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Charlotte McCullough Secretary Ontario Fall Fairs Association

The 58th annual convention of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies was held in the King Edward Hotel, Feb. 26 - 27. The sessions opened at 9.30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26th with prayer led by Padre the Rev. W. A. Young, O.A.C., Guelph, followed by president's address by Stanley Darling of Burk's Falls. He reviewed the work of the association for the year just completed. He was very enthusiastic over the part that agricultural societies play in the life of the community that they serve and gave words of encouragement to the directors who devote so much time and energy to their society.

Mr. F. A. Lashley, superintendent and secretary of the association, gave a detailed report of the fairs, giving much good advice on ways and means of carrying on our fairs.

A special feature of the morning session was the panel with Norm Garriock as moderator. This was quite lively and a number of good points were brought out.

For the afternoon session Mr. Reg Hudspeth of Caledonia, president of Class A & B fairs, was chairman.

Mr. Lloyd Culver, manager of Norfolk Fair, Simcoe, reviewed a survey of fairs that they had taken and Mr. E. D. McGugan, manager of the Western Fair, London, outlined "Long Term Planning for Fairs." Miss Helen McKercher of the Women's Institute Branch, gave a "Women's Point of View at a Fair."

A. R. Donnelly, secretary of Renfrew fair, gave some very helpful suggestions on managing a fair.

Thursday was a very busy day with a very full program for both the men's and ladies' divisions. The men's program opened with a talk by W. G. Alexander of the Fire Marshal's office, Toronto.

Fire hazard is the concern of everyone and he cited some of the thoughtless things that we do that can cause such damage. Everyone that heard Mr. Alexander's talk will be more cautious of fire hazards. The legal angle of operating a fair was ably presented by Mr. Caskey, solicitor for the Dept. of Agriculture. Mr. Boynton of Thornhill and Mr. Percy Bacon of Orillia both spoke at the morning session.

The Junior Farmers were ably represented by Dave Barrie of Galt who spoke of the part that the juniors can take in the activities and projects of the association.

The afternoon session had as its chairman Mr. Sidney Fitzgerald of Shannonville and the first speaker is well known in this district, Mr. Vince Mountford. He spoke on his observations as an "M.C." at fairs. This was presented in his usual jovial manner and brought out ideas and suggestions for improvement in the organizing of the fair-day program. Mr. Dick Hilliard, director of extension, Ont. Dept. of Agriculture took as his topic "Fairs as an extension medium" and outlined the possibilities open to societies to extend their work into other fields, embracing many of the community activities.



CHARLOTTE McCULLOUGH who was elected secretary of the Ontario Fairs Association at Toronto convention.

The delegates then divided into group meetings where various topics were discussed, led by a chairman and his consultants.

The Women's Division had four different discussion groups on Wednesday afternoon. These discussion periods with a leader and two consultants have proven very popular and informative. Everyone is encouraged to take part and many are helped by the experience of others.

Thursday morning the session was opened by the president of the ladies' section, Miss Ella Hamilton of Russell. She spoke very briefly of her year as president and thanked all who had supported her through the year, and those who were helping to make the convention a success. Mrs. Dickenson, secretary, read the minutes of the board meetings and gave the findings of the discussion groups.

The province is divided into 16 districts with a lady director in each. One of their duties is to send in a report to the secretary of the fairs in their district. Mrs. Wm. Dawson of Tillsonburg gave a summary of these reports. From these you get an overall picture of the activities and achievements of the ladies' division throughout Ontario.

Miss Florence Eadie of the Women's Institute Branch, always has a wonderful message to bring to the convention. This year she showed colored slides of "Women around the World" and gave a very interesting talk of the countries she had visited while on a trip to Asia and Africa.

Always a highlight of the convention is the craft room. Quilts were again featured this year. There was also a beautiful display of copper tooling done by the Caledonia group. The London group had a variety of exhibits including jewellery, stuffed toy animals and paintings. Mrs. Roth of Navan as junior convener, had a lovely display of school children's work. Mrs. A. M. Baxter of King St., Georgetown, had many interested spectators as she was busy at her wheel spinning the wool from her Angora rabbits. Many of the visitors had never seen anyone spinning before and the older folk were reminded of the "good old days" when they watched their mother spinning yarn.

Mrs. Gilby had a very valuable display of jewellery made from stones which are to be found in the district surrounding Port Arthur. This art is called "lapidary" which means the cutting and polishing of stone. The finished jewellery is very beautiful and quite expensive. Mrs. Gilby belongs to the Lapidary Society of Port Arthur.

Mr. Stan Darling brought greetings from the men's division to the afternoon session. He congratulated the lady directors on the wonderful work they are doing throughout Ontario.

Mr. John Budd of the Dept. of Parks and Mr. John F. Clark of the Dept. of Agriculture, gave good information on the classification and exhibiting of flowers. They had several specimens to demonstrate with as well as coloured slides. Flowers are always a subject that is much enjoyed and these two lecturers can make them even more interesting.

Miss Helen McKercher, director of Home Economics of the W.I. branch, brought greetings from their department and then introduced another guest, Miss Elaine Collett, food editor and director of Chatelaine Magazine, Toronto.

The election of officers then followed with results as follows: Honorary president — Ethel Brant Monture, Rochester; past president, Miss Ella Hamilton, Russell; president, Mrs. William Dawson, Tillsonburg; 1st vice president, Mrs. Alvin Stone, Dunchurch; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Murray Young, Cochrane; secretary — treasurer, Miss Charlotte McCullough, Georgetown; craft convener, Mrs. Alex McKin-



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BRAMPTON LADIES W. I. Guest Speaker

Mrs. John McCulloch of Brampton was the guest speaker at the Women's Institute meeting held in Knox Church Hall on Wednesday evening, March 5th. She spoke on her trip to Ceylon where she attended the C.A.W.W. convention. During her engrossing talk she also showed slides of Ceylon, Switzerland, Australia and the Holy Land which she had also visited.

The Institute ode and Mary Stewart Collect opened the meeting and roll call was answered by "A Canadian product I enjoy using". During the business portion of the meeting donations were sent to the Halton Music Festival, Aid for the Flood Relief in Ceylon, Mental Health Association, High School for commencement.

Mrs. F. Armstrong and Mrs. N. Snyder were appointed as a committee to look after a social evening to be held later in March. Mrs. R. T. Paul presented the motto "One Acre of Progress is

CORRECTION

In an item in last week's Herald which listed the executive of the newly formed Ladies Auxiliary of the 3rd Georgetown Scout Group some of the officers were listed incorrectly. The executive should read Mrs. Kenneth Langdon, 2 Elith St., president; Mrs. H. Taylor, 2 Cleaveholm, vice president; Mrs. John Frost, 20 Maple Ave., secretary; Mrs. Bruce Harley, 21 Ewing St., treasurer.

Mrs. Albert Livingstone, 101 Main St. N. heads a social committee. Mrs. Clifford Hibbert, King St., heads a membership committee and Mrs. G. Hayes is sewing convener.

Men's Division, Class C Fairs— Past president, Stanley Darling, Burk's Falls; president, Sidney Fitzgerald, Shannonville; 1st vice president, A. S. Lee, Rodney; 2nd vice-president, W. J. Hunter, Guelph. Elmer McKinnon, Erin, was elected president of Class A & B Fairs.

There was a record attendance at Thursday night's banquet when Rev. Goth of London was speaker. This subject "Around the World in 60 days. He told of religious and political situations in Japan, China, Korea, India and dwelt at some length on Arab, Israeli situation.

worth a yard of Complaints". everyone who made the evening so enjoyable and interesting. Mrs. R. Robinson are the nominating Ernie Pearce, Mrs. E. Thompson, committee appointed to look at Mrs. R. T. Paul and Mrs. Annie ter the election of officers. Mrs. Ballantine, the lunch committee, W. Sinclair moved a vote of served an appetizing lunch to con-thanks to the guest speaker and clude the evening.

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