

# Halton M. P. Speaks in Commons on Agriculture

Halton Member of Parliament, Alexander "Sandy" Best, spoke to the House recently on Agricultural Rehabilitation and Land Use stating that the new resolution brought forward by the government may have an important bearing on such local services as Twelve and Sixteen Mile Creek, as well as the Credit and Grand River Authorities, through an extension of government contributions for watershed development. Here is the context of his speech:

(Continued from Last Week)  
Common to South

The difficulties which face our agricultural industry are common to the country south of us. These difficulties have been courageously stated by various leaders in this country. I should particularly like to commend the former minister of agriculture and other individuals, such as the minister of agriculture for the Province of Ontario, who have recognized and courageously announced the difficulties facing this industry. To deny that these difficulties exist in the agricultural industry in various parts of this country is the same as denying that great industrial cities are faced with slum and rehabilitation problems, and it would be obviously incorrect to do so. These problems do exist and solutions must be found for them. Nevertheless in backward agricultural areas where the average annual income is low through a combination of reasons, such as climate, soil, lack of capital and markets, there is still a great attachment to the land. Perhaps through one or several generations of settlers and their dependents, these people have worked this land. They have grown to know each other and have developed community spirit. To say, as did the hon. member for Assiniboia, that this resolution concerns the people who are to be moved or taken off the land, is to fail to recognize the human values, the human problems and the community problems which this government recognizes and which do exist.

**Induce Farmers**  
I believe we intend through this measure to give voluntary inducements to farmers in various areas to take advantage of its provisions, through the various matters and results worked out with the provinces and whereby these people may help themselves. We have no such socialistic tendency, doctrine, or intent to move vast numbers of people off various sections of the land. I am sure that it is not the intent of the government.

**Various Papers**  
The problem has been studied by various people and of course by many organizations throughout this country and indeed throughout the world. I have looked, as I am sure have many hon. members, at the interesting study of the scientific conferences on conservation and utilization of resources of the United Nations at Lake Success, New York, in 1950. This conference received various papers on the world resources situation and made many comments on this aspect of the situation. For instance, they said that use of material resources increase in a geometrical fashion, that the problems we face with regard to oil, water, minerals and so forth, really jump by leaps and bounds and would come on us very fast in the future.

**World Population**  
World population is a problem and an area which is not unrelated to the resolution with which we are concerned today, because the measures that this government or any government in Canada must take are of course related to our export markets and the need and demand for Canadian agricultural produce around the world. It appears that in many countries mechanization, for instance, is not necessarily an answer to a food shortage. Real utilization of the present large labour force in countries in Asia and perhaps Africa is the greater need.

**Food Shortage**  
We have a critical shortage of foods in various parts of the world. It may be that Canadian agriculture can fill the gap here, or it may be that certain means of preservation of foods, improving their keeping qualities, and so forth, will have to be thought about before any tremendously increased demand for certain Canadian agricultural products can be achieved even in these areas which need them today.

**Forest Products**  
This conference pointed out the great likelihood that the demand for forest resources and forest products would increase tremendously in the decades immediately ahead. This is a good thing, because it is the intention of the minister and of the government to increase our output of forest products as a method of alternative land use. As well, the increase in community pastures, different crops, and so forth is commendable.

**Many Publications**  
The problems in agriculture have been set out in many publications. I have here the publication "Outlook on Agriculture" published by the Imperial Chemical Institute of Great Britain. Included in this pub-

lication are certain comments on a meeting at Cardiff of the British Association for the advancement of science on September 5th, 1960. The world food problem was studied by this body. As I say, this bears a relationship to Canada's agricultural program and the demand for our various commodities. We know, of course, that the number of farmers is decreasing each year in this country. On an average the figure has been approximately 10,000 less each year.

**Still Present**  
The committee on the other phase on land use has studied problems and solutions put forward by a variety of witnesses. These very interesting documents provide perhaps as useful and as large a source of information in this field as any publication or series of publications in this country. Among the areas studied were the effects of the rural rehabilitation program in the United States. The problem in the United States is still present, but it has been attacked and a solution has begun a number of years ago. In its last volume, I believe, this committee studied the U.S. program to rehabilitate some of their people under the rural development program.

**200 Countries**  
It was found that after about three years of operation the program was going ahead in

## Bermuda Honeymoon for Jack Livingstone, Bride

Cubs and Scouts of Third Georgetown Pack formed the Guard of Honour when Miss Dawn Fiebig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fiebig, 45 Victoria Avenue, became the bride of Mr. Jack Albert Livingstone, son of Mrs. Albert Livingstone, 101 Main St. North, and the late Mr. A. Livingstone, in Knox Presbyterian Church, Saturday April 8.

The groom is the Cubmaster and the bride Assistant Cubmaster of Third Georgetown. Standards of pink snapdragon, white shasta mums and potted fern decorated the church for the double ring ceremony which was conducted by Rev. A. J. Calder of Peterborough. The organist was Mrs. E. Gowland.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor length gown of white delustered satin with appliqued silk organza overlay. The points of the long sleeves were trimmed with seed pearls, and the fingertip veil fell from a satin headband. The bodice was topped with a scalloped neckline. She carried a white Bible adorned with white gardenias and stephanotis, and wore cultured pearls, a gift of the groom.

The maid of honour, Miss June Lyon, and the bridesmaids, Miss Carole Lane and Miss Barbara Kinrade, were gowned alike in ballerina length dresses of blue satin styled after the bride's dress. Their sleeves were three-quarter length and they wore short blue gloves and blue matching satin slippers. Like the bride they all carried white Bibles adorned with white gardenia and stephanotis. Their headresses were clusters of white gardenias and stephanotis on blue satin bands.

Mr. John Lenz was groomsmen and Mr. Don Livingstone, the groom's brother, and Mr. Wayne Fiebig, the bride's brother, were ushers.

Receiving for her daughter at a reception in the Oddfellows' Hall, Mrs. Fiebig wore a mauve delustered satin sheath and accessories of deep purple. Her corsage was of lawnny gold roses. Mrs. Livingstone assisted in a silk shantung willow green dress with scoop neckline and three-quarter sleeves, pink accessories, and a corsage of rapture roses.

The glass which held the flowers on the top tier of the wedding cake was the one used on the bride's parents' cake.

Departing for the honeymoon to Bermuda, the bride wore a light blue full skirted dress and matching duster coat, beige accessories, and a yellow rose corsage. On their return they will live at 17 Hale Dr.

Mr. Livingstone is employed with Trans Canada Airlines and his bride with Avian Industries Ltd.

Guests attended from Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, Capreol, Deep River, Englehart, London, Buffalo, Hamilton, Toronto, Acton, Willowdale, Chapleau and Georgetown.

**Guide Troops Visit Buffalo**  
On Tuesday, April 6th the 1st Glen Williams, 1st Norval, 1st Terra Cotta and 5th Georgetown Girl Guide companies motored to Buffalo by chartered bus.

Leaving at 8 a.m. they arrived in Buffalo at noon and after dinner at the Swiss Chalet they were taken on a tour of Channel 7 television station. They were shown the props used in Popeye's Playhouse and Rumpus Room, and saw on the monitors how films are transmitted into their homes.

An American bus was chartered to take the guides to the zoological gardens where they saw many amusing and fascinating animals. Despite the rain, the day was immensely enjoyed by everyone.

**Restaurant Owner Visits Native Greece**  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Karolidis, owners of the Delrex Restaurant, have gone to Greece for a reunion with family and friends.

After an absence of eleven years the Karolidis will visit Florida, in north east Greece. They plan to stay three months. During their father's absence the three sons Peter, Andy and Bill, will look after the business.

**Words of the Wise**  
Manner, not gold, is woman's best adornment. — Menander.

some 200 countries and 30 states, and in Puerto Rico. For instance, in the United States some two million farms produce 90 per cent of the farm products, and about 2.7 million farms produce the remaining 10 per cent. This situation is perhaps not entirely analogous with what we have in Canada, but it shows that this problem is international in its nature and is not confined to our country.

**Three Aims**  
The three main aims of the United States program were evidently to help those who wished to stay in farming to get the necessary tools, credit, information, and so forth, to widen farm opportunities of employment and to assist farming people to obtain better training and better health schemes. This program came into effect in June, 1956 when the needed legislative authority was granted by congress and the funds required by the federal government for the carrying out of the program were appropriate. It is interesting to note that the amount of money spent in this program by the federal government in the U.S. was very low indeed. Appropriations specifically earmarked for the rural development program were \$2 million in 1957 and \$2.5 million in 1958. These are incredibly low amounts for the size of the country and the magnitude of the program.

## Three Are Baptized At Communion Service

Communion and baptismal services were conducted by Rev. D. Engel on Sunday morning while Mr. Beaton went to Acton for the two services there. Babies baptized were Steven George, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, Sarah Ruth Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis and Richard Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave McEnery. A ladies' trio from Erin, Mrs. Justice, Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Loughheed sang a very beautiful and appropriate number, "He is Risen."

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mack and Tommy visited with Mr. Tom Mack on Sunday.

The C.G.I.T. and their lead-

ers attended the Thankoffering meeting at Erin United Church on Monday night of last week, in place of their regular meeting. The speaker was Mrs. George Birch, of the Metropolitan Church in Toronto, who last summer was among the group of professional men and women who spent about seven weeks helping those in need in Africa. It was a most interesting talk and one of the highlights of their experiences was a visit to Dr. Albert Schweitzer's hospital.

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The meeting closed with a prayer followed by a social hour.

Lunch was served by Mrs. R. Shortill and Mrs. M. Norton, assisted by the hostess.

**Mother Was Native Of New Zealand**  
A local resident, Mrs. James Linton, 8 Lyons Court, suffered a family bereavement recently when her mother died in New Zealand.

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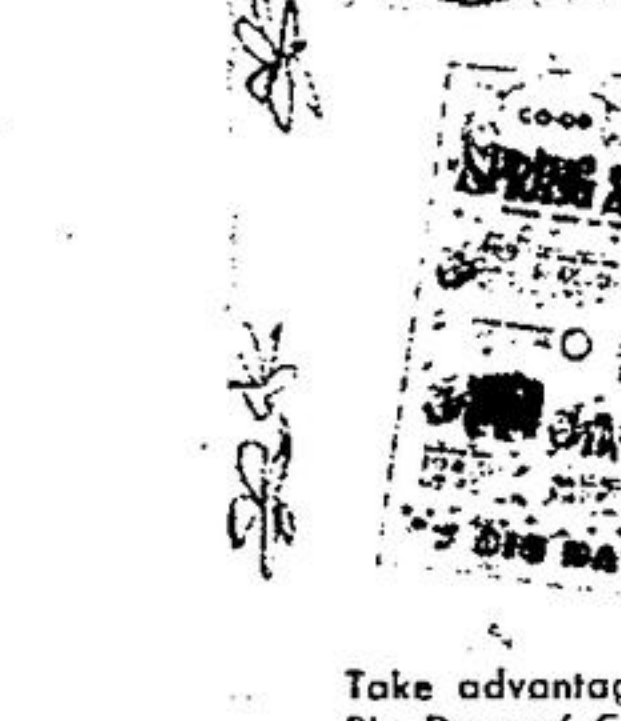
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