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Keep 'Em on the Farm? Who'd Want to Leave It? Ask 1952 Country Youth

As written in the Toronto Daily Star
 Of all the silly songs which have been written the silliest is not "The Little White Cloud" but "Howya Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm?"

That is according to a strictly partial view of admittedly prejudiced people, the young farmers themselves.

"Most people don't leave the farm because they want to. They have to do it out of economic necessity," said David Pelletier, of Milton, in a discussion that followed his election as president of the Junior Farmers of Ontario. It has about 12,000 members throughout the province.

With his honours thick upon his 21-year-old chest, he left the conference at Guelph OAC with others who shared this belief, including Della Romagnoli of Beaverville and Mildred Parkinson of Hillsburgh, two farm girl delegates and Don Middleton of Granton.

The four could count on international support for they had two visitors from New York state, William Cheney of Pulaski and Ruth Dickens of Victor.

Hick's Day is Over

Sitting down to cakes and coffee at the home of a friend, young Pelletier remarked: "Where do people get the idea that a farm boy is never seen without a lantern in one hand and a pitch fork in the other? The day of the country hick has passed, but the cities still have their hoodlums."

Last time he was attending to a show herd at the Royal Winter Fair, he recalled, he fell into conversation with a city visitor who told him "So you are a farmer, eh? Well, you certainly don't look like one."

Now the president wonders, "What is a country bumpkin supposed to look like?"

The farm girl delegates say the farmer's son dresses as smartly as the city slicker. Usually he looks more wholesome—and handsomer.

"And farmers' children are better dressed than average," said Cheney.

Don Middleton also argued that more young people would stay on the farm if the farm could support them. "They have to leave for the city to earn a living," he pointed out. "As a rule one farm will not support more than one family. The farmer likes to see his son carry on but when he has more than one the others must strike out for themselves."

Many farms, he argued, are handed down from father to son so that the son who receives it can be regarded as the "white haired boy."

"It's an honour to be on the farm, as I said," put in Pelletier.

Better Fed, Quartered

Granted that, as in his own case, the farm youth must be out of bed by 8 a.m. and may not be finished for supper before 7 p.m. and may have to work after even then in harvest time, he is better fed and quartered than any other single class of worker, he pointed out.

"A farm hand today can make between \$75 and \$100 a month and his bed and board cost him nothing," he went on. "The result is that at the end of the month he can bank more than the city youth."

There is not the same competition for jobs, either, among experienced help and not the same need for union security you have in industry, the president pointed out. "If the hired man is good, the farmer wants to keep him."

Cheney said "Even the farm help that is brought out from Europe isn't competition. Some of the newcomers are only here a short time until they try to tell their employers how to run their farms. They want to put in the methods they followed back home and though they aren't nearly as well suited to this country."

Hardships Disappear

"On the farm we have every convenience that the city person has and then some," put in Della Romagnoli. "Many of the hardships of farm life have disappeared with electric power and mechanization."

"And on the farm you learn how to be a true neighbour," went on Miss Parkinson. "In the city you don't get to know the person next door and often you don't want to. In the country you establish lifelong friendships. People are far more sociable and everyone knows it."

The president said he had noticed a greater interest in sports among farm youth. The rural softball

leagues are getting better crowds and farmers are not prejudiced against the games as they once were fearing they interfered with work.

"Our young people's groups are interested in debating, theatricals, public speaking," he said. "We have choirs and hobbies and contests."

His ambition, he added, is to put himself through OAC as he has his senior matriculation. After that, he would either like to farm himself or qualify as an agricultural representative.

SILVER-WOOD

COMMUNITY GROWS BY SIX HOMES PLANNED

Many new homes have been started in the community. Mr. Russell Miller will build a house this spring on a lot on the northern extremity of the E. L. Miller farm, eighth line. On the highway, adjacent to the lot of Clare Burns, a new home is being built by Lloyd Grace. On the lot south of Mr. and Mrs. Rundle, on the highway, Mr. Lorne Norton will build. Good progress is being made on the bungalow-type house being erected on the sidewalk by Mr. R. J. Corbett, and on an adjoining lot Mr. Bailey of Norval has excavated the cellar for his new home.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Penson included Mr. and Mrs. Dave Penson of Brampton, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Penson and children of Milton, also Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beatty of Hamilton.

The residents of Silver-Wood community join in extending hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William McCullough on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs. W. J. Itoe is spending a few days this week in Guelph.

Visitors last week end with Mrs. W. J. Itoe and Mr. William Lane included Mr. and Mrs. N. O. MacLeod of Sudbury, Mrs. Wilfred Robinson of Guelph and Mr. S. L. Miller of London.

Miss Marilyn Souther spent her

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holiday week in Toronto with her friend, Miss Lynda Dunsmore, while Mr. Earl Harding of Toronto spent a week at Pine Acres, the guest of Mr. Don Souther.

Amongst the finalists to attend the Halton Musical Festival in Milton on May 8th, are Marilyn Souther, Eileen Vary, Cheryl Trow, and David Kidney from the Stone School. They are being trained by Miss Marlon Hepburn, ARCT, their music supervisor.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stollery and their four-year old son Kenny of Ottawa were week end visitors at Pine Acres, the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Souther.

A quite rare bird of prey was captured recently by Don Souther. It was a great horned owl whose wingspread measured four and one half feet. Don, who is interested in amateur photography, got an interesting shot as well as ridding the district of the poultry pest.

Miss Marie Barbour of Silver-creek, a member of the teaching staff of Cooksville Public School, has purchased a house on John St. in Georgetown, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Whitworth and Elaine.

A very pleasant evening of euche, sponsored by Silver-Wood Women's Institute, was spent in the Stone School on Tuesday, April 22. Mrs. D. Charles and Mrs. G. Burt were the first and second prize winners for the ladies. Mr. P. Miller and Mr. H. Campbell for the men. Mr. G. Burt held the lucky door prize ticket. After cards a delicious lunch was served by the committee in charge: Mrs. H. Bell, Mrs. H. Marchington, Mrs. J. Snow, and Mrs. T. Appleyard.

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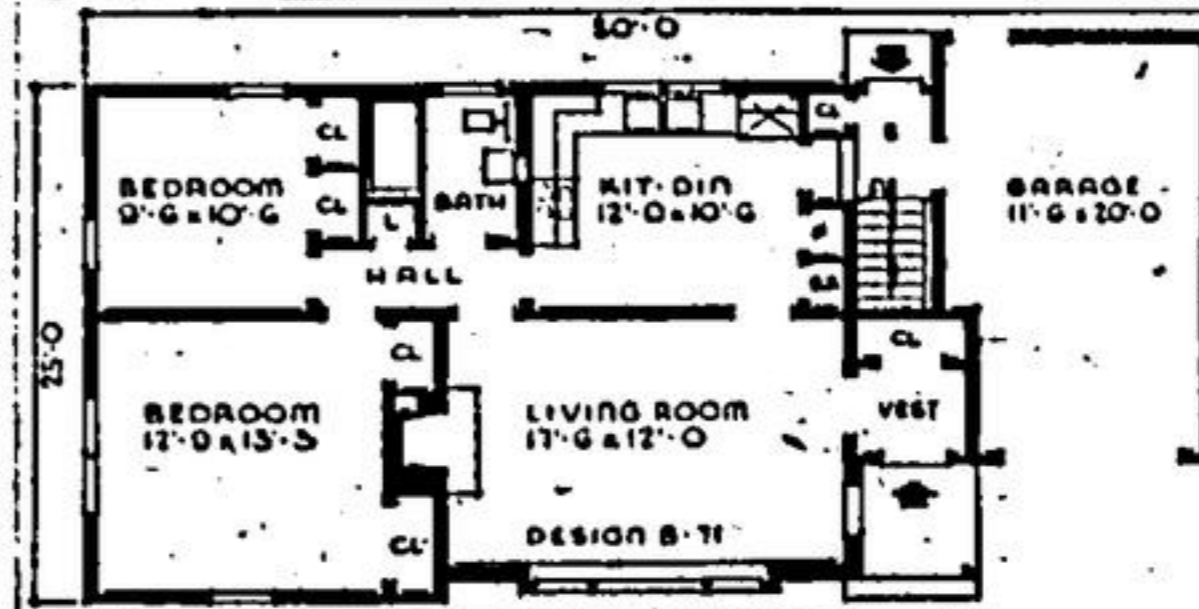
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The generous amount of closet space, small hall leading to all rooms and simplified plumbing installation with kitchen and bathroom adjoining, make the floor plan arrangement of THE BENNETT exceptional. There is a total of nine closets. A coat closet for each entrance, broom and pot and pan closets in the kitchen; a linen closet in the hall and twin closets in the bedrooms. High side windows in the bedroom offer additional wall space for furniture.

cubic feet, including the basement. The main body of THE BENNETT is 38 feet by 24 feet. It has an area of 817 square feet, without the garage. There is a volume of 17,423

For further information about THE BENNETT, such as blueprints, financing under N.H.A. or costs, see

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