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## FIRE BUREAU PLANNING FULL PREVENTION PROGRAM

At the monthly meeting of the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau held in the Milton town hall, Chief A. E. Clement of Milton, who is chairman of the Bureau, praised the work of the various members and committees who were responsible for winning the Special Recognition Award For Outstanding Fire Prevention Activities. Halton was the only county in Canada so recognized.

Although full details have not as yet been received from the Fire Marshal's office, it was significant that the International Fire Prevention Office has made an official news release to that effect.

Chief Clement said: "Since this was the first year we have been organized, we feel it is quite an accomplishment, however, it is only a start in the right direction and we are going to start this year off by distributing 20,000 folders entitled: 'Check your Home for Electrical Fire Hazards.' He went on to say: "The misuse of electricity caused 2,577 fires with a loss of \$2,838,022 in the Province of Ontario during 1956. One out of every ten fires in Ontario was caused by the misuse of electricity."

The Bureau, which is comprised of representatives of the various fire departments in Halton county, and representatives from the Oakville-Trafalgar Chamber of Commerce, decided to bring in recommendations at the next meeting to be held on February 13th, for a year round fire prevention programme. New officers will be elected at that time.

## NIGHT SCHOOL

### OIL PAINTING

Teacher, Frank Black  
80 Guelph Street

One thing encouraged in this class is that the students should experiment, and should try to create something that expresses our own individuality. They are encouraged to deviate from a too exact reproduction of the subject, whether they are painting from still life, or sketching out of doors.

Instead of the timid approach, Frank Black stresses the bold, adventurous style for the beginner, because it tends to produce a painting full of character and individuality.

His opinion: there are some very promising painters in Georgetown. Hilda Boyce, 19 King St. W.; Mrs. R. G. Moffat, 5 Joseph St.; Mrs. John Milton, 67 Guelph St.; Mrs. Frank Whitmee, 18 Young St.; Mrs. Donald Harris, 55 Byron St.; Mrs. Edna McKibbin, 172 Guelph St.; Mrs. M. Powers, 144 Rexway Dr.; Mrs. Wm. Martin, 124 Prince Charles; Mrs. Joseph Easton, Glen Williams; Mrs. Gerald McCrea, 14 Sarah St.; Lillian Wolfe, Terra Cotta; Mrs. M. H. Mellor, 9 Clevechoime Dr.; Mrs. Clarence Hayes, 14 Academy Rd.; Mrs. Harold Bairstow, 12 Chipper Court; Mrs. Robert Burns, 4 Edith St.; Mrs. Robert Burke, 16 Mill St.; Mrs. John Noble, Norval; Mrs. E. R. Burk, Norval.

## NIGHT SCHOOL

### OIL PAINTING

Teacher, Dorothy Stone  
R. R. 3, Georgetown

A student said, when interviewed: "When we first saw our collection of paint tubes and our nice clean brushes and palettes, it was hard to believe that out of them would come pictures that we actually painted ourselves."

We just played about with colours for the first three nights, doing things we were told were "Abstracts." We were a bit startled by the results. Some of them looked better upside down than right side up, and our families, when we brought them home, thought we had taken leave of our senses.

But when we were given a "still life" to do at the fifth lesson, we found we were used to handling paints and brushes and could mix some rather lovely colours all by ourselves without having to scream for help.

"Still Life" can be fun. For one thing the models stay put, and our results actually look like what they are supposed to be.

Those of us who are taking oil painting for the second year find that the problems of last winter are no longer problems, and our families are no longer investigating the accommodation at the mental hospital just in case.

One thing we know — even after such a short time we are seeing the world around us in a different light, and we are able to look at pictures with more understanding.

"Oil painting is fun."  
Mrs. Morris Goudetling, 8 Prince Charles Dr.; Mrs. Richard Welton, 24 Queen St.; Mrs. George H. Leslie, R. R. 4; Hope Keenan, 39 Edith St.; Mrs. Tony King, 12 Queen St.; Mrs. Jean Cummins, 18 George St.; Mrs. John S. Harris, 11 River Drive; Mrs. Alan Beardmore, R. R. 4; Mrs. Robert Hess, Terra Cotta; Mrs. L. Wolf, Terra Cotta; Mrs. Anne Warn, Terra Cotta; Robert Wolf, Terra Cotta; Mrs. Mary McKinney, 51 Edith St.; Mrs. Norma Marchmont, 79 Maple Ave. W.

## Halton's Federal Member Speaks On Farm Aid Bill

On January 24th, federal member of parliament, Sandy Best, spoke at some length in the House of Commons during the second reading of a bill to provide for agricultural commodities.

This is the second instalment of the debate, which will be concluded in next week's issue.

Mr. Hahn: I wonder if the hon. gentleman would permit a question.  
Mr. Best: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Hahn: I am not a legal expert, but is the hon. member implying that the interpretation put on this measure by a court would be based on what the minister says in this house?  
Mr. Best: Not being a legal expert, either, I find that a difficult question to answer. I suspect that what the hon. member is getting at is that various interpretations are possible of various legal decisions. However, when interpretations get so far out on a certain limb as to speak, then they become a puzzle to our minds.

I have been interested in the speeches that have been made from time to time by members opposite. Some time ago I noticed that on page 344 of Hansard the hon. member for Melville was reprimanding the hon. member for Springfield, and pointing out that the hon. member for Springfield did not understand the revolving nature of this agriculture fund. Of course we have increased by \$50 million the total amount in that fund. It is interesting that hon. members do not understand, or do not seem to understand the revolving nature of this fund. I should like to refer to the remarks of the hon. member for Meadow Lake, when he said, as recorded, at page 3608 of Hansard for January 22, 1958.

Therefore we have this change from the old act, and instead of a \$200 million revolving fund we have a revolving fund of \$250 million. The minister has told us during this session that they are using only \$30 million of the old \$200 million fund and \$170 million is lying idle. He is going to add another \$50 million to the idle fund to make it \$220 million.

I would suggest to the hon. member for Melville that he discuss this revolving fund with members of his own party before they take up the time of this house. These are interesting points to my mind. The other day we heard about foxes, flying rocks, pheasants, buttons and pants and so forth, or what might be referred to as the debris of this debate that has been going on for the last week. This is all of considerable interest to us, but I suggest again that in so far as this bill is concerned the proof of the pudding will be in the eating, so I say let it be implemented and go out to the people of this country.

We have heard a good deal — and indeed, Mr. Chairman, it is the main point of contention here, about the flexibility of this present bill before the house. We desire on the one hand to take a middle road, to make something that we feel is workable with regard to parity, fixed formulae, and flexibility, in the present bill. We have members here asking for more rigid systems, more formulae, more things of more complexity to guarantee more to the agricultural population of Canada. I remember the hon. member for Melville suggesting that we had lost flexibility in the present bill and that very loss of flexibility which made it worse than the present act. I would suggest that the present act is so flexible it will not even hold up.

Mr. Johnson (Kindsley): That is right. We agree. Mr. Best: The present act allows much of things which could possibly be done, but were not done. We want to guarantee to some greater extent to the farmers of Canada a more just return for their efforts and for their produce.

Mr. McCullough (Moose Mountain): A basement guarantee is what you guarantee in this Bill.

Mr. Best: If we are talking about basements and my hon. friends can talk a great deal about them — may I say this. Perhaps a new law will yet be seen by the basement party on my right.

We heard from the hon. member for Yorkton yesterday. I believe, of the last ditch stand of the family farm and the family farmer in Canada. That is an interesting point. Certainly in the past it has been one and it is one which today is of considerable importance. We feel that in this bill we are making a start towards helping improve the position of the family farm and the individual farmer in this country. We feel that that will be a most important thing and one of great interest and value to the agricultural population of Canada. The CCF party has said that we have no formulae, that we have no complex mechanism of deciding this, that, or the other thing in the bill. I ask you this question, Mr. Chairman, is this formulae an elixir of life, a philosopher's stone, so to speak, that we must

have it included in the present bill.

The hon. member for Yorkton I believe said that his party and himself would fight the present bill to the end of their ability. I wonder whether that is not again an expression of fear and foreboding on the part of the party opposite. I wonder whether it is not an expression of fear that, with contradictions and criticisms, they have got themselves so far out along the path of negative responsibility that probably they will come back much decimated, and that their ranks and voices will be much thinner in the future. I wonder whether that is really not their fear. What about the march on Ottawa that we have heard about? Where are these things? I hesitate to be facetious and say the suspense is killing us, but where are they?

Mr. McCullough (Moose Mountain): Are you challenging the farmers to march on Ottawa?

Mr. Best: The best judgment, Mr. Chairman, will come when the people of this country vote at another election, whenever it may be, and part of this vote in the east in my own county of Halton in Ontario, and in the maritimes and in the west, which so many members opposite represent, will be the voice of the people. That will be the best march on Ottawa. I suggest it will be a march of many more Conservative members on Ottawa.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear.

An hon. Member: A pipe dream.

Mr. Best: This procedure has been possibly a method of delay, a method of putting off something which is recognized as essential by the members of the CCF party or at least that there is a suspicion in their minds that this is a good bill and that its progress through this house and its accomplishments in this country would do a great deal of harm to their party. I suggest that possibly those are the tactics which are being employed, although they are not ones which I would want to attribute to the members of any party. But what else can we think. To what other conclusion can we come after day following day of relentless, unending and circular argument in this house.

Mr. Johnson (Kindsley): You had better plead guilty yourself.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Central): Would the hon. member permit a question?

Mr. Best: Yes.

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