flotilla that sheltered warships and merchant ships.

More Harbor Work

A new \$1,000,000 contract has been awarded by the federal public works department to a Montreal firm for further dredging of the harbor at Port Aux Basques, Nfld., with work to be completed by 1960.

The Ottawa departmental spokesman said the new work will have nothing to do with when the Nova Scotia - Newfoundland ferry, William Carson, begins to run into Port Aux Basques. He said the ferry, which now operates between North Sydney, N.S., and Argenteuil, Nfld., may well begin to run into Port Aux Basques before the dredging work is finished.

A breakwater from Graveyard Point to the harbor channel, to prevent wave action in the harbor, was completed last year at a cost of \$180,000. But C.N.R. and transport department authorities still considered the harbor not entirely suitable for docking the Carson. Then last April, a \$1,146,000 contract was let to a Halifax firm for harbor improvements, including wharves and jetties, at Port Aux Basques, the work to be completed in 1958.

Pride of Navy

Canada's new aircraft carrier, Bonaventure, received a warm, if fog-blanketed, welcome on her arrival for the first time at her home port, Halifax. The 20,000-ton "Bonnie" was delayed a half hour by the fog while entering the harbor.

But ships' whistles tooted, bands played and thousands cheered as the navy's pride ended the eight-day maiden voyage from Belfast, where she was built. Among those welcoming the flat-top - which succeeded the carrier Magnificent - were Lt. Gen. Alister Fraser of Nova Scotia and Rear Admiral H. E. S. Bidwell, the Atlantic Coast flag officer.

SILVER-WOOD

Mrs. B. Corbett Hostess to W.I.

(Intended for last week)

The June meeting of Silver-Wood W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Bert Corbett. Mrs. D. W. Shier convoked the program on Education.

Mining might be thought of as an uninteresting subject to most women, but Mrs. Shier's paper on the tremendous part mining plays in Canada and in particular on the discovery and development of what may be history's richest iron range, was an enthralling story.

From the search of a lone prospector in 1830 through the trackless wilderness of the Lake Huron district of western Ontario, right through to the Lake Superior is the richest iron ore in North America. The ore was found beneath Sheep Rock Lake in 1945 which meant draining the lake to get the ore. The total investment in Sheep Rock Mine was eventually more than 53 million dollars which certainly reflected faith in Canada's resources.

Roll call was answered by a quotation from school days. Current events were given by Mrs. Williamson. Mrs. Barkin, in her paper on "The best of whatever you are," told us that some things can be seen even better through dark green glasses and that we should all make more of the facilities we have.

Committees were named for the coming community picnic and also for the fall fair. Ricky Corbett and Paul and David Kidney, medal winners at the festival, sang, accompanied by Mrs. Kidney Booky were presented to the boys from the Institute.

Rockwood

Community Folk Enjoy Program

Last Friday evening at the town hall, through the combined efforts of Mrs. Dave Armstrong, Mrs. W. Black and Miss Helen Bayne, an interesting program was put out in a musical way, which was well attended despite unfavorable weather conditions.

A good sized chorus of young folks under the guidance of Mrs. Black led in the singing of O Canada, followed by a few short numbers with Mrs. Armstrong at the piano. Next on the program was Mrs. Armstrong's kindergarten group going through their songs with Mrs. Gordon. The piano was played by Mrs. Bayne.

A trio from a school in Guelph, where Mrs. Helen Bayne teaches, gave a demonstration in musical instruments. Mrs. Black's class gave another demonstration of group singing which was well received. The number "We'll Rise" Rose the industry project singing.

Mrs. Armstrong's kindergarten group put on another number which was well carried out by the young Mrs. Murray Taylor contributed violin selections. Mrs. Armstrong was at the piano for one number and his mother, Mrs. Frank Taylor, in another.

Toward the close of the program, Mrs. Armstrong was the recipient of a bouquet from a member of her kindergarten group. Mrs. Armstrong replied and spoke at some length in regard to the purpose of the evening's program to provide funds for a retarded child to enjoy a holiday.

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