

Verna Thompson Ontario delegate to Ottawa, Washington conference

Verna Thompson, R.R. 2, Milton, recently returned from Washington, D.C., where she was the delegate representing Ontario's 30,000 Head-Heart-Hands-Health members.

Verna said her trip was highlighted by a reception given 4-H'ers by Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House, an all-state "Breakfast with Congress", and gaining knowledge firsthand about our democratic processes of Canadian and American government. At the Breakfast with Congress, Verna said two members of the Canadian Embassy — Miss Whitman and Mr. Hillhouse — were present. After the break-

fast, Verna and other members of the Canadian delegation called at the Canadian Embassy, where they met Mr. Ritchie, Canada's Ambassador to the United States.

Verna and the other nine Canadian young people were among about 230 outstanding 4-H'ers — four or five girls and boys from each of the 50 states, Puerto Rico, Germany, Nigeria and Japan — who attended the 37th National 4-H Conference in the National Capital of the United States. She and the other Canadian delegates were named by their province for exceptional personal development, community

service, 4-H work and citizenship achievement.

The Canadian group was accompanied to Washington by D. B. Young, past president of the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs and employed by the Canadian Department of Agriculture in Ottawa, and Miss Deldre Gorsuch, Newfoundland, Verna said this year's conference stresses citizenship and the theme was "Springboard for Action". Aims were for the delegates to learn more about the executive, legislative and judicial processes of Canadian and American people and to appreciate more fully youth's citizenship responsibilities and opportunities.

Various speakers on the program included Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman, Sen. Gale W. McGee of Wyoming, Hon. Carl Albert, Oklahoma congressman and House Majority leader, Under-Secretary of Political Affairs Eugene Rostow, former IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange) Lester R. Brown, administrator of the International Agricultural Development Service Dr. Kenneth, Hildebrand, Central Church of Chicago pastor, and Dr. Daniel M. Ogden, who moderated a panel on "How Decisions are made in a Democracy."

Among the numerous activities of the Canadian delegates were first, a visit to Canada's capital, Ottawa. Here, all the delegates assembled from the 10 provinces and stayed at the Chateau Laurier hotel. The ten delegates received their Canadian citizenship papers from the Rt. Hon. L. B. Pearson and later were Mr. Pearson's guests while the House of Commons was in session.

Then members were guests of the Canada Department of Agriculture at a luncheon. The Canadian delegation flew to Montreal and on to New York City where they stayed at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. A tour of New York by night, the United Nations building, and a boat cruise were the highlights of New York.

Special assignments Verna had during the week in Washington were giving a speech on Canada's Centennial Year at a special presentation by the Canadian delegation on Canada's 100th birthday, and leading a sing-song at the 4-H Centre.

The glorious week was ended by a formal Clover Collar Banquet at the Department of State reception area where members were guests of Secretary and Mrs. Orville Freeman and Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, State Department.

Verna has been a Halton county 4-H'er for six years. Verna's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gordon F. Thompson. The Halton County Extension Office has charge of 4-H work in this area and is at Milton. County agricultural representative is Henry Stanley.

Alexander, Bill Alexander, Jeff Nurse, 880 yard relay; Palermo: Bill Bennett, Bill Jackson, Bill Sinclair, Larry Campbell; Norval, Jeff Nurse, Don Hamilton, Bill Alexander, Ernie Alexander.

Charges government offer means nothing, ignores farm request

The president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture says the government has "once again ignored the requests of the farmers."

Charles Munro made the comment following an announcement that the Canadian Dairy Commission "has been authorized by the government to consider applications for supplementary quotas" for milk subsidies for the current dairy year.

The announcement, in a release from the office of J. J. Greene, federal minister of agriculture, said the new quotas will be "to adjust serious inequities which would result" from the present quota policy.

Mr. Munro says the announcement "seems on first reading, to give some help to dairy farmers caught by the original dairy policy."

But, he says, further study shows "there are so many conditions, reservations, and escape clauses, that the whole thing winds up meaning nothing."

Mr. Munro says the statement shows "an utter disregard for the requests of the marching farmers only two weeks ago, for responsible agricultural planning."

"We told the government what we needed," he says. "This latest statement just plays with the fringes of our requests."

He says the only exception is that cream shippers will not have to have a minimum production of 50,000 pounds to get a subsidy next year. The statement says there "would be consultation with producer organ-

izations" about what this minimum amount should be.

The statement says the commission would continue its policy that quotas of producers who sold their herd could be re-allocated to the people purchasing them.

It says, however, that nothing can be done at the moment through re-allocation to help the farmer who increases the size of his operation just before the dairy policy, with its restrictions, was announced.

Help through re-allocation is also not available at the moment, according to the statement, for the farmer whose production was seriously below normal last year because of problems beyond his control, like drought.

In the meantime, it says, the commission now has the power to issue supplementary quotas in these cases. The statement says the commission expects some unused quotas will be available at the end of the year for allocation to these producers "in justifiable cases."

Mr. Munro says the statement "sets no criteria of what constitutes justifiable cases. Who has already been cheated by the dairy policy?"

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Annual field day for Junior Farmers

Halton Junior Farmers held their annual Field Day on May 27 at Acton High School.

Henry Stanley was the official starter with Bill Sinclair acting as chairman for the day's events. The events were started at 9:30 a.m. with good competition in each. However, due to rain in the afternoon, the baseball games had to be cancelled.

A dance was held in the evening to the music of McLeod's orchestra at the Brookville hall. Special guest was Miss Judy Close, a British delegate from the U.K. The Halton Juniors presented her with a birthday cake before the evening ended as May 27 was her 23rd birthday. Judy was able to tell many interesting facts about life in Britain and everyone enjoyed her visit to our county very much.

The following is a list of the results from the Field Day.

GIRLS
75 yard dash: Lois Kirkwood, Helen Johnston, Wilma Mason; 220 yard dash: Lois Kirkwood 36.1 sec., Wilma Mason, Joyce Foster; 440 yard dash: Verna Thompson 90 sec., Lois Kirkwood, Joyce Foster; discuss: Verna Thompson 76 2/3, Joyce Foster, Lois Kirkwood; shot put: Verna Thompson 26 7/8, Lois Kirkwood, Linda Foster.

440 yard relay: Acton 1 min. 14.2 sec., Joy Hayward, Linda Foster, Joyce Foster, Helen Johnson; Norval, Doreen Harrop, Mary Hamilton, Margaret Oliphant, Wilma Mason.

Running broad jump: Verna Thompson, Wilma Mason, Helen Johnson; high jump: Wilma Mason, Joyce Foster; Linda Foster; hop, step and jump, Wilma Mason, Mary Hamilton, Joy Hayward softball throw, Joyce Foster, Wilma Mason, Linda Foster.

BOYS
100 yard dash: Larry Campbell 11.75, Bill Jackson, Bob Foster; 220 yard dash, Jeff Nurse 25.5, Bill Jackson, Bob Foster; one mile: Bill Alexander 6 min., Al Hayward, Don

Hamilton; running broad jump: Larry Campbell 15' 3", Al Hayward, Bill Alexander; high jump: Jeff Nurse 5', Larry Campbell, Ray Swackhamer; hop, step and jump: Larry Campbell 33' 4", Al Hayward, Ray Swackhamer.

Shot put: Jeff Nurse 35', Larry Bennett, Larry Campbell, discuss: Jeff Nurse 97', Larry Bennett, Larry Campbell; 440 yard dash: Jeff Nurse 69.5 sec., Bill Jackson, Bill Sinclair; 880 yard dash: Bill Alexander 2 min. 34 sec., Ray Swackhamer, Don Hamilton.

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Reaching assists lower water fatalities

If a person is drowning, avoid coming in contact with him, warns Hal Wright, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food safety specialist. "Reaching Assists" should be used in such rescue operations. Last year 360 persons drowned in Ontario, at least six of them because they tried to save others. Why? Either they did not know how to swim or the ones they were trying to save inadvertently caused a double tragedy.

"A drowning person is desperate and will clutch anything," warns Mr. Wright. The rescuer's neck is out of the water and makes a good target. Even a three-year-old child when frightened has the strength to strangle a strong man.

Rubber tires, towels, chairs, fishing poles, picnic hampers — ANYTHING THAT KEEPS THE RESCUER AT LEAST TWO ARMS LENGTHS FROM A DROWNING PERSON — will serve as "reaching assists". Mr. Wright adds this warning: "From a wharf, in a boat, or at a swimming pool, when using a 'reaching assist', crouch low, and hold onto the side so you won't be pulled in yourself."

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THE HEATHER BELLES Scottish dancers will perform at Nassagaweya Centennial Celebrations June 23 and 24 at the Mohawk Raceway — where the action is. Mademoiselle Fifi and her celebrated Can-Can Dancers will be there too.

Halton crop report

Rain insures normal crops

By H. J. Stanley
During the past week between three and four inches of rain has fallen in Halton County. This rain was desperately needed to insure a normal crop of hay and grains. With the cool and damp weather earlier this spring, the seeding of spring grains was greatly delayed. Soils were difficult to work, and extra cultivations were required to prepare the seed bed.

Just two inches of rain fell in May, and combined with the extra cultivation of the fields, soils dried out very rapidly. Rainfall during the past week combined with our warm tem-

peratures will give maximum growth of both crop and weeds. Farmers who have not yet sprayed their corn with Atrazine should do so immediately. Weeds are growing very rapidly and just a few days' delay can mean the difference between a good and poor control. One and one half gallons of the light mineral oil should be used in combination with Atrazine on emerging weeds.

Farmers growing corn on our heavy clay soils might be well advised to cultivate their corn fields as soon as they are dry enough. The large amount of rain has compacted the soil surface, and is not permitting a correct balance between soil and water, for maximum growth. A shallow cultivation of not more than two inches can let in oxygen and help to restore the correct balance. Cultivation trials on heavy clay soils following the heavy June rains last year gave some increases on corn. Winter killing occurred on

some of the poorer drained hay and pasture fields this spring, although not as serious as in the spring of 1966. Growth up until recently has been considerably below normal, but is now accelerating. Farmers who find that they are short of hay following the first cut, should consider fertilizing their fields for a higher yield in the second cut.

RAILROAD CROSSINGS

While we have unfortunately become used to the number of car accidents that happen on our highways, car accidents at railway crossings always make the headlines because usually someone is killed. According to the highway experts the fatality rating is one out of every four involved, whereas one out of every 36 people involved are killed in other traffic accidents. This in itself should be a sufficient reason to treat railway crossings with the respect they deserve.

One princess alone in race

There is no big rush of contestants so far seeking the title of "Halton Dairy Princess" for 1967. As of Tuesday, just one entry has been reported.

Carol Swackhamer of Acton has entered the contest and the organizers, the Halton County Milk Committee, are hoping several other young farm ladies will enter the contest. The judging takes place on Saturday, July 15 at Hornby Garden Party, where the girls will be required to milk a cow using a machine and give a short talk on Halton's Dairying Industry. The winner goes on to compete at the C.N.E. for the Ontario title.

All girls aged 17 to 26 as of August 18, 1967 are invited to enter. Forms are available from the Halton Department of Agriculture and Food office in Milton.

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Marchers demanding meeting with Greene

The farmers who last month marched on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, now say they want another meeting with the government.

And they want it soon. The Ottawa March Committee has sent a telegram to Agriculture Minister J. J. Greene, asking for the meeting before June 23. The committee, which Thursday in Toronto held its first meeting since the big march, says it wants to find out what the government plans to do about the requests the farmers made when they went to Ottawa.

(The Ottawa demonstration finally broke up when the minister of forestry, Maurice Sauve, promised the marchers he and Mr. Greene would take

their requests to the cabinet by June 10.)

The telegram was signed by Charles Munro, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, John Dolmer, president of the Ontario Farmers' Union, and Lionel Sorel, president of the Union Catholique des Cultivateurs.

Mr. Sorel said following the meeting that the committee is "giving the government three days of grace, after the date when they said they would have an answer for us."

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