

## Speaker Urges Farmers To Improve Conditions

As we are all aware farm laborers are becoming more scarce every year. There are several reasons for this trend. Probably competition from industry, where higher wages are paid, and better working conditions are provided, are the main reasons. As a result, the farmer tends to gather the leftover from industry — the unskilled, the crippled, and the unskilled. How, then, can a farm compete with such a low quality labor force at its disposal?

Firstly a farm must try to provide the best wages and working conditions it can, to compete with other industry. The farmer must employ a better share of the more competent workers. Working conditions can be improved a good deal on many farms. Only when these conditions do improve will the quality of the labor improve.

W. S. Lockhart, Assistant Director of the Ontario Pulp and Paper Makers' Safety Association, speaking recently at a meeting of the Toronto Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association, stressed employer-employee relationships as being very important in getting the most out of a work force. Mr. Lockhart stressed the importance of seeing an employee as he actually is, and not as he sees himself or as you, the employer want to see him. He mentioned the many basic needs that an individual has, such as security, belonging, self-esteem, self-fulfillment, and physical needs.

A person who cannot satisfy these needs on a job will not put forth a 100 per cent effort. On the other hand, a person who does

## Bob Blake President Liberals Enjoy Panel Debate

Bob Blake of Oakville was acclaimed president of the Halton Liberal Association for 1966, during the group's annual all-day convention held in Hornby Towers Golf Course on Saturday, March 19.

About 100 attended the business session in the afternoon. Five vice-presidents named included Gerry Addison of Milton, Peter Papillon of Acton, Mrs. Heather Mason of Oakville, Maurice Manderson of Georgetown and Mrs. Dorothy Mullen of Burlington. Treasurer is William Logan of Burlington, and secretary is Mrs. Sally Walker, Oakville.

Retiring president Derek Mason issued a "state of the county" report before leaving the chair, in which he reviewed the successes, some goals only partially attained, and unfortunately some failures in the past year. Halton Liberals welded together a strong association, elected Harry Harley to parliament by a handsome margin, improved its financial position, and became active in district and Ontario groups, he reviewed.

Praises Harley

The president termed the Halton M.P. a "hard working and conscientious member who equal by concerns himself with the affairs of the constituency and the affairs of the House. His increasing responsibilities and the manner in which he conducts himself of them reflect great credit in the riding."

The meeting agreed with a suggestion by George Jackson of Milton to form a committee to look into the rumored capital gains tax and prepare a brief. Mr. Jackson was asked to chair the committee.

Dr. Harley, asked to comment on the Munsinger case, admitted "no member of parliament is very proud of the way things have been going on," but added the affair had been turned over to an inquiry and the business of the house was proceeding. He

described the two-day debate as producing "some of the wildest scenes in the history of parliament—an explosive situation."

The "explosion" was building up for a long time, the M.P. explained. "It goes back to the pipeline debate—the lid had to blow off sometime."

A panel debate featuring controversial comments by M.P.'s Robert Nixon, George Ben and Leonard Braithwaite and chaired by president Blake was cut short for lack of time, but was highly enjoyed by all visitors at the meeting.

With members of the audience and the chairman tossing out the loaded questions, the panellists replied with a volley of criticism and controversial statements.

**Ineffective Opposition**

The panellists agreed the Liberals were not providing a very effective opposition to the Conservative Ontario government, but pointed out they are hamstrung by the rules of procedure. Mr. Braithwaite explained there is no question period in the provincial house as there is federally and opposition ques-

**Blames Press**

Press coverage of Queen's Park also came under fire. The panellists said a Tory minister can stand up and spend an hour telling the house what a good government it has, and the press can quote him. But the opposition gets no opportunity, according to the rules, to question the M.P. publicly, so the general public reads in the papers only what the Conservatives said.

Mr. Braithwaite added "we're flogging a dead horse by discussing all this. It's their ball park, their bat and their ball. If we want to play there we have to play it their way."

**Poet's Corner**

Tho' the walls were bedecked with Shamrocks  
And the date was the first day of spring,  
The green trim and promise of summer  
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We lined up for fruit juice and punctures,  
And a chance to relax for a while.  
Seemed like half the adults in old Acton  
Were standing there in single file.

It sure did my heart good to see them,  
All gathered to do what they could,  
At the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic  
To help a cause that is good.

(Contributed)

## County Cost \$3,000 Split Vote Approves Sending Three Men on Overseas Trip

A proposal to have Halton represented by three on a three and a half week, five-county "study tour" of local government at \$1,000 each ran into stiff opposition at Halton County Council recently, but finally won approval on a split recorded vote.

Deputy Reeve F. Rogers, Burlington pressed for the three man representation, noting the trip would be covered by \$750 and each member of the delegation would be given \$250 for out of pocket expenses. The county's total cost was \$3,000. "It isn't going to be a holiday cruise. It's a tight schedule and we should have a written report from the representatives on their return," he stressed.

Mr. Rogers explained the September trip was booked solid and reservations made last year must now be confirmed. He noted the Plunkett Commission should be reporting about the time the delegation returns and information gained could be helpful in considering this report.

Oakville Deputy Reeve Alan Day suggested the county would not benefit to the extent of \$3,000. Georgetown Reeve W. F. Hunter suggested if members wanted to

on the amount that could be spent for conventions. Reeve Leslie noted budgets were being pared and this appeared to be one place \$3,000 could be cut.

Supporting the sending of three delegates on the study tour were Reeve H. Hinton, Deputy Reeve Rogers, Reeve F. Gallagher, Reeve H. Merry, Reeve W. Coulter and Deputy Reeve W. Leslie. Opposed were Deputy Reeve Parker, Reeve Hunter, Reeve Ledwith, Reeve Leslie, Deputy Reeve Day and Deputy Reeve Hoey.

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## Apartment Fire Safety Discussed by Bureau

Growing concern for the safety of high-rise apartment dwellers was expressed at the March meeting of Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau in Milton, when members of four participating fire departments reviewed the need for simplified instructions for apartment tenants in case of fire.

Bureau members discussed recent fires in Oakville apartment buildings and wondered about the possibility of a standard "what to do in case of fire" instruction sheet, but the task seemed impossible. Members agreed fire escape routes, alarm systems and degree of fireproof construction varied with each building and it would be difficult to set out one sheet of instruction that would suit each building.

**Fire Drills Difficult**

Apartment building has mushroomed in the larger towns in the south of Halton in the past few years, and the northern municipalities appear to be on threshold of apartment development. Oakville firefighters present at the meeting told how difficult it was to stage a fire drill in an apartment building, and suggested the only method of notifying tenants was to mail a notice to each one individually. A lack of cooperation by some owners and superintendents of apartment buildings was also mentioned.

The Bureau decided a simple solution was not readily available but the subject is to be kept on the agenda for discussion at future Bureau meetings, as it was felt apartment fire safety is becoming a serious matter in each municipality.

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First Mortgages	41,561,704	31,600,273
Bonds and Stocks	7,077,248	6,797,104
General Reserve	950,000	800,000
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Dividends to Shareholders	138,336	113,471
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