

Mac Sprowl Ont. Federation Governor Barrage of Farm Problems Debated

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture faced an imposing barrage of farm problems last week as 400 delegates representing 100,000 members attended the three-day annual convention in Toronto. Keyed to the future by the convention theme of "The Farmers' New Role in Marketing," delegates hammered out policy decisions with the help of panel discussions, speakers and lengthy discussions of resolutions. Mac Sprowl of Acton was elected a governor.

Fewer Controls
One of the resolutions dealt with managed economy, through the use of quota production, two price systems and formula pricing. Members decided they favored production controls which would give control marketing, but left final decisions to commodity groups within the federation.

J. J. Thurston of Victoria County spoke at length in favor of the resolution, claiming that controls were needed and that it would be easy to apply quotas. This was not in accordance with the findings of a panel discussion held earlier in the day, and chaired by Everett Biggs, dairy commissioner for Ontario. Panel members Ken Standing, Chatham, secretary of the Ontario Soybean Growers Association said that farmers were not ready for these controls.

Other panelists were Ernest Duckett of Leamington, representing the Lubasco growers, Kenneth Crews, whole milk producer from Trenton, and Charles Hoffman, past-president of the Ontario Vegetable Growers Assoc.

More Credit
The three day convention gave members the opportunity to probe deeply into the question of vertical integration, or contract farming as it is also called. A panel discussion about vertical integration was held on the second day, and several resolutions were discussed and passed which called for research and study of the advisability of farmers entering into integrated operations of food production and processing.

The panel discussion was led by chairman Prof. Ralph Campbell of Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, with Ken Betzner, Waterloo district farmer and member of the 1957-58 OFA executive, Melvin Becker, Asy, George McCaughey, Harrison and Albert Pond, Jarvis.

The panel emphasized that vertical integration creates credit for farmers, but it would likely cause an increase in farm size and a decrease in the number of farmers.

The federation meeting generally seemed to feel that as long as development of agricultural integration came about through farmer co-operatives and other farm organizations, it would not prove to be too troublesome to the farmer. At the same time, delegates tabled a resolution suggesting further study into farmers entering retailing of food, indicating that they were not in favor of complete integration of production, processing and selling functions.

Urges Organization
Convention highlights included the addresses of Gordon Greer, Ottawa, president, Dr. H. H. Hannam, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and Hon. William Goodfellow, Minister of Agriculture. Gordon Greer, called on farmers to work closely together in the future, to reorganize the facts of life and stop trying to cope singlehandedly with an organized world. He urged them to form stronger farm marketing organizations and to adopt self-help types of farm marketing programs.

Dr. Hannam pointed out to the delegates that producer marketing boards and the Stabilization Board at Ottawa conflict in their efforts to do the same job for the farmer when the Stabilization Board offers surplus products on the same domestic market that the producer marketing board is offering the same products. He said this was concerning the officials at Ottawa, and that it was the belief of the CFA that there must be ways to effectively dovetail the operations of the two groups.

Dr. Hannam also described the current situation with powdered skim milk. Quotas had recently been based on the Stabilization Board purchases of this supported product.

Voices Support
Hon. Wm. Goodfellow spoke to members and delegates in the afternoon of the second day voicing his support of the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Act, and the Milk Industry Act. He said that he be-

lieved in farmers running their own affairs. He touched briefly on the hog plan of which a plebiscite was held last July, and over which there has been much controversy. When questioned from the floor about his views on the plan he maintained a neutral approach, but did indicate that as time changes conditions, so changes may have to be made in the plan. This remark was misinterpreted by some to mean that the government was going to change the hog plan. Such was not the case.

A H. H. Hannam, Clarkburg, spoke on behalf of Arthur Briggs, president of the Co-operators Insurance Association. He described the development of the company and told delegates about the development of the new CFA life insurance program, due to begin operations in January next year. He thanked members and delegates for their support in the past.

Win Trip
Another highlight of the convention was the selection of the Prince and Princess of the OFA on November 11. Mrs. Mary Hanson of Peterborough was the winning princess and Alan Murray from Cambridge was the winning prince. They received an all expense paid trip to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture annual meeting to be held in Saskatoon in January, 1959, courtesy of the Co-operators Insurance Association. Both of these young people are actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, and went from county eliminations through zone eliminations to the finals in Toronto. They also received trophies from the OFA in recognition of their new titles.

Sessions ended with the election of new officers at the annual meeting held on the evening of November 12.

Re-elect President
Gordon W. Greer, dairy farmer from Ottawa was re-elected president for a second straight term. The coming year was given to William Tilden, farmer from Harrison. A. H. Musgrave, past-president of the

Annual Competition Won by Peterborough

The Inter-County Livestock Judging Competition was held in the Coliseum at the Royal Winter Fair on Thursday of last week. This competition is open to teams of three young men under the age of 26 years, who have not previously represented their county in this competition.

Three Classes
The competitors judge three classes in dairy cattle, three classes in beef cattle, three classes of swine and one class of sheep, and give oral reasons for their placements on all 10 classes.

The Jeffrey Bull Memorial Trophy, which has been an annual competition since the first Royal in 1927, was won by the team representing Peterborough county, Oxford was second, and North Simcoe third.

The Halton team composed of Wm. G. Marshall, Edward Segsworth and Don Taylor, placed 12th in the competition involving 19 county teams.

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Halton County Declares War On All Foxes

Due to the scourge of rabid foxes which is sweeping down over Ontario, which presents a real danger threat to the human population as well as to livestock, Halton County Council approved the recommendation of its Committee on Agriculture at their last session on Tuesday of last week. In brief the bounty on foxes was increased from \$3.00 to \$4.00—a recommendation subject to the approval of Halton's public school inspectors, suggests that a letter on the subject of rabies be sent out to all public schools, alerting the school children on the precautions which should be taken under present conditions.

Special Prizes
County Council further approved offering special prizes to Hunt Clubs or Sportsmen's Associations for the largest bag of foxes during the period November 18th to February 28th 1959. The first prize award will be \$100, second prize \$75, third prize \$50 and fourth prize \$25. These awards are to be in addition to the regular bounty of \$4.00 per fox.

It may be suggested that under existing conditions the bounty should have been placed at a higher figure. Unfortunately, there appears to be no uniformity in the amount of the bounty being paid in surrounding counties.

A MILESTONE
I have always considered that the substitution of the internal combustion engine for the horse marked a very gloomy milestone in the progress of mankind. So said Sir Winston Churchill.

WHO SHOT THE BUCKY?
Two Oakville hunters, Harry Tompkins and Jimmy Holridge, returned from deer hunting with a 250-pound eight-point buck. According to Tompkins, both men spotted the stag at the same time. Both fired. But there was only one bullet hole in the buck's side. Harry Tompkins is, whose bullet hit the target?



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Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane
Woman's Travel Authority

Ever hear of purchases in the winter time? I thought it was a crazy idea—until first. But some friends of mine recently proved to me that it's a fine winter sport for all us non-athletes who like a maximum of fresh air with a minimum of effort. Here's how it works.

First requirement is a sunny, not-too-hot day. There are plenty of these every winter and your local weather bureau can give you this information a day in advance.

Build a batch of hot dogs and slow in a large rounded thermos. Fill another thermos with hot coffee. Blash away a package of rolls and relatives in the trunk compartment of your car.

Round up well and head for a drive into the country, limiting yourself to no more than 40 miles from home base. Take to the back roads where you can park and stroll while sniffing your honest-to-goodness oxygen. If you and your party build upon exertion, there are usually plenty of open fields where the men can play anything from "catch" to touch-football. Food can be eaten outdoors, but you can also eat in the car, where you can turn on the heater.

Lady members enjoy the respite from cooking chores. They say the picnic relieves the monotony so that they're palavers for a suggestion to eat dinner at some pleasant place on the way home.

Name Mac Sprowl New President Of Esqueuing Federation Group

Thursday evening of last week saw the annual meeting of the Esqueuing Federation of Agriculture held in the Esqueuing Township Hall at Stewarttown. Despite disagreeable driving conditions there was a fair attendance but there should have been many more.

The highlight of the evening's program was an address by Dr. W. D. Hopper of the Farm Economics Branch at the Ontario Agricultural College on the subject of Vertical Integration, or so called Contract Farming.

To say the least, his address was thought stimulating or provoking, and perhaps here and there a bit controversial.

The fact that 13 per cent of our population who are engaged in farming receive only seven per cent of our national income indicates that we still have too many farmers—and he added it is only the most efficient with good sized units who will be able to stay in the business of agriculture where the investment per worker at present is around \$30,000, in contrast to \$10,000 per worker in industry.

The program chaired by president J. Norman Bird, also included brief reports by Mrs. Eleanor Coulter, secretary of Halton's Medical Services and A. M. Coulter, secretary of the Halton Federation of Agriculture, who announced that the annual meeting of the Halton Association will be held on December 8th.

The election of officers for 1959 resulted as follows: president, Mac Sprowl; vice-president, Ed Davin; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Brown.

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Butter makes your food taste better. It's the secret of good cooking. It's the secret of good eating. It's the secret of good health. It's the secret of good living. It's the secret of good love. It's the secret of good life. It's the secret of good everything.

do open before Christmas
Some people have a flair for giving. They have a talent and taste for choosing the most exciting Christmas presents. They give the good things that make living more pleasurable. Many of these people will give modern electric appliances this Christmas—and they'll insist on having them ready for use on Christmas day, because they know these appliances will make Christmas (and every day for that matter) a new and exciting experience.
So, this year, do a little hinting. Just say you'd like something wonderful for the household—something the whole family can enjoy. And don't be surprised if you get a superb, modern automatic electric appliance to help you "live better electrically"—the safe, clean, modern way.

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