

Detrimental to farmer, small business — John Root



AN EXCELLENT CROWD ATTENDED the 4-H careers seminar at O.S.D. Thursday. Former Taylor talk briefly about career opportunities. 4-H member Bill Jackson, present member Lois

Problems farmers would face if the work week was reduced from 48 to 40 hours were outlined by John Root, M.P.P. from Wellington-Dufferin during discussion of the debate of the Employment Standards Act in the Ontario Legislature recently.

The Liberal member from Dovercourt, Mr. De Monte, moved an amendment to the Act to reduce the work week and both the N.D.P. and Liberal parties supported it.

Mr. Root commented: "Mr. Chairman, I would like to make one or two comments. If we are going to reduce the work week to 40 hours, eight hours a day, you are creating a very difficult situation for the basic industry of agriculture. Quite

frankly I am surprised to hear the leader of the Opposition go on record as favouring a 40-hour week. I realize the N.D.P. have no rural members in their ranks and they might go for that."

D. C. MacDonald, Member from York South started to ask Mr. Root where he was "last night when we were....."

But the Member from Wellington-Dufferin contended: "A 40 hour week with an eight-hour day means that the farmers' help would work five days a week. Now we have not developed cows yet that would stop milking Friday night and come back on Monday morning. The help will lay all over the weekend and if the

farmer did not look after his livestock over the weekend you would have the humane society breathing down your neck."

Mr. Nixon: "How are you going to accommodate the 48 hours without breaking the law?"

There were several more interjections by Members before Mr. Root concluded: "So you have a situation where you are asking the farmer to bid in the same labour pool where people have that protection. We work with the weather, and if you start work at seven in the morning your eight hours are up at three in the afternoon. And anyone who farms knows that it is about the time when the combine is working to advantage, when you are harvesting. At that time you start to pay time and a half, so I am suggesting that the hon. members opposite who are supporting the idea of a 40-hour week with an eight-hour working day, completely forgot the basic industry of agriculture and I would hope that this amendment would be unanimously defeated."

N.D.P. leader Donald C. MacDonald, however, thought the province is predominantly industrial and should be leading the way to protect the unorganized workers.

He said: "This bill, when it was introduced, was typical of the kind of bill you would expect to come from a Tory government. This is a predominantly industrial province and this province should be leading in this field. That the government should profess to be doing something to protect the interests of the unorganized and come, in the year 1968, with a bill for a 48-hour week is proof of just how far behind an industrial province this government is in its thinking."

But if you wanted the thing nailed down, our friend from Wellington-Dufferin certainly nailed it down, because he revealed that at least his aspect of the party is tied to the horse and buggy. And he expects the rest of the province—75 to 80 per cent or approaching that of an urbanized area—to be tied to the horse and buggy along with him."

Mr. Root's parting shot was delivered outside the House when he accused the Opposition parties, in particular the N.D.P.,

of not being sincere about their interest in small farmer problems.

The only type of farm that could successfully operate under a 40-hour week, suggested Mr. Root, would be a large corporation-type farm where a number of employees would be hired and the work hours staggered.

Mr. Root also felt the 40-hour week could have the same effect on small business, driving agriculture and business into the hands of large corporations.

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125 at 4-H careers seminar hear lectures on future work

By Jim Jenkins

About 125 people were present at the Halton 4-H Careers Seminar held on Thursday at the Ontario School for the Deaf, Milton. The audience heard from several special speakers during the course of the evening. Donald Taylor of the Ford Motor Company in Bramalea spoke of "Industry as a Career" for agriculturally trained people. A great deal of engineering and capital goes into the production of farm implements produced by the Ford Motor Company.

George Greenless, Assistant Sales Manager for the Halton Purine Company, Southern Ontario area, spoke on sales as being a career that students with an agricultural background and with a degree or diploma might consider. He indicated that the degree of diversification in the field is vast, but stated, as did Mr. Taylor, that the better a person's education the more promising is his future.

Peter Hamon, a Guelph area farmer and a graduate of the University of Guelph, stated that a person should enter the career best suited to him, whether it be sales, industry, or farming. He said the farmer of today and the farmer of the future must be a

competent manager, capable of handling large amounts of borrowed money.

Geoff Taylor, former Extension Assistant for the counties of Halton and Peel, spoke on the Civil Service (especially the Ontario Department of Agriculture

and Food) as a career. It was indicated by Mr. Taylor that service is the aim of every extension worker. He emphasized, as did the other speakers, that education was the prime factor in determining the depth of a person's opportunities as he faces the challenge of his career.

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Curling contacts

Curling Club contacts are still being made for shares in the proposed new building. Reports are that the canvassers are doing very well.

Another need of the times is a typewriter that will make a non-committal wiggle when you are not sure about the spelling.

Local girl chosen for 4-H conference

By Kathy Williams
Home Economist

On June 25, 26, 27 and 28 the annual Girls' Conference for 4-H Homemaking Club members will be held at the University of Guelph. Two hundred delegates from all parts of Ontario will meet together and take part in group discussions and listen to speakers on the theme "A Girl and Her Goals."

Hay competition winners named

Winners of the hay competition sponsored by the Acton Agriculture Society are as follows:

Alex McPhedran, 92 points; Don Matthews, 91 points; Melvin McCullough, 88 points; Wallace Lasby and Sons, 87 1/2 points; Norman Harris, 86 points; Duncan McPhedran, 85 points; George Wallace, 84 1/2 points; Calvin Aitken, 84 points; Wallace Swackhamer, 83 1/2 points; R. M. Storey, 83 points.

18 fields were scored by R. Alexander, Georgetown, in a very strong competition.

Halton County Credit Union reports on successful year

Reports on a very encouraging first year of operation were heard by members of the Halton County Employees Credit Union, at the organization's first annual meeting held at the Manor in Milton last week.

The board of directors' first annual report showed the year had been a rewarding one, with \$11,656 in shares and personal loans totalling \$12,325. Directors declared a five per cent dividend on shares and a 10 per cent rebate on loan interest. There are presently over 90 members.

A citation was presented by Board of Directors president S. A. Allen to Garfield Brown, county clerk-administrator, in recognition of his work in founding the credit union.

The 1968 officers were elected, with most officers returned to the same positions for the second year. The board of directors includes Mr. Allen, Robert Beach, Mrs. Eva Hankins, George Duncan and Clare McKay. Credit committee is composed of George Hilson, George Tocher and Mrs. L. Becker, while the supervisory

committee includes Jack Corbett, Mr. R. E. Jackson and Mrs. G. Winnie.

1,300 children four C.V.C.A. farm, parks

More than 1,300 Public School children from schools in the Credit River Watershed have visited the Hillaburg Farm, toured the nature area at Terra Colla or enjoyed illustrated talks about Conservation since June 1, Information Officer Joan Rollings reported to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority last week.

These youngsters were in all age groups from Grade One to Eight and were full of enthusiasm for the outdoors, the animals and equipment at the farm and the pictures and talks given in the classroom.

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