

Forsees Halton All Urban Unless Government Intervenes

An ideal agricultural representative has suggested that Halton County will eventually be covered in housing and paved roads if present trends continue.

Henry Stanley of the Halton Agricultural Dept. office said this is inevitable unless government can find some cash to buy up large tracts of Halton County and rezone it as agricultural land.

At present, 85 per cent of the county is farm land.

Stanley was commenting on the large number of farm sales in the area. He said Halton, Peel and York counties are having valuable farm land siphoned away by speculators, investors and gentleman farmers.

He said the federation of agriculture is concerned but it

also believes the farmer should have the right to decide for himself what he wants to do with his land.

Ward Brownridge, a Georgetown farm auctioneer, blamed the large number of sales on a cost squeeze on the farmer.

"Farmers are getting a good price for their land and are letting it go because they just can't make a decent living," said Brownridge.

"Increased costs of labor and machinery are just about putting the farmers out of business," according to Brownridge, who is a farmer himself.

He said the cost of equipment has increased about 60 per cent and the cost of labour has gone up about 10 per cent in the same period," he said.

Brownridge said 1966 and 1967 were two of the roughest years he had put in as a farmer. "I'd hate to be trying to pay for a farm today," he said.

He also told of examples of young men who had given up their farms to go into business for themselves or to work for someone else. "One man has lost \$10,000 in his last two years of operation," said Brownridge.

Halton East MPP Jim Snow said in his maiden speech to the provincial legislature that the farmers in our country are not sharing in the improving living standards to the same extent as other sectors of our community.

Snow said: "We must come up with an improved agricultural policy for Canada."

ASHGROVE

Entertain Guests at W.I. Dessert Luncheon

The Ashgrove March W.I. meeting was in the form of a Dessert Luncheon and was held in Stewarttown Community Hall on Tuesday afternoon, March 28. At one p.m. a table of delicious desserts were served buffet style and the floral arrangements were the institute colors blue and gold. Each member was to invite two guests, so the attendance was over fifty ladies. Mrs. Chas. Austin, 1st vice president, welcomed them at the door. Thirteen tables of such were played and the 1st prize winner was Mrs. Ward Brownridge; 2nd Mrs. Harold Reed. The lucky chair was Mrs. H. Devereaux. The birthday prize was won by Mrs. George Wilson and the one who came the farthest was Mrs. Doug Peddie from Millton.

Thanks go to the committee Mrs. Cliff Hunter, Mrs. W. Bird, Mrs. W. Stricker, Mrs. J. H. Tittler and Mrs. M. G. Wilson for arranging the enjoyable afternoon.

It is lovely to see the robins hopping about, Spring must be here. When women get to cleaning house and ripping carpets up, When skies beyond the sugar bush Are blue as Grandma's cup, And from some deep mysterious place, The skipping ropes appear, You don't need calendar dates To tell the time of year.

—Mrs. John Belloddy.

Mrs. Livingstone Cuts Cake at W.I.'s 65th Anniversary Party

Members of Georgetown Women's Institute celebrated the 65th anniversary of the founding of the local branch on Saturday evening, March 23, at a party in the Odd Fellows hall.

Each person was presented with a corsage by Mrs. B. Palmer and Mrs. Wellington Wilson as they entered the hall. Members of Verdun Rebekah Lodge served a turkey dinner.

Welcoming members, ex-members and other guests, Mrs. Palmer said she was pleased to see so many present, despite the very bad weather. She called on Mrs. Dan Livingstone, a member of the Institute for many years, to blow out the candles and cut a beautifully decorated anniversary cake before it was served.

The ladies enjoyed a few games of euchre, with prizes going to Mrs. C. Burt and Mrs. S. Sinclair, high scores and Mrs. Mabel Livingstone and Mrs. Harry Bailey, low scores. Mrs. A. Pritchard won the lucky draw and Mrs. Jack Williamson and Miss Ethel Brownridge each won a floral arrangement that she decorated the head table.

Mrs. E. Thompson thanked the Rebekah members for the dinner and everyone who had helped make the 65th anniversary so pleasant.

HORNBY

Talks on Stewardship To Hillcrest Women

The general meeting of Hillcrest United Church Women was held on Wednesday evening, March 27, at 8 p.m. at the Hornby United Church. Mrs. Keith Hawkes opened the meeting with a contest of each lady drawing a design of the new Hillcrest United Church. A number of interesting designs were drawn. Mrs. Clifford Westgatesworth welcomed the ladies to the meeting and read a poem, "Do you just belong or are you an active member." Mrs. Harold Robson and Mrs. Thomas Bousfield were in charge of the devotional hour which was taken from the theme of the meeting Christian Stewardship. Hymn 374 was sung prior to the Scripture reading on St. Matthew 25, verses 14-20 by Mrs. Robson. Mrs. Bousfield spoke on the theme of the motto, Christian Stewardship. A very inspiring solo was sung by Mrs. Francis Thompson. If your heart keeps right, every cloud will wear a rainbow. The ladies were reminded that their annual Fall Bazaar would be held on Saturday, November 8. The ladies were also reminded of the quilt-

ing bee and pot luck which will be held on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Charles Austin. The meeting closed with the singing of hymn 116. Mrs. Frank Ruddell introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Arnold Matthews of Toronto, who spoke on Christian Stewardship which included field work, capital funds and their goal of raising funds. Mrs. Ward-Brownridge thanked Rev. Matthews and all who had taken part in the program. Mrs. Westgatesworth closed with prayer. Lunch was served and a social visit enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gates of Hamilton visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hamilton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy South of Brampton and Bruce South of London visited on Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hamilton and family.

Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Workman who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on April 6th.

Expert Gardening Tips in Talk by Radio Personality

The March public meeting of the Georgetown Horticultural Society hosted a large audience to welcome in particular Mr. W. E. (Bill) Hartnoll FRHS, radio and TV horticultural consultant. Introduced by Herbert Herder, as a man of many horticultural interests and assignments, Mr. Hartnoll demonstrated his humorous and easy going manner which never fails to put his audience in a receptive mood.

Important gardening hints and facts were numerous throughout his illustrated talk. The art of planting and pruning rose bushes, shrubs and trees was vividly illustrated giving all present a better understanding of the importance of this part of growing things.

Several coloured slides were shown depicting the latest in annuals for 1968 and 1970 as seen in test gardens operated in thirteen localities. Mr. Hartnoll made reference to the uses of cobalt 60 when applied to flower seeds and buds. The test results so far have produced exciting new varieties for the future. Mr. Harry Moss thanked Mr. Hartnoll on behalf of the Society for his informative talk and he said he hoped he could return again before another five year lapse.

President Fred Duffield was chairman for the meeting in Knox Church Hall. Mrs. A. Keir, Mrs. J. McEnery and Mr. Ben Case were delegated to attend the June Ontario Horticultural Convention in Windsor.

Mr. Herb Herder presented to the Society a large nylon Ontario flag on behalf of the donor. President Duffield accepted the gift on behalf of the Society and asked Mr. Herder to convey the sincere thanks of the Society.

The chairman also made mention of the District 6 annual meeting to be held in Bramford April 13th and urged all who could to attend. It was also noted that horticultural members from Brampton and Erin Societies were in attendance.

Before adjourning for refreshments a door prize draw was held under the direction of Mrs. Harry Scott with the following winners: Mrs. W. Ineson, Mr.

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K. Towell, Mrs. G. W. Campbell, Mr. Harry Moss, Mr. Don Murray, Mr. Gordon Booth. At the close of this draw Mr. Hartnoll offered three additional prizes which he would forward to the winners who were: Mrs. A. Keir, Mrs. D. Ineson and D. N. Cole.



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