

Mac Sprowl is Winner Of Overseas Scholarship

LEAVES IN APRIL FOR SIX MONTHS IN ENGLAND

Halton farm folk are delighted to learn that Mac Sprowl, past president of the Halton Junior Farmers, has been awarded one of the two Nuffield Foundation Scholarships for Canada. The announcement made by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture reveals that the two scholarships awarded to Canadian farmers for 1954 go to Kenneth Ellison, of British Columbia, and Mac Sprowl, of Acton R. 4. These scholarships entitle the two young men to six months study and work in Great Britain with all expenses paid. They are made possible through the Lord Nuffield Foundation. This will be the fourth consecutive year in which such scholarship awards have been made.

Each county and district in Ontario was given the privilege of nominating one candidate. Mr. Sprowl was selected some weeks ago as the Ontario candidate from those nominated, the Ontario Selection Committee being V. S. Milburn, secretary manager of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture; J. A. Garner, director of extension, Ont. Dept. of Agriculture and T. R. Hillard, secretary treasurer of Junior Farmers' Assoc. of Ontario. Candidates were between 25 and 35 years of age, and engaged in practical agriculture. In the selection, considerable importance was placed on the candidates' participation in 4H Club and Junior Farmer work, and their contribution to agriculture, through community, township and county organizations.

Mac is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Sprowl, Lot 25 of the 3rd Line of Esqueping. Following graduation from Acton High School,

Mac has played an active part in the 4H Boys and Girls' Clubs and Junior Farmer programme of Halton County. In 1951 he was president of the Acton Junior Farmers, where he rendered outstanding service. The following year he was president of the Halton Juniors, and under his leadership they maintained the high standard of former years. He has also been a director of the Esqueping Township Federation of Agriculture, active in Young People's work in his home church, president of the Acton Agricultural Society in 1953; and also county director from the Halton Junior Farmers on the board of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario. He was also a member of the Halton team representing Halton which placed third in the inter-county livestock judging competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in 1951.

Mr. Sprowl is a worthy winner and his friends will be happy that his outstanding contribution to agriculture in his community, township, county and province has been recognized in this fine way. The two winners will leave for Great Britain around April 1st.

MAY GETS DAMAGES BRAMPTON WIDENING

The town of Brampton will pay \$1550 as a cash settlement to Howard May, Main Street North realtor for damage done to his property during street widening in Brampton last summer.

Mr. May, a former Esqueping resident who was township reeve and Halton's warden during his tenure of office, is now the J. A. Willoughby representative in Brampton.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH J. D. G.

"Windows toward God" was the subject of Sunday morning meditation at St. John's United Church. Rev. John M. Smith based his message on the words of Job "Stand still and consider the wonderful works of God. . . the wonderful works of Him that hath perfect knowledge" and the account of Daniel, "his windows being open towards Jerusalem he prayed three times a day and gave thanks before his God." We live in a mad world of hurrying hither and thither, busy with this and that; often too busy to stop and consider from whence we came, where we are going, too busy to pause and consider the works of God all about us, the wonderful works of the God that hath perfect knowledge. And if we are too busy to do this, then we are indeed "too busy" and it will pay us to cut our program somewhere else, and take time out to consider the ways of God. The "pause that refreshes," is a well known physical slogan, and nowhere does it apply more thoroughly than in the spiritual realm "Wait on the Lord, and He shall renew Thy strength."

Open your windows toward God and offer your prayers of thanks and gratitude to Him, and receive strength and courage, guidance and blessing on your way. If Job could say "Stand still and consider the wonderful works of God" surely we can. We plan our homes so that our windows open to that which is best, why not open the windows of our souls to that which is highest and best. As Christians we should easily know that this world, even with all man's turmoil, is God's creation, and all men and women, boys and girls, black, brown or white, are all His by right of His creative powers. He claims them as His own. In His Providence He has made provision for them all; in His love he has made a way of salvation for them, forgiveness for their disloyalty to Him, and a way back. But He needs our cooperation. God's laws that made telephone, radio, television, etc. possible, have always been here — a long, long, time, yet how recent has man's cooperation made them usable to man!

How soon will man cooperate with God to find a way to make God's greater blessings available to the hungry, naked and oppressed people who are looking so longingly to us, we who have the goods and the brain and the brawn, often the heart, if only we could know how urgent is the need for our even agonizing uttermost cooperation? So let us open our windows toward God in gratitude and thanks for His many blessings; in intercession for others less fortunate than we; in petition that man would heed and would help God to have his blessings, material and spiritual, spread and shared. That is what God is looking to us for.

One cannot easily forget the sentence in a letter received a few years ago telling of the experience of a young family in their first contact with this their new land of hope. It had been very cold and very hard. The sentence summed it up in a way that suggested it was not easy to understand: "Cold and hungry in Canada where they have everything." And there are others like them in our midst, no fault of their own, so, "Stand still and consider; count your blessings gratefully, and open your windows wide toward God", remembering the words of Jesus "Inasmuch as ye have done in unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

The choir's anthem was "Send forth Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead me."

Mr. V. Stein and Mr. Alfred Tost sang "Hold Thou my hand, dear Lord."

At the evening service Rev. John M. Smith's subject was "The Conflict of the old and the new." As Christians where should we be true to the old, and where take up the new? When do we believe it is for good to break with tradition, even bringing conflict between the old and the new? We should hold fast to the old when it serves God's purpose, when it is something that matters and is solid, and fulfils His will. When it is something trivial and hindering God's real purpose in the world, it must be dropped even at a cost, traditional though it may be. When Jesus called Matthew the tax collector to follow him, He was conflicting with the old caste system which was holding His real work back. He made a break with the old, answering the criticism with "They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." Let us watch that our Christian tradition, our faith of our fathers, is on solid ground, serving God's purpose and will, and not lulling us into a righteous satisfaction as that of the scribes and Pharisees, which Jesus condemned.

Mr. V. Stein sang "The beautiful garden of Prayer." Mrs. James Evans was at the piano.

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