

880 Delegates Attend Convention Of Ontario Agricultural Societies

The 58th annual convention of the Ontario Agricultural Societies was held in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, on February 26 and 27. Eight hundred and eighty delegates from as far north as Couchiching and Kenora and from Manitoulin Island to Glangerry county in the east to Leamington in the south, gathered to discuss the work and problems of this vast organization.

Out of a total of 350 agricultural societies, 245 held Fall Fairs, 70 per cent of those reporting had an increase in exhibitors and 66 per cent had higher gate receipts than a year ago. Over 100 societies have now passed the 100-year mark of continuous operation.

Whole-hearted co-operation was given by fair boards throughout the province to agricultural representatives and extension workers in support of 4-H club projects. Under the extension branch, 1,211 clubs with a membership of 11,321 were organized and 65 per cent of these were sponsored by agricultural societies. Approximately 50 per cent of the clubs organized were calf clubs and the achievement day was held at the fair.

A highlight of the convention was a panel "Fighting Words." One day, fairs are facing extinction. Following a half hour of so-called fighting words, it was decided that the one-day fairs were not facing extinction but were a very important factor in the success of the larger fairs and in the work of agriculture across the province.

It was pointed out this society and the fair boards across the province are very appreciative of the support which is received in so many ways. We would like to pay tribute to our many friends who, directly or indirectly, assist in the overall program. Without exhibitors, members, donors of prizes, visitors, extension workers, the press, radio and television, backed up by the financial support of municipal councils and government departments, it would not be possible to carry on. Community groups, service clubs and various agricultural organizations, particularly the Junior Farmers and 4-H clubs, have all played an effective role and have made the task of conducting worthwhile fair programs pleasant and profitable.

Serving on the Ontario executive from this district for 1958 will be Elmer McKinnon, Hillburg, president of Class A and B Section and Miss Charlotte McCullough, Georgetown, secretary-treasurer of the Women's Division for the province.

Attending the convention from the Acton Agricultural Society were president, William and Mrs. Thompson, first vice-president Lloyd and Mrs. McNery, secretary-treasurer Mrs. Swackhamer and C. W. Swackhamer and Mrs. George Somerville.

Junior Red Cross Aid 17 Nations

A helping hand to youth in 17 foreign lands was extended last year by Canadian children through their Canadian Junior Red Cross. According to a year-end report released today this assistance for international help and understanding is valued at \$48,357.64.

The funds to support this aid were raised by the Juniors through their various projects and also represents their contributions of pennies, nickels and dimes to their classroom.

Grants totalling \$22,241.34 were given to Junior Red Cross sections in Austria, Yugoslavia, Germany, Ceylon, Korea and Poland to assist various self help projects established by the Canadian Junior Red Cross in those nations.

Kay Merry, Milton Represents Halton In Speaking Contest

Katharine Merry, R.R. 3, Milton, represented Halton County in the Ontario Junior Farmer public speaking contest held recently. She chose as her subject "Stress and Strain" and was picked as a finalist. Miss Merry was pictured in the current issue of the Junior Farmer News magazine.

The winner of the public speaking contest was Margaret McLeod from Thamesford. Miss McLeod delivered an inspiring address "Count Your Blessings".

Elect Roy Ford '58 President At Annual Meet

Halton Junior Farmers held their annual meeting on Thursday evening of last week. The members of all four Clubs were out in goodly numbers for this important meeting, ably presided over by county president Earl Wilson.

As one listened to president Earl Wilson, secretary Marie Marshall, treasurer Joan Wrigglesworth, and county director Mac Sprawl, present their respective reports, it was with no little pride that we heard a review of the activities and accomplishments of the past year of the Halton Junior Farmers.

For quite a number of years, Halton Juniors have, in our opinion, done an outstanding job, and certainly the officers of 1957 had maintained the high standard of former years.

Mrs. Marshall, Bogartown, home economist for Halton and Peel counties, and J. Allen Francis, associate agricultural representative for Halton and Peel, both brought brief messages.

Agricultural representative J. E. Whitebeck presided for the election of officers, which resulted as follows: past president, Earl Wilson, president, Roy Ford, first vice-president, Sandy Buchanan, second vice-president, Joan Wrigglesworth, secretary, Barbara Cunningham, treasurer, Marie Marshall, press reporter, Barbara Tasker, county director, Joan Wrigglesworth, convener of Junior Institutes, Joan Peterson.

Committees — Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Earl Wilson, Sam Finnie, Ed Segsworth, Halton Federation of Agriculture, Ed Segsworth, Bill Price, Earl Wilson, Bill Marshall, Halton Pibmen's Association, Don Taylor, Arnold Howden, Halton Conservation Committee, Bill Wilson, Ralph Cunningham, Halton Folk School, Barbara Tasker.

The young people in various committees here and there, worked long into the night completing plans for their annual banquet, which is scheduled for Trafalgar on Friday, March 7; their Leadership Training School on March 1 in Brampton; their annual Banquet; their annual Conference; and the Debating finals at Guelph on March 14, 15 and 16; their annual church service; Field Day; Livestock Judging Competition; their inter-club competitions, etc.

Yosef Dreuter Exhibits Collection In Guelph O.A.C. Massey Library

By Hazel Mack

Considered by some to be a truly inspired painter, Yosef Dreuter, an Erasmus Township artist had the good fortune to have his collection of drawings, paintings and wood sculpture exhibited at the Massey Library, Ontario Agriculture College in January.

It is not his first showing however, for with a friend, Ruby Howard and British Columbia, they managed a very fine one in Kamloops, B.C. and a second in Toronto.

Still in his twenties, Mr. Dreuter has already traveled much in Canada as well as Europe. He was born in Flanders, Belgium but spent quite a few years in Brabant in the Netherlands.

For a time, he worked on a ranch in central British Columbia, sketching every spare minute. He lived for eight months in the Canadian Mountains, in the Southern Yukon where he worked steadily at his sketching. He has several fine portraits of some Indians in the Yukon.

After coming to the Guelph area, Mr. Dreuter joined the Guelph Creative Arts group and in time, earned an award which offered instruction in classes taught by Gordon Couling. Here he learned many different techniques of painting.

Now that his very fine show is over, he plans to go ahead with serious sketching, devoting more and more time to his art work.

His fascinating studio is a delightful place to visit. Lovely paintings and sculpture as well as carefully restored pioneer furniture furnish this attractive room.

Mr. Dreuter lives with his parents on what was formerly the Fred Oakes farm on the south-east corner of No. 24 Highway and the 4th Line of Erasmus Township.

An energetic young man, Mr. Dreuter doesn't wish for too much publicity. He asks only that people who enjoy his work, his answer when he is asked how he accomplished so much work in so few years is simple enough "I am a part of all I've met", he says with a pleasant smile. The quotation is from the English writer, Lord Tennyson.

He claims to get his inspiration from the people he meets locally and also from our beautiful countryside.

The faces that intrigue him most are those of the so-called ordinary people. He has already drawn many, giving them a charming dignity that is not visible to ordinary people.

Halton Farmers Take Management Tour

"Seeing is Believing" is an old slogan, so on Thursday of last week, some 27 members of the Halton Farm Management Association visited two farm operations in the Guelph and Kitchener areas.

The first call was at the farm of Cedric Harrop, former Equipping Township farmer, who now operates a 100-acre unit some six miles west of Guelph "Ced", who moved to his new farm a little less than two years ago, is specializing in a commercial hog enterprise.

During his first year of operations, he marketed slightly over 200 hogs—all of which were purchased as weaners. Mr. Harrop is operating what is known as an open front self-feeder housing unit.

In his opinion, it is operating very satisfactorily and even during the below zero temperatures of the week of February 17, his hogs made normal gains and needless to add, the set-up minimizes the labor requirements materially.

His objective eventually is to carry sufficient sows personally so that he can eliminate the purchase of weaners and at the same time to increase his output three-fold.

The next call was at the farm of Shantz Bros on the edge of Kitchener. The Shantz Brothers are the third generation on the farm, and they too are operating a commercial hog enterprise, along with a beef feeding proposition. They too are using open front houses with self-feeders.

They have their own feed grinding and mixing plant and they have streamlined their production to the point where one man can look after the entire hog unit, including the preparation of feed, etc.

Last year they marketed some 1,200 hogs (all Yorkshires) and had some 40 per cent Grade 'A's. Their new housing unit was opened last September, and they now hope to step up their production output to somewhere between 3,000 and 3,600 hogs per year.

While they originally maintained their breeding sow herd at home, they now have the sows farmed out with neighboring farmers on a contract basis, whereby they buy back the weaners at eight weeks of age.

Fleming Family Sell Restaurant

After five years of operating the Mayfair Restaurant in Acton, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fleming and family have retired from the business and have moved to Guelph.

Keenly interested in the town of Acton since first arriving here, the Fleming family have taken an active interest in sports and Y.M.C.A. work.

Before departing for their new home, the family pointed out the success of their business was due to the excellent patronage received in Acton.

The new owners, Mel and Eileen Adams, took over the business on Saturday and opened the doors to customers the same day.

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BROWNIE NEWS

The Brownies had a special Thinking Day meeting last week. After welcoming their two guests, District Commissioner Mrs. G. Adams, and Mrs. L. McSwain, Brown Owl, 1st Pack, the girls cut out paper uniforms of Brownies in every land in the World Association. They were amazed to see so many and costumes so varied. Each Brownie was given the Brownie Doll with the particular uniform, the flag was placed on a cupcake bearing a candle. Thirty-two candles were lit, and Brown Owl said, "These little flames of friendship are shining all around the world where there are Brownies."

After singing "Happy Birthday World Child Guide" they blew out with a tremendous puff. The Grand Howl ended the impressive ceremony. A World Singing Game was played, and the meeting closed with a special prayer for the needy Brownies of the world.

Sickness of the two leaders caused cancellation of this week's meeting, but next week we hope to see more test-tassing.

Eileen Taylor, Brown Owl, Marion Pope, Towns Owl

March is upholding its unpredictable record as far as weather is concerned.

Mrs. W. J. Beatty I.O.D.E. Hostess

The Match meeting and officers' tea of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E., was held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Beatty on March 4th at 315 The Regent. Mrs. B. Mowat presided.

The sympathy of the chapter was extended to Miss M. Manupure and to Mrs. H. Manupure on their recent bereavement.

Congratulations were given to Mrs. G. A. Hills for the honor bestowed on her husband as Ontario Weekly Newspaperman of 1957.

Reports were heard from the various secretaries. Mrs. J. W. Wolfe told of the pleasant evening

the chapter spent with the Basic English class on February 17, at the High School. A donation was given to the Halton Musical Festival. Ways and means of raising the annual budget were discussed.

Following the business meeting, the chapter welcomed as guests the teachers of the Robert E. Little, the M. Z. Bennett and High Schools. All were entertained by pupils of these schools.

Miss Katharine Kirkness and Miss Ella Young rendered piano solos. Andrew Knox piped on his bagpipes. Helen Benton, accompanied by Miss Goodwin sang "Mary Kay Gibbons favored the meeting with her oratorical address on "Florence Nightingale".

Following the program the chapter served tea to the guests.

Vote for the Man WHO GETS THINGS DONE

Experienced businessman, teacher and scientist, Sandy Best works in the best interests of the people of Halton. This conscientious, hard-working young man represented Halton County in the Diefenbaker Government which doubled hospital grants.

Almost every municipality in our large riding stands to benefit from this legislation. New hospitals are planned or are under construction, and needed additions scheduled for others already built.

You, the taxpayer, benefit as a result of Sandy Best's efforts and the efforts of others comprising the Diefenbaker Government. For example, Conservative Government assistance in the construction of hospitals was increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 a bed. In addition, major renovations and alterations to existing hospitals will be considered for assistance within the terms of the grant.

So far the Diefenbaker Government has cut taxes by \$178 million. In easing the former Liberal Government's Tight Money Policy, John Diefenbaker's administration reduced the Corporation Income Tax by \$12 million a year. This was of particular value to small businesses.

By amending the Succession Duties Act, taxes on small estates are now 70 per cent less than formerly. Reduction of taxes made possible by this amendment total several million dollars a year.

Obviously there is only one way to vote on March 31st in order to keep down municipal taxes and benefit from increased Federal Aid. Vote for Sandy Best and return the Conservative Government which passes legislation of grant advantage to all Canadians.

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Scouting and Cubbing in ACTON

BOY SCOUTS
"B" TROOP
The best meeting to date was held last Thursday night in the basement of the Scout Hall which is now dry.

Attendance however was very poor and those Scouts who were not present should be reminded of our rules and that two more consecutive absences automatically expels them.

Tonight we start preparing for camping with instruction on map reading and compass work by ASM R. Davidson and on Tents and Camping equipment by ASM J. Muszelle.

Probationary Scouts Jim Jennings and Mike Matlock have passed their tenderfoot tests and are now ready for investiture.

WOLF CUBS
"C" PACK
Last Wednesday "C" Pack was honoured by the presence of Constable Bob Moreau of the Ontario Provincial Police. Constable Moreau gave the cubs an interesting lecture on Road Safety. At the conclusion of the lecture the cubs were invited to ask questions on this subject resulting in a lively discussion. The lecture was arranged by Corporal R. Mason. Thanks, again to both these men for giving "C" Pack such an enjoyable and educational meeting.

Congratulations are in order for some of our cubs. Here is the list of Sixers and Second Sixers, as you see there are many new ones. Sixer, Jerry Ockenden, Second Sixer, Jim Paul, Sixer, Neil Franklin, Second Sixer, Gary McEachern, Sixer, Eddy Hubbell, Second Sixer, Dan Harris.

I am sorry to say I have to leave you cubs again but I know you will do your best for Halton. Mr. Harry Bennett! Don't forget those Stars, they are really close now. Will see you again in a few weeks.

Akela

HIGH MARKS
SUDBURY, Ont. (CP) — Fred McWilliam, 17, of Guelph, youngest freshman this year at the University of Toronto, is the first recipient of a \$100 scholarship donated by the teaching staff of the Nickel District collegiate and vocational institute. He had the best average, nearly 80 per cent, in nine departmental examinations.

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