



### WINS O.A.C. SCHOLARSHIP

**MORE THAN 80** students of the newly inaugurated Horticultural Correspondence Course spent a week at the Ontario Agricultural College recently as part of their training. The duration of the course is three years, after which successful candidates receive the Ontario Diploma in Horticulture. Five scholarships were awarded at a banquet which was held in the Physical Education building at the College. Gordon Wilson, left, of Hardy Plant Nurseries, Clarkson, President of the Ontario Nurserymen's Association, is seen presenting a scholarship to George Leiss of Georgetown.



### Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

I was simply fascinated, as strictly 'pre war,' grabbed my train case in one hand, an over sized purse in the other and swung out through the doors of the hotel into a whirlwind deluge.

Before I could get my second wind the ties of the plastic bonnet were strangling me, my hat was tucked in a sodden mess beneath my coat. For a while it was a tossup whether I, or Mother Nature, would win the struggle against my mental odds that I would never reach the station door.

I did, of course, only to discover the train was to board for the coast was somewhere down the track to the east, having its own argument with the storm. Masses of people jammed the station, all steaming wet and bedraggled. Little rivulets of water ran down my nose, off my burberry and into the tops of my plastic rain boots. I was disconsolate, drenched, disheartened and discouraged. Then I heard cheers! In the heart of that crowd someone had just scored a touchdown!

The little transistor, held in the palm of a crew cut traveller warmed me with the excitement of that playoff game. Listening, the hour sped like lightning and I was soon in a dry, air conditioned roomette with a salacious porter hanging up a dripping burberry and assuring me he would have my shoes dried and polished by morning.

Would I have the railroad ban transistors? Hardly, for there have been other occasions, when I have been travelling, that I have enjoyed listening to someone else's radio.

There will always be the protesting type, who has forgotten to keep in step with the times. In many respects, I honestly don't blame them, trash is trash whether set to music or captured between the flimsy covers of a dime novel. Perhaps I am one of the luckies, I can mentally turn off my hearing and have pleasant things to think about even while amidst the din of jazz I don't particularly like.

The same goes for the pornographic novel. I don't have to read it.

And what of our young people, someone is probably objecting in Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, Quebec or wherever this column is read. Don't they need to be protected against being exposed to such rot? Mine safely survived a post war frenzy of raucous jazz and salacious literature with no ill effects.

Perhaps I am lucky that they inherited my boozed adults to sift the good from the bad. I am sure most young people are capable of this. I am also sure they are not going to the dogs by listening to a youth with tuneless voice croon "Put your sweet lips a little closer to the phone."

### North Halton Accident Total 52, Two Months

A total of 52 accidents, two persons injured and \$10,690 in property damage were reported by North Halton O.P.P. as the district's accident figures for the month of February.

Comparing the figures in January, injuries decreased from four, accidents increased from 20, and property damage was upped from \$6,180.

To date the toll is 52 accidents, six injured, no fatalities and \$16,870 in property damage.

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## Co-Op Sales Exceeded Million Dollars in 1960

### Elect Lloyd May to Directors' Board

Halton Co-Op sales exceeded the million dollar mark for the first time in company's history last year, it was announced at the annual members' dinner in Stewarttown Hall last Wednesday.

In a graphic financial report by Co-Operative area supervisor Wes Clark, the members, their wives and guests were shown that during the first complete year store at Milton, Georgetown and Erin operated together, sales reached \$1,041,991. Net profit, however, dropped slightly because of the added expense of new equipment and a staff increase. Mr. Clark in his report also presented a pie chart to show how Co-Op's investors profited by patronizing the organization.

Lloyd May of R.R. 4 Milton became a member of the directorate in an election for three seats made available through terms expiring. Returned were Jack McDonald and William Mahon. Unsuccessful in his bid to retain office was William Hume the fourth man on the ballot.

Other directors are Spencer Wilson, Denney Charles, Albert Hunter, Harold Meek, Charles Harris, Victor Lawrence, Fred Nurse and Dave Lawson.

After the open meeting the directors met to appoint William Mahon of Campbellville, president, Fred Nurse of Ashgrove, vice president, and V. J. Lawrence, of Oakville, secretary.

The meeting marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of Halton Co-Operative Supplies and it was on this theme that the guest speaker Alden McLean, past president of United Co-Op of Ontario, based his address. Mr. McLean traced the progress of farming in that period pointing to the tractor and hybrids as samples of the changes which have taken place, but contrasting the benefits with shrinkage in the number of Canadian farms. He said in Canada farm people constitute 11% of the population while 73% of the Indian population is in agriculture.

**New Service**

Looking ahead Mr. McLean forecasted new branches of the Co-Op service and a merging of various levels of the co-operatives.

"With more and more people to feed and a diminishing number of farms we will need a dynamic co-operative to meet the demands," he said in concluding his address. He was introduced by Fred Nurse and thanked by William Hume.

**Congratulations**

Last year's speaker Sid Scott and past presidents Clarence Ford, Frank Stark and Lykle DeVries, Co-Operatives Insurance Association representative Reg Garner, and bank managers Don Wingrove of Georgetown, Cec Dobbie of Milton and A. E. Douglas of Erin, also spoke briefly each congratulating the Co-Op on its 25th birthday. Mr. DeVries compared the first annual meeting twenty five years ago when seven people attended to the present where a hundred and fifty assembled to hear the reports.

The president William Mahon chaired the meeting and called on Mr. Lawrence for the minutes of the 1960 luncheon. Mr. Clark then presented the financial picture and remarks were given by the manager Charles Harris and the president.

**Spring Clean-Up**

The spring clean-up campaign will be in full swing across the county, within a month or so, and Oakville Chief Douglas Wilson was authorized to purchase 30,000 new home clean-up check-sheets for distribution through schools and supermarkets. The literature lists several of the more dangerous home fire hazards.

**School Contest**

All Peacock was given permission to set up a program for school contests in fire prevention work. Banners are being awarded to the top classrooms in each of the county's schools, and the program will probably get under way in April.

**Earn Badges**

During a general discussion at the meeting, it was pointed out that most of the fire departments in Halton are working with Scout and Guide groups, helping them earn badges and holding open houses and classes at the fire halls.

### Past Presidents

Six past presidents were presented with past presidents pins at the meeting. Former agricultural representative J. E. Whiteblock reminisced briefly on each of their terms before making the presentation, assisted by the ladies of the head table. Receiving the pins were Vice Lawrence, Frank Stark, Lykle DeVries, Dave Lawson, Clarence Ford, William Hume and Jack McDonald. Presentations were also made to winners in the dairy class competition at the 1960 Milton Fair.

The ladies of Ashgrove United Church again catered to the dinner and while the tables were being cleared production field manager Dave Pelletier led in a sing song. A door prize was won by John H. Hunter.

At the head table were Director and Mrs. Harold Meeks, Director and Mrs. A. Hunter,

### Director and Mrs. Denney Charles...

Director and Mrs. Denney Charles, Director and Mrs. Spencer Wilson, President of the Federation of Agriculture and Mrs. Cliff Brown, Past Ag. Rep. and Mrs. J. E. Whiteblock, Vice President and Mrs. Fred Nurse; Secretary and Mrs. Vic Lawrence; General Manager and Mrs. Charles Harris; Director and Mrs. Jack McDonald; Area Supervisor and Mrs. Wes Clark; Ag. Rep. and Mrs. Al Francis, Sid Scott of UCO; Past President and Mrs. William Hume; Past President and Mrs. Clarence Ford; Past President and Mrs. Frank Stark; Past President and Mrs. Lykle DeVries; Past President and Mrs. Dave Lawson; Field Manager Dave Pelletier; Lars Bernsveld of Sweden; Secretary Treasurer of the Halton Medical Service Mrs. Roy Coulter; and bank managers Don Wingrove of Georgetown; Cec Dobbie of Milton and A. E. Douglas of Erin.

## Honorary Membership to Former Burlington Chief

An honorary membership in the Halton Mutual Aid Fire Prevention Bureau has been awarded to former District Fire Chief Alf Peacock of Burlington. A former Deputy Chief with Nelson Township brigade and later District Chief with the Burlington fire department, Mr. Peacock has retired from active firefighting. However, he still displays an active interest in the Bureau's country-wide fire prevention program, and is a past chairman of the Bureau.

### Fire Hazards

At their recent meeting members of the Bureau heard an excellent report from Bert Croll, Trafalgar, on the activities of the new farm fire safety committee. This committee has been compiling facts and figures on barn and other farm fires, taking photographs of actual hazards found on the farm, preparing literature for distribution through farm agencies, and arranging to form a group of speakers for farm organizations. Their eventual aim is to inform all Halton farmers that fire prevention is as important as fire protection, and to receive better cooperation in their joint effort to cut down on mounting fire losses.

### Broaden Scope

The Bureau has agreed to invite non-members to attend monthly meetings, in an effort to broaden the scope of the Bureau's work. Commercial and industrial representatives, especially invited to participate in the work of the organization, and volunteers are being urged to contact the Fire Chief, their municipality for more information.

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### MINISTER DIES

Rev. Howard L. Richardson, 73, a minister and missionary with the Church of Christ (Disciples) died in the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital on Sunday.

A native of St. Vincent Township, near Meaford, Mr. Richardson served his church in Manitoulin Island, Winnipeg, Hillsburgh, Erin, Portage La Prairie and Aylmer before taking up missionary work with Mrs. William Grundy of Erin.

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Indians in Manitoba and Northern Ontario 18 years ago. For the past seven years he has carried on his missionary work from his home in Aylmer. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Howard Gilbank of Alma, Michigan; a step-son Rev. C. A. Lawson of Toronto, and a step-daughter Mrs. William Grundy of Erin.

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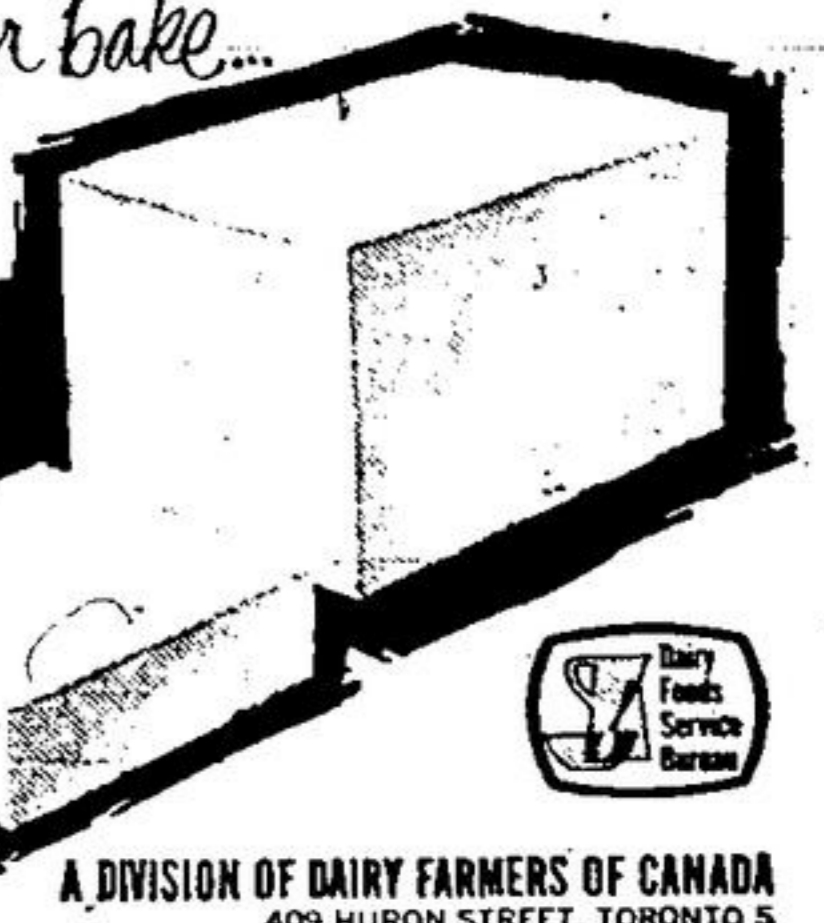
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