

Halton Junior Farmers Mark 50th Anniversary at Hornby

Past and present Halton Junior Farmers looked both backward and forward on Saturday evening as 315 of them gathered at Hornby Tower Golf Course near Hornby to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Junior Farmer movement in the county.

They looked backward at 50 years of genuine progress, as guest speaker H. E. Hare of Whitby recalled—the conditions, the work and the people of that first Junior Farmer group in 1915. Mr. Hare was Halton's first agricultural representative, serving in Halton in 1914 and 1915, and the short courses in agriculture he conducted in 1915 led to the founding of the first Junior Farmer organization.

They looked forward, too, to the next half century of work. Jean Hunter, who read out highlights of the past 50 years, pointed out all the members have gained a wealth of learning in working in fellowship with other members, and the work should continue so "we will be better citizens for the welfare of our club, our community, our county and our country."

Present Plaque

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a plaque bearing the names of all the past presidents since 1915. Ed Segsworth, provincial director for Halton, made the presentation to Joseph Willmott, who was president of the second Milton club in 1916, on behalf of all the past presidents. There were 17 former presidents attending.

The crowd enjoyed a barbecued chicken dinner, served buffet style, followed by a horn blowing program and a dance.

Chairman Joe Love, 1965 president of Halton Junior Farmers, explained that although the group celebrated a 25th anniversary in 1959, that celebration marked the 25th anniversary of the county organization which presently comprises four clubs—Acton, Milton, Norval and Palermo. The Saturday celebration was to celebrate the real birth of Junior Farmer work in Halton and was staged 50 years after the 1915 founding of the Milton Junior Farmers.

Introduce Guests

Dignitaries introduced included Mr. Jesse McEnery, president of the Halton Women's Institute; Joe Wickson, president of Burlington Junior Farmers in 1915; Mrs. Pat Squire, home economist; Henry Stanley, agricultural representative; John Cockburn, agricultural representative in Peel county; Geoffrey Taylor, Halton's new extension fieldman; and Harold Thompson, vice-president, who introduced the head table.

Bob Kerr of Acton, Halton's representative to the Provincial Camp this year and vice-president of Acton Junior Farmers, proposed a toast to the Junior Farmers, noting it was "an exciting and worthy organization." R. A. Thompson, secretary-treasurer of the Ontario association, responded and congratulated Halton on "a very important milestone in your progress. We look ahead to a happy and prosperous future for Halton Junior Farmers," he summed up.

The guest speaker, Harold R. Hare, was a Northumberland County native who graduated from the OAC in 1914 and his first job after graduation was two years of work as Halton's first agricultural representative. He left to join the first war and later moved upward in farm management circles, eventually being chosen to go to Iraq and Pakistan as an agricultural representative for the United Nations. His son Dr. Jack Hare, director of agriculture for Expo 67, owns a farm on Highway 25 in Esquew Township.

Mr. Hare reminisced at great length about those early days in Milton, recalling how the short courses he conducted gave birth to Junior Farmers in Halton. "It

is a tremendous satisfaction to me to see what has grown out of that first agricultural short course in Milton," he said. "I am delighted."

Although he has not worked in Halton for close to 50 years, he still thinks of it as "my county," the speaker said. He termed it the "finest county in the whole of Ontario."

Praises Joe Willmott

Of the 20 who attended that first short course, he remembered Joe Willmott, a "shy and backward boy" in 1915. But Mr. Willmott emerged from the course and in the past half century "upheld the traditions, not only of the Willmott name, but has also maintained a sound agricultural tradition for the county," he said.

Archie Service, Ed Harrop and Cecil McCann were also among those in that first course, along with the late Dave Hartley and Archie McNabb. Mr. McCann attended the banquet and sons of Mr. Hartley and Mr. McNabb were in the audience.

Mr. Hare said Milton has "changed so much I don't know where I am" but said he enjoyed touring the town that afternoon before the dinner. "You are lucky to have been born in Halton, right in the middle of the golden horsehoe."

Referring to changes in agriculture over the past half century, Mr. Hare said the greatest reformation was probably in the social life. "Then, everyone stayed at home on the farm, there was always lots to do, with little machinery and everything being done by hand. Then the urban development began, boys and girls left the farm and now only a select few are left to work the farms. Soon taxes will be forcing the more people off the farms, he suggested.

"I think we have seen as much

change in the last 50 years as took place in the last 3,000 years," he summed up.

He spoke at great length about his experiences in Iraq and Pakistan, two lands of poor and hungry people who need help in agriculture to get their countries prosperous again. In closing he warned "poverty anywhere is a threat to prosperity everywhere."

He was introduced by Joy Hayward, a past president, and thanked by Vera Thompson, press reporter for the Halton Junior Farmers, and the Ontario Queen of the Furrow for 1965.

Jean Hunter, HJF secretary, reviewed the history of junior farmers in the county. She noted Wilbert Ford, vice-president, Virgil Hopkins, secretary and Clifford Norrish, treasurer, of the first Junior Farmers in Milton in 1915. In the following year, the Milton club reorganized under J. H. Willmott's leadership and a new club was founded in Burlington, headed by Joseph Wickson.

Junior Farmers throughout the next six to eight years held competitions in livestock judging, field and crop improvement and feeding projects with boys and baby beef.

During this period the Junior Farmers participated in four week short courses in agriculture held at Milton and Guelph. They also entered in judging competitions at the Canadian National Exhibition and the Royal Winter Fair. At these they brought honors to their county.

The Junior Farmers' Plowing Match which is still carried on by the present members was formed in 1945. But one of the most recent attractions at the county plowing match is the Queen of the Furrow contest. In the fall of 1946-47, an inter-club hockey league was first es-

tablished and many hard fought battles between clubs were enjoyed by all. The annual church service was formed in 1950. It was first held in Knox Presbyterian Church in Milton.

The Halton Junior Farmers have participated in several of the functions presented by the Junior Farmer Association of Ontario and have shown outstanding results in many of the competitions.

Today, the white cardigan with the county crest sported by many Junior Farmers at their county functions and Ontario conferences certainly distinguishes every Junior Farmer from Halton. One of the most recent projects has been the sale of 2,500 aluminum cans. The proceeds from these were donated to the Summer School for Retarded Child-

ren at Hornby. At the present, the Junior Farmers are promoting fire safety by selling fire extinguishers. The profits of this venture will be used to purchase a large coffee urn to be placed in the office of the Department of Agriculture for the use of all agricultural organizations in the county.

The growth of the Halton Junior Farmers has more than tripled itself in its 50 years of existence. There has been a consistent and steady progress in the organization. "I'm sure that the past and present members have a great feeling of pride, knowing they have been associated with the various clubs," Miss Hunter said, "and I think there is no doubt in all of our minds that we have gained a wealth of

learning—in working in fellowship with other members for the betterment of our county."

"As Junior Farmers we will be better citizens for the welfare of our clubs, community, county and country," she closed.

Making the presentation of the plaque bearing the names of past presidents, Ed Segsworth read out the names and 17 were in attendance. They included Joe Willmott and Joe Wickson 1916, Archie Kerr 1925, John McNabb 1946, Edna Aitken (Mrs. Michael George) 1947, Cameron Wilson 1948, Stanley Jay 1950, Mac Spradell 1952, Don Matthews 1954, John Pickett 1955, Earl Wilson 1957, Sandy Buchanan 1959, Bill Marshall 1960, Bill Wilson 1961, Ed Segsworth 1962, Joy Hayward 1963 and Joe Love 1965.

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