

# District 5 Agricultural Societies Met at Caledon

**G. I. Nodwell, Orangeville, and Miss Charlotte McCullough, Georgetown, Re-elected Director and Secretary, Respectively**

The annual meeting of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies District No. 5 was held in Caledon Township hall, Saturday, November 8 at 1.30 p.m. when a good representation was present.

Those present from the Esqueping Agricultural Society at Georgetown were: Miss C. McCullough, Miss Marjorie Gault, Mrs. J. Ellerby, Mrs. G. McGilvray, Mrs. P. W. Cleave, Treasurer P. W. Cleave and Secretary G. L. McGilvray.

The meeting was called to order by District Director George I. Nodwell of Orangeville. The secretary, Miss Charlotte McCullough, read the minutes of the last meeting.

J. A. Carroll introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Irvin McMahon, President Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies. His talk was very interesting. He suggested taking stock of 1947 fairs with a view to overcoming the weaknesses in 1948 fairs. He said that "The strength of the nation is no stronger than the fibre of the home in the community" and that the value of fair work could not be judged merely in dollars and cents. "Try to keep out of a rut and advance," urged the speaker. He also suggested that committees be formed to visit the different fairs and get new ideas and also that all directors should be on time early in the morning to welcome the exhibitors and late at night to bid them farewell, and invite them to return again next year. "Youth should be given a very important place, as in a few years the young people will be the men and women carrying on the fair," Mr. McMahon pointed out.

Mr. J. A. Carroll then spoke and reminded those present that it was over 30 years since he first came to Caledon and that he was pleased to see that Caledon was continuing to hold prominence as a great agricultural centre. Fair grounds should be kept neat and tidy and committees should be appointed that will assume responsibilities, said Mr. Carroll. Mrs. Alex McKinney, Brampton lady director then spoke briefly saying how the fairs should build up instead of just carrying on at the same level.

The ladies then adjourned to the Caledon Public Library for their meeting. District Director, Mrs. Alex McKinney then occupied the chair. Secretary for this meeting was Miss Marjorie Cluff. Roll Call was well responded to by "Something of interest from the fair". This brought forth some splendid suggestions. Mrs. Ellerby of Georgetown gave a splendid talk on Women's Institute Booths, not as a competition but as a boost to help the fair halls and show what the women of the different societies were doing. She said that school

work exhibits and Junior Farmer projects should be greatly encouraged. Mrs. Dutton read a report on "What constitutes a Ladies Board" sent by Mrs. C. H. Cook of Cooksville who was unable to attend.

Mr. Carroll conducted the installation of the officers for 1948. The following were elected: District Director, Mrs. J. R. Summerville, Acton; Vice Director, Miss Mary Sweeney, Caledon.

At the men's meeting each fair board reported briefly on any changes or improvement that had been made to their respective fairs. The junior activities and baby contests were mentioned by most of the representatives as being particularly outstanding this year. Streetsville representatives reported that there were 62 entries in the baby contest there this year.

Mr. Bruce Beer, Agricultural Representative for Peel County spoke on the various ways in which Junior Farmers could help fall fairs. "Fair boards must be junior minded and to a great extent the success of a fair depends on the junior section," said Mr. Beer. He went on to say that junior farmers should hold positions on fair boards so that they can give their assistance and ideas to the older members. There should be special junior classes at all fairs so that the young people will not be outclassed by older and more experienced exhibitors. "The amount of money given for each prize should be reduced so that it is worth while for juniors to compete, and it would be a good plan to give a prize for the junior who wins the most points in the fair," said Mr. Beer.

In his closing remarks he suggested that there be the right type of entertainment at the fairs to attract the young people. Sports events and other activities of this nature would attract the young people, he added. The election of officers followed Mr. Beer's talk and Mr. George I. Nodwell, Orangeville, president and Miss Charlotte McCullough, Georgetown, secretary were re-elected for a second term of office.

The ladies then rejoined the men's meeting in the township hall.

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A group of trained Christian teachers from a Bible School in Toronto are conducting an undermunicipal Sunday School each Sunday afternoon in the Oddfellows Hall. In order to encourage memorizing of Bible verses, regular attendance, and the bringing of new scholars, the promise to send some boy or girl from Georgetown to a beautiful camp for two weeks next summer, as a reward for winning the contest.

This camp is situated on Lake Mary, in the Muskoka district and offers canoeing, swimming, land sports, an abundance of wholesome food, and a Christian atmosphere with a program designed to develop the character of the young people who are privileged to attend.

Similarly, the Georgetown Bible School desires to instruct young people in Bible truths with a view to developing Christian character, and is designed to fulfill this desire in a modern way which is attractive to the scholars. Contests, colored lantern slides, Flannelgraphs and Object Talks are some of the means used in conveying the gospel to their young minds.

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