

# Ontario President's Message Highlights Annual Banquet, Dance, Presentations

"I have been in every country represented by the Junior Farmers and Canada is held in the highest respect," president Dave Barrie of the Ontario Junior Farmers said at Halton Junior Farmers' annual banquet and dance held at Trafalgar township hall, Friday evening.

Mr. Barrie's message and the presentation of the debating and public speaking awards to the juniors highlighted the evening.

Mr. Barrie chose as his topic "My Experiences as a Junior Farmer," and went on to say that Junior Farmers are the same all over the world, "and if they had a banquet, they would be doing the same things we are."

Mr. Barrie recalled the first job the Junior Farmers had asked him to do was to be a pianist in 1949 at the origin of his local club. He said he remembered how warm he had felt inside.

Hornby United Church W.A. After supper, the quartette favored with three numbers, and Ralph Cunningham led in a rousing sing-song.

Past president Earl Wilson of Norval in his report of the year's activities praised officers of the local clubs for co-operation and urged members to support their local clubs "to their utmost."

He asked his listeners to stop and ask themselves "have I been giving my utmost or have I been just a little indifferent and not as willing as I might have been?" Then he added, "The success of our county program and the activities of your local clubs depends on each individual member giving his or her utmost whenever possible."

**Haltion's Honors**  
He referred to the Provincial honors Halton received in 1957 through the debating, beef judging, public speaking finalists, inter-county best actor, dairy queen, overseas trip winner, tri-state conference delegate, national G.I. club coordinator, and boy's softball finalists.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$507.21, and the secretary reviewed the activities throughout the year.

Barbara Cunningham introduced the head table guests including Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Reed, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Whitelock, Mrs. Borgstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Al Francis, Barbara Tasker, Roy Ford, Sandy Buchanan, Mac Sprowl, Jean Peterson, Evelyn Bird, and Marie Marshall.



PAST PRESIDENT'S PIN is being presented by Jean Peterson to 1957 Halton Junior Farmer president Earl Wilson, right, at the annual banquet and dance held at Trafalgar Friday evening. Looking on at left is Mac Sprowl of Acton, who also received a presentation, honoring his many years of active interest and hard work in Junior Farmer circles on the local and provincial scale.

**"More Opportunities"**  
There is little difference between a president and a member, he said, "some of us just get more opportunities and that's what counts."

"I hear so many people saying, 'I haven't got time' that I'm sick of it," the guest speaker said and went on to tell about the 841 people at the Toronto Conference who worked so hard because they enjoyed it. "I think that Junior Farmers should get enthusiastic to do something," he said and compared the Juniors to a clock.

A clock is something you depend on and "you lose faith in something that doesn't do a good thing, we want somebody who is faithful," he said. Everyone should pitch in and help, he added, and pass on the knowledge that you get. "There are few opportunities to do the extra little things."

In closing Mr. Barrie said the opportunities he had had were wonderful, and he hoped the members would be able to have the same opportunities.

Haltion's 1958 president Roy Ford introduced the speaker, and he was thanked by treasurer Joan Wrightworth.

**Toast Boys, Girls**  
Mac Sprowl in proposing a toast complimented the Junior Institute for their fine performance in the last year, and Barbara Tasker replied. Evelyn Bird spoke highly of the Junior Farmers and proposed a toast to them, and Sandy Buchanan accepted.

The evening closed with singing of "O Canada" and a dance followed.

Approximately 100 people attended the dinner, and 150 people were at the dance.

**Awards Presentations**  
George E. Elliott, Q.C. of Milton presented the Ernest Irvine public speaking award to Katherine Merry, Mildred Watson, Jean Bird, Jean Peterson and Barbara Cunningham accepted the debating trophies from Mr. Elliott.

The presentation of the past president's pin to Earl Wilson by Al Francis and a special presentation to Mac Sprowl by Jean Peterson for his many years of work in the Halton Junior Farmers activities, followed.

Houston Hordell of the Milton club accepted the trophy for the inter-club sewing competition, and Sandy Buchanan of Acton accepted the second place trophy from Halton agricultural representative J. E. Whitelock.

The evening began with the male quartette accompanied by Mrs. G. Newell, sang Grace, "The Lord's Prayer," followed by "The Queen."

**Roast Turkey, Singing**  
A delicious roast turkey meal was served by the ladies of the

## Citizens Build Own Log Bridge To Cross River

FLIN FLON, Man (CP) The Sturgeon Weir River has been bridged for the first time by a group of do-it-yourself Flin Flon and Creighton, Sask., volunteers who accomplished the feat in four weeks of hard work.

A truck and several cars drove across the 250-foot bridge to start its use after Mayor Frank Dembinsky of Flin Flon and Mayor Fred Robinson of Creighton sawed a log to open it officially.

The bridge is 35 miles west of Flin Flon and joins with a road that was opened last winter to connect No. 35 highway at White Fox, Sask., 150 miles southwest of Flin Flon. Opening of the bridge climi-

ates an eight mile drive over ice on Beaver Lake.

In 1948, about 35 miles of highway was built from Flin Flon to the Sturgeon Weir River. At the same time about 60 miles of the highway was built from White Fox, leaving 80 miles to be completed to join the Creighton Flin Flon base metals mining area with the Saskatchewan highway system.

Since then, the people of the area tried without success to persuade the Saskatchewan government to complete the highway.

**Build Road First**  
Last winter they began a do-it-yourself project, raising \$7,000 from merchants and businessmen in the towns affected and with much of the work done by volunteers, drove a winter road to the Sturgeon Weir.

With no bridge across the river, which does not freeze in winter at its mouth, motorists had to drive over eight miles of Beaver Lake to hit the Flin Flon road.

It was felt that a bridge across the river would enable traffic to begin much earlier this winter. Jack Russell, 65, once a bridge builder for Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company, was hired to design the bridge.

Fifteen piers were built, placed in the river and filled with rock to hold them in place. On top of these went 50,000 feet of timber cut from surrounding woods. An estimated 250 tons of rock were hauled to the site by volunteer trucks.

The bridge is 14 feet wide and is reported strong enough to carry 22 tons.



HALTON'S DEBATING TEAM which enters the provincial finals tomorrow evening are Jean Bird, Jean Peterson, Mildred Watson and Barbara Cunningham. They were presented trophies at the Junior Farmers' banquet and dance Friday evening held at Trafalgar Township Hall. George E. Elliott presented them with two John Robertson Elliott trophies in memory of his father, and J. E. Whitelock and Craig Reed presented their trophies as well.



PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALIST Katherine Merry was presented with the Margaret Anne Elliott trophy by George E. Elliott in memory of his mother, at the annual banquet and dance held by the Halton Junior Farmers Friday evening in the Trafalgar township hall. Guest speaker Dave Barrie, president of the Junior Farmer's Association of Ontario, watches at right.

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## OBITUARY

### Mrs. Joseph Stokes Leaves Six Children

Mrs. Joseph Stokes Sr. died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Gordon Thompson, RR 2, Milton, Saturday, March 1st. Born in Nassagaweya Township in the year 1870 she was the former Sarah Matilda Elliott. She was a lifelong resident of Nassagaweya and a member of St. John's Anglican Church as well as an active W.A. member.

Her husband predeceased her 32 years ago. Surviving are six of her seven children, three daughters, Mrs. Joe Harris (Charollette) of RR 3, Campbellville, Mrs. Gordon Thompson (Anna) of RR 2, Milton, Mrs. George Collins (Margaret) of RR 1, Acton, three sons George and Joe, both of RR 3, Campbellville, and Jack of Burlington.

Her eldest son James predeceased her in 1957. She also leaves 31 grandchildren and 45 great grandchildren. She has two sisters Mrs. Dave Storey (Guelph) and Mrs. William Syers (Precedale) and one brother Charles Elliott of Monrovia.

The funeral service was from St. John's Anglican church on March 3rd at 3:30. The pallbearers were George Collins, Gordon Thompson, Brock Harris, Lloyd Stokes. The flower bearers were Allan Elliott, Ray Harris, Bruce Thompson, Don Martin, Allan Stokes. Lorne MacLean. Burial was in the adjoining cemetery.

## English Students Run French Paper

MONTREAL (CP) - Quebec province's only French-language school newspaper published in an English high school rolls off the presses weekly, proving that learning French can be fun.

St. Laurent high school's L'Eleve - The Student - is written and published by the students who get advice from their teachers only on the fine point of French spelling and grammar. The paper, put out on a duplicating machine, is a six-page edition of school news, student cartoons, a crossword puzzle, gossip column and other features such as the week's recipe and a fashion story for the girls. It originated eight years ago in west-end Herbert Symonds school as a one-page effort.

St. Patrick's Day next Monday, don't forget to wear the green necktie.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warner, Acton, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Vera Elizabeth, to Donald H. Pinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pinson, of Guelph. Marriage to take place at 4:00 o'clock, April 5th in Ballinafad United Church.

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