

Farmers Left Behind, Don't Share In Prosperity: Snow

Farmers are not sharing in the improving standard of living to the same extent as other sectors of the community. In the opinion of Jim Snow, MPP for Halton East — who is himself a farmer at RR 2, Georgetown.

Snow made the remarks in his maiden speech at Queen's Park.

High Costs
Costs are rising faster than the farmers' profits, he said. As an example, he said that in 1945, price of dressed hogs ranged from \$20 to \$22 per 100 pounds. Now, the price is about \$28 per 100 pounds, an increase of about 30 per cent over 23 years.

But, he added, costs have risen a good deal more than this. A new tractor could be bought in 1946 with the equivalent of 600 bushels of wheat. Today, he said, the equivalent tractor could only be bought if the farmer sold 2,300 bushels of the same type of wheat.

Snow also said that even efficient, large producers of eggs have probably lost two or three cents a dozen on their operation over the past few years.

Large Volume
Snow also stressed that the Halton area Channel Island breeders, who market large quantities of two per cent Jersey and golden guernsey milk should be given a chance to continue marketing large volumes of their milk. A Milk Marketing Board decision could limit the quantity of milk they will be allowed to sell at prime rates.

Assessment values placed on farms should not be so high as to eliminate any chance the farmer has to make a profit, Snow said.

"The assessed value of farm

land must be maintained at a level that when the applicable mill rate is applied it will not spell economic ruin for the genuine farmer" he said.

Farms located adjacent to urban areas that face large increases in municipal assessment still compete with completely rural farms that do not face such large increases, he added.

Halton East
He pointed out that in Halton East — where 85 per cent of the land is still used for farming operations — many farms are owned by investors, and farmed by the tenants on a rental basis.

The major portion of any increase in the net worth of a farm each year, Snow said, is due to the increased value of the real estate — and only a small portion of the increase is due to profits from labour and investment in stock and equipment.

"My concern is what will happen to the remaining productive land when these farmers find it uneconomical to carry on and decide to sell their land also to the investors."

Raps Ottawa
Snow also criticized the federal government for withdrawing or curtailing certain farm programs — such as reducing the hog and lamb premiums, removing the cheese premium, and removal of assistance on the farm pond program.

"The objectives we seek for the agricultural economy of Ontario will never be achieved until we have a federal Department of Agriculture capable of developing and implementing a truly national agricultural policy which is in harmony with provincial programs" Snow said.

HORNBY

60th Anniversary Coming Hornby W.I. Makes Plans

The members of the Hornby Women's Institute were entertained at the home of Mrs. M. J. Brown for their March meeting on Wednesday the 13th. Mrs. Clifford Wrigglesworth, the president, welcomed the ladies to the meeting which was opened with the Institute Ode followed by the Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call: "A current event that will make history" was answered by the nine members and three visitors present. The program was in charge of the historical research convener, Mrs. Brown. She opened with a poem entitled "A Prayer for getting old." Mrs. Percy Merry gave an excellent paper — on the motto: "Our heritage is from the past, our responsibility is for the future." Mrs. Brown introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Frank Wilson of Georgetown, who is the county curator for the Institute. She spoke on the items of history in the county which should be put in the county historical research book. A number of interesting stories of the county especially in the Hornby district were told and discussed. Mrs. Brown on behalf of the members extended a vote of thanks to Mrs. Wilson for her interesting talk. The business part of the meeting was in charge of the president with Mrs. Roy Wilson giving the secretary's report. The correspondence included thank you notes from two members who had been remembered while ill; a letter re short courses, training schools or forums available re a hat-training course. Mrs. Jim McKay and Mrs. William McPherson are the ladies who will take the hat course. It was announced re the district annual where Chelsea buns and bread will be judged. As the Hornby Women's Institute will be sixty years old this year, a committee of Mrs. Percy Merry and Mrs. Hugh O'Connor will bring in some suggestions on how to celebrate this special event to the next meeting. Mrs. W. McPherson and Mrs. Lew Sampson offered to look after the exhibit for the Milton Fall Fair. The nominating committee for the new slate of officers is Mrs. H. O'Connor and Mrs. W. McPherson and members were reminded to have their reports ready for the April meeting. The members were asked re canvassing for the Cancer Society but no one offered. Mrs. Thomas Howden thanked the hostess. The meeting closed with the singing of the Queen and the Institute Prayer. Lunch was served by Mrs. Roy Wilson and Mrs. Brown.

The Sunshine School Ladies Auxiliary sponsored a euchre party on Wednesday night, March 13th at the Sunshine School, Hornby. There were nine tables of euchre in play with the high prizes going to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peacock, consolation prizes were awarded to Mrs. Jim Shields, and Gear Sinclair. Door prize to Mrs. Harvey Dunn. Lunch was served by the ladies.

Blackwell Chairman Industrial Commission

Georgetown's newly formed Industrial Commission has chosen Alex Blackwell as chairman and William McNally secretary-treasurer.

The five man commission also includes Philip Siddall, Herb J. Herder and Cr. Wheldon Emerson.

Radio-TV Writer Teacher Speaking to Businesswomen

Women of Georgetown and district have a real treat in store for them with the coming to town of Miss Christine I. MacBeth, as the guest speaker at the April meeting of the Georgetown Business and Professional Women's Club.

Her topic "The Challenge of Change" will be an unforgettable listening experience since Miss MacBeth is one of those rarely gifted people who would make a telephone directory interesting. Look in the coming events column for more information.

Christine I. MacBeth has been teaching Radio and Television writing at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute since 1952, and at the last federal election she was a Liberal candidate in Perth County.

In addition to teaching writing, Miss MacBeth coaches radio and television arts students in the television and radio studios. She has also served on Ryerson committees studying visual aids and educational television.

After receiving her B.A. degree, she obtained a teacher's certificate and taught public school. She attended Ryerson's broadcasting course, and subsequently earned her Master of Education degree. She has done post graduate studies in London England and Waterloo University.

For recreation, Miss MacBeth enjoys travelling. She has visited Europe frequently, and who toured the theatre and participated in plays.

SILVERWOOD

Importance of Industry Stressed by W.I. Talk

Silverwood Women's Institute held their March meeting at the home of Mrs. K.C. Lindsay, with a good turnout of members and two visitors. Roll Call was answered by bringing an article made in Canada.

Mrs. Donald Lindsay was convener for the meeting which featured Canadian industries and introduced Paul Armstrong as guest speaker. In an able and interesting way, he expounded on the value of different industries in Georgetown and their importance to this area and the country. Georgetown has some 32 industries.

Silverwood W.I. is celebrating its 17th anniversary with a card party on March 25th. The members decided to have a booth at Mr. H. Bell's auction sale in April.

Earl Burt, Judy Britton and Mr. and Mrs. R. Kerr attended a banquet of Durham County junior farmers on Saturday evening, March 9th. Earl was the popular entertainer for the evening. — Alicia P.C. Scott.

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Borden Camp This Week For Lorne Scots Militia

Part time soldiers from the Lorne Scots Regiment based at Georgetown, Oakville and at Brampton will be at a special camp for 250 militiamen from Central and Western Ontario during the week of March 17th to March 22nd at Canadian Forces Base Borden (Camp Borden).

The special camp is intended for high school or university students and teachers who are members of the militia and because of their mid-term vacation are able to attend for the full five days of training.

The units participating are all designated to the Mobile Command Reserves. They are:

1. Royal Regiment of Canada — Toronto
2. Royal Hamilton Light Infantry — Hamilton
3. Highland Fusiliers of Canada — Galt, Kitchener, Waterloo
4. Lorne Scots Regiment — Brampton, Georgetown, Oakville
5. 48th Highlanders of Canada — Toronto
6. Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, Canada — Hamilton

The aim of training during this special camp is to improve individual infantry skills and practise battlecraft. The course will encompass weapon training, mine warfare, driver and signal training, battlecraft, map and compass exercise and night patrols.

The week's training will be under the guidance of Regular Force personnel, who will instruct in specialty subjects and act as advisors.

Church Women Models In Spring Hat Show

Spring was in the air on Monday, March 18th, when St. Andrew's United Church Women held a Spring and Summer Hat Show in the church hall. Dessert and coffee were served.

The commentator was Mrs. F. Richardson of Silhouette Hats, Burlington. Modelling the latest fashions in hats were Mrs. Florence Carwell, Mrs. Anne Cillis, Mrs. Gerry Murphy, Mrs. Anne Pickup, Mrs. LaVerne Ryder, Mrs. Joan Tesler.

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No Canadian should remain indifferent to the fact that there is, in this country, a program whose objective is to promote progress in disadvantaged rural areas.
ARDA is a joint Federal-Provincial program and its goals are to increase income and employment opportunities of rural people and increase the efficient use of rural lands.
In order to achieve these objectives, ARDA is using various means:
— In Ontario, for example, major emphasis is being directed to the farm enlargement program and to the counselling, training and mobility programs which are applicable to the entire rural population.
— The problem in Ontario resolves itself into the improved utilization of both human and natural resources. Our changing technology almost dictates that society will be increasingly urbanized. ARDA in Ontario can and is assisting in the many facets of relocating rural people in urban centers, while at the same time and wherever possible the land resources of the rural areas are being developed and brought into improved productivity to better serve the rural population.
In brief, social and economic development for rural people and optimum utilization of natural resources are the two concepts inspiring ARDA.

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