

Agricultural Dept. Reorganization Announced by Hon. W Goodfellow

Designed to meet the rapidly changing technological and economic conditions faced by modern agriculture a major reorganization of the Ont. Department of Agriculture has been announced by the Ontario government.

Following a complete study of the various services offered by the various branches of the department, Hon. W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Agriculture, has instituted a reorganization of the department which will increase efficiency and provide wider service to the farm people of the Province.

Under the reorganization the functions of the Department are being separated into a Division of Marketing and a Division of Production which will provide for a more efficient coordinated program.

The two Divisions will be administered by two Assistant Deputy Ministers.

"With our greatly increased population and thereby more consumers, and with fewer farmers on the land, it is increasingly important that every possible step be taken to safeguard our basic industry," said Mr. Goodfellow. "The reorganization has been planned to meet the demands of the farm population who are faced with many difficulties both in the field of marketing and production."

The Minister said that the reorganization would eliminate any possibility of overlapping or duplication of effort.

"In view of the evolution taking place on the farms of Ontario today, particularly in the marketing of farm produce, it is necessary to have strong will be under the direction of

the Division of Production Live Stock Branch; Field Crops Branch; Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Branch; Extension Branch; Home Economics Service, and the Farm Economics and Statistics Branch. Other branches and internal administration will come under the supervision of H. G. Bennett, Chief Agricultural Officer.

Everett M. Biggs, Ontario Dairy Commissioner, has been appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of Marketing and T. H. Halliwell, Director of the Extension Service, as Assistant Deputy Minister of Production.

Mr. Biggs, a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, is well known to the dairy industry of the Province having been appointed Dairy Commissioner some 12 years ago after having seen service as an Agricultural Representative. He is a young man well qualified to deal with marketing problems. He will have the benefit of the experience of G. Frank Perkin, who will remain as Commissioner of Marketing for the Province, and who has been identified with marketing procedures for the past 30 years. Mr. Perkin, with George McCague who was recently appointed Chairman of the Farm Products Marketing leadership in order that we might assist farm marketing groups in their marketing problems. That will be accomplished through the creation of the Division of Marketing which will coordinate all marketing activities. Similarly the placing of all branches of the service concerned with matters of production and extension under one administrator will provide for more efficient service."

Town Builders, Wives Attend City Convention

Ladies from all across Canada, including some from town, travelled to Toronto this month to the National House Builders Association convention, January 12 to 14, at the glittering new Royal York Hotel.

Mrs. Rex Heslop, wife of the president of the North Halton Builders Association, and her husband attended, as did Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fobert, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barstow, Mrs. Jean Rundle, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Zuber, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Braith and Mr. William Hamilton.

The following branches and programs of the Department Board will form the nucleus of a study team to administer and advise on Ontario's farm marketing plans.

Mr. Hilliard entered the service of the Department in 1940 on graduation from the Ontario Agricultural College, as an Assistant Agricultural Representative. His ability as an administrator moving him up rapidly in the ranks of the service. As head of the Production Division he will correlate the work of branches assigned to his Division.

Commenting on the reorganization would relieve the Deputy Minister, Dr. C. D. Graham, of much administrative detail and would permit him to devote more time and attention to the important work being carried out by the Colleges, Agricultural Schools and experiment stations.

"I am confident that the creation of these two Divisions will prove to be a real benefit to agriculture," said Mr. Goodfellow. "Agriculture today is making unprecedented advances and it is obvious that we have to develop the most efficient organization possible to keep in advance of the constantly changing trends and scientific developments. I am confident that the farmers of Ontario will derive much benefit as a result of the reorganization."

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and all manner of things which go into new homes—is the largest the NHBA has ever held, and the ladies are very fortunate at having a look-see, since the show wasn't open to the public.

A luncheon in the Alberta Room of the Royal York was followed by a talk on wardrobe planning and accessorizing. Then, in the evening, the grand banquet and ball climaxed the convention.

Centuries passed, while earthquakes and floods buried the plain under 20 feet of gravel and sand.

When excavators found the ruins of the ancient Stadium in 1878, interest in the games was revived. In 1896 eight nations took part in the first Olympics of the modern age.

Olympic Games Come From Ancient Greece

The Olympic Games, part of which will be held in Squaw Valley, Calif., in February, were so important to the ancient Greeks that they were used to measure time.

World Book Encyclopedia explains that the original games were foot races in honor of Zeus, king of the Greek gods.

In the 300's B.C. it became customary to mark time in Olympic Games. All events were dated from 776 B.C., the date of the first recorded race.

The custom disappeared about A.D. 440 after the 304th Olympiad.

The Olympic festivals were organized by the people of Elis, a Greek city state on the plains of Olympia. Gradually, all the Greek city states joined in the Olympics. Other contests, such as jumping, discus-throwing, and chariot-racing, were added.

As the city-states declined, athletes from other lands began to participate in the games.

In about A.D. 60, the Roman emperor Nero entered the contests. One of the purposes of the games was to glorify the individual, his skill and his sportsmanship. But Nero was a poor athlete and by competing he lowered the standards.

The games deteriorated and by A.D. 394 they had become so corrupt that Emperor Theodosius abolished them.

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LEGION NOTES

by Les Clark

THIS SUNDAY is the election of officers as indicated by your monthly notice. We apologize quite sincerely for any trouble we may have caused by last week's error. The initiation is scheduled for 1:30 and the election will be at 2:00 p.m. (in the room) and be on hand.

Merle Reid asks that all the members interested in rifle shooting get out on Monday evenings to the armories for the weekly practices. They are short and interesting and will help your marksmanship a lot.

"Operation Starshooter" has become the big project in the Legion's work and one of these weeks we will try and give a complete run down on its aims and objects. Suffice it to say at the present that it is a system of developing Canadian youth into better physical specimens, by a system that is being used by the RCAF. Norm Shannon, from Dominion Command, Ottawa, was up to a public relations meeting last Saturday to explain it.

Theoretically, it sounds very good and will bear investigation.

Men and Boys Choir is Feted to Turkey Banquet

Last Wednesday evening was a gala evening for some forty-five men and boys of St. George's Church. Many of the boys brought their fathers or a family friend for their annual banquet, so the choir nearly doubled in size for the event.

The Women's Auxiliary catered for the event as part of their Educational Program for the Youth of the parish.

Mr. Dieter Hachman was the chairman of the evening proceedings. The grace was sung by the choristers with Mr. G. De Klerk at the piano. Mr. Detlef Stern proposed a toast to the Church which was greeted by an enthusiastic song response. The Church's One Foundation.

Mr. David Francis proposed a toast to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and again the response was sung in the words of the national anthem by the members and guests.

Following a delicious menu of roast turkey and all the trimmings further toasts were made by Mr. Roger Smith who cited the need for leadership and team effort, this was ably responded to by Mr. Barry

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Mrs. John Patterson Lady Golf President

Forty-one members assembled in the new club house on Monday evening January 18th, 1960 to attend the annual meeting of Ladies Section of North Halton Golf and Curling Club. Mrs. John Patterson is the new president to be assisted by the following executive:

Vice president Mrs. Sam MacKenzie, secretary, Isabel Dubson, treasurer, Eleanor Spitzer, captain, Mrs. Norm Marchmont; vice captain, Mrs. Ron Kitchen; Handicap convener, Mrs. Ted Fenning; Ringer score convener, Mrs. Wm. McNally; house convener, Mrs. H. G. Hutchinson; social convener Mrs. Jack Gunning.

CLU puns were presented to Mrs. Norm Marchmont Silver Division; Eleanor Spitzer, Bronze division for Afternoon; and Jean Mackenzie, Bronze Division for Business Section.

A cup was presented to Mrs. Alf Sykes as winner of the Novice trophy.

The plans were discussed for the forthcoming bake sale in January, the Penny Sale and the Fall Fashion show.

Eleanor Spitzer was the lucky winner of the decorative floral centrepiece. A lunch concluded the meeting.

Ed McLean Nival, with his son Ron and his father Mr. Douglas McLean of Richmond Hill, attended the Central Jacobin Club show held with the Springfield-Pigeon Club annual show in Springfield, Ill. last weekend. They were made very welcome by the officials of the show and other exhibitors. They entered eight of their Jacobins and six of them pla-

ced among the winners. The classes were quite large ranging from ten to fifteen pigeons in each class and the very best from all over America, so Ed and Ron feel very proud to have brought home with them a life size plaque of a white Jacobin for winning the Champion White Jacobin. Also two Jacobin figurines for winning first white cock and first white hen. They also won second black hen; third black cock; 4th black young cock and fourth red cock. They were also winners of the Novice trophy. They report the weather was lovely while they were down there, with no snow and green grass everywhere.

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