



THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION was the topic for discussion at the University Women's Club meeting last Tuesday. Panel members Dr. Neal Stoskopf, Dr. Bill Slevek, Dr. Burt Christie and Dr. John Sommers stop to talk with Ernie Forgrave after the meeting.

# University women provide Food for thought

"It is nonsense that Canada should be considered the bread basket of the world," according to Dr. Neal Stoskopf, guest speaker at recent food seminar sponsored by Georgetown's University Women's Club.

The four-member panel was comprised of Dr. Stoskopf, a professor at the Ontario Agricultural College of the University of Guelph; Dr. Bert Christie, professor in the department of crop sciences at the University of Guelph and Dr. John Sommers, past chairman of the livestock and poultry division also of the University of Guelph. Panel moderator was Dr. Bill Slevek, director of crop research for Maple Leaf Mills.

"We are the second largest food aid givers in the world and yet a four percent reduction in food production has caused prices to increase by as much as four hundred percent," added Dr. Stoskopf when considering how much food we actually have.

It has been reported that two-thirds of the world population will go to bed hungry. But what is hungry? he asked. By definition, hungry means consumption of food has been below the recommended calorie intake for the day.

With 1973 the highest production year, prices continued to rise. Yet people died around the world as many countries indicated surpluses of grain and other commodities.

In 1974, according to Dr. Stoskopf, all-out production was declared and 35 billion acres around the world were made fit for full production, falling 19

percent short of established goals.

"For the last three years we have had a surplus of grain," noted Dr. Christie. "Even India, who we picture as starving, produced enough grain to be an exporter."

The World Food Bank System, as once planned, would not work according to Dr. Christie as he indicated to the large audience that normal world production would fill the bank to overflowing and would result in an even greater surplus, within two years.

"The oil countries are conducting good business," said Dr. Christie. "They have something we want, and they are demanding what we can pay for it."

He noted that this should have been done earlier with other countries. "Instead of buying goods cheaply from them and then giving them foreign aid, why not give them a fair price for their sugar, cocoa and many other items that we currently import?"

The farming concept will change if predictions made by Dr. Sommers come true.

"With high prices of land today, people cannot afford to buy farms of their own, but I foresee the government controlling the land to keep it in full production."

The current surplus of beef, eggs and poultry has led to a different situation as compared through previous surpluses, he noted. Prices, instead of going down to attract the consumer, have sky-rocketed to compensate for goods not sold.

Populations demanding food have thrown over government

and the grain usually rots by the time it reaches the population," according to Dr. Stoskopf.

Education in many of the areas of the world could also reduce the number of starving people. "Farmers in many of the underdeveloped countries have good land but will only produce enough to fulfil immediate, family needs," noted Dr. Christie.

The failure of the egg marketing board to properly handle the egg situation did not mean a loss to either Canadians or those countries requiring food. "If the eggs had been dried and shipped to needy nations, they would not eat them," said Dr. Christie. "Dried eggs are not part of their diet and, no matter how hungry they were, eggs would not help."

"We have heard the world is starving. We have heard there is a surplus. Is there anything we can do?" asked Ernie Forgrave of the audience.

Mr. Stoskopf replied, "We know that San Francisco is going to fall into the Pacific Ocean, but who is leaving?"

If man wants to do something about the food available in the world he could. With technology and human resources nothing is impossible.

## Norval news

### Good year for Norval churches

By Dorothy MacLean

The annual meeting of Norval United Church followed the church service and lunch on Sunday, January 26 with Rev. R. Walter Ridley presiding.

Printed reports of all the various organizations in the church were read and approved. All indicated a good year.

Two new members were appointed to the executive committee: Hugh McFarlane, and George Smith.

Re-elected to office were: treasurer, Lloyd Holloway; mission and service treasurer, Mrs. Norman Laidlaw; manse committee, Bob and Beth May and Garbet and Glen Laidlaw.

Three new elders were elected last year: John Dunlop, Mrs. May Cleave and Jack Crawford.

The Sunday School and the MJCW each support an adopted child in another country.

It was decided that the objective of the mission and service fund would be \$1400 for the year.

During the year a public address system was installed in the church sanctuary, and two new furnaces were installed in the basement.

Starting last September Miss Joan Mackintosh has been student assistant to Rev. Ridley on the Huttonville-Norval charge.

Two new elders are now being voted on and those elected will be announced shortly.

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Norval, held its annual Vestry meeting on Sunday evening, January 26 following a potluck supper.

Rev. Richard Ruggie presided for the business meeting.

Fred Dobbin was the new member of the parish council elected. Other officials of the church were re-elected: rector, warden, Ormie Carter; people's warden, Ron Sparkes; secretary, Marie Fendley; treasurer, Charlie Coomber; delegate to Senate, Barrie Cannon; alternate delegate, Jim Draycott.

During the year a new organ was installed and fully paid for. The main items for discussion were new roofs on the church and the parish hall.

Reports indicated quite a good year.

Norval Presbyterian Church held its annual meeting following a potluck supper on Monday evening January 27 in the church basement. The board of managers' wives were in charge of the tables. It was also the occasion of Paul Carney's birthday so those present enjoyed a piece of his birthday cake and joined in singing happy birthday.

The meeting opened with a short worship service led by Rev. Howard Smith. Rev. Smith was appointed as chairman and Mrs. Dixon Duff as secretary.

Officers elected were: board of managers, John V. McClure, Ken Robinson, Andrew McClure and Robert Davies; treasurer, Mrs. Dixon Duff; auditor for the congregation, Mrs. Robert Carney; music committee, Mrs. Robert Carney, Mrs. Ivan Reynolds

and organist, Mrs. Gordon Sharpe; manse committee, Mrs. Andrew McClure and Mrs. Tom McGee; library committee, Mrs. Harold McClure, Mrs. Ross Cunningham and Mrs. Clure Archdekin.

Printed reports of the various church organizations were read and adopted.

On Friday evening, January 31, Norval United Church Sunday School enjoyed a skating and swimming party at Mayfield School.

About 50 Sunday School pupils, along with their teachers and several parents, enjoyed the evening. A few enjoyed both skating and swimming.

They returned to the church for hot dogs, hot chocolate and a social time.

John and Joyce Hutton of Huttonville have returned home from a week in Cuba. It is only recently that Cuba has allowed tourists from Canada to visit there. They report an interesting and enjoyable tour.

The weather and swimming were excellent. The food was good although everything in Cuba is rationed. If you forget to take something with you, don't expect to buy it there as it just isn't available.

The bath tubs have no plugs and the toilets have no seats. The hotels and houses are badly in need of painting and cleaning and the plumbing is bad, but although the beautiful old hotels were run down, the service was excellent.

John got in some deep sea diving and returned with some coral he got himself. Joyce enjoyed a little antique buying. They would like to have spent much more time than was available looking over the

beautiful items of furniture that had been confiscated from the lovely rich mansions and homes.

The people were very friendly and would go out of their way to assist in any way they could but they were not allowed to accept any money.

The Huttons returned home with a good tan and the experience of a holiday in a communist country.

Mrs. Dorothy MacLean assisted in looking after her grandchildren for the week their parents were in Cuba—six-year-old Stacey, three-year-old Alex, and Sarah who celebrated her first birthday on February 10.

The skating rink at Norval Public School has been flooded and, with the co-operation of the weather man in providing cold weather, the children of the community are now enjoying skating and a little hockey on the outdoor rink.

**Surprise shower**

The Georgetown Trinity Teachers Association held its monthly meeting at the home of the honorary president, Mrs. Dorothy Richardson Scull, on February 2.

After business was attended to the executive and members gave a surprise cup and saucer shower to their president, Mrs. Norine Noble Broomhead. A very delicious lunch was prepared by the executive and enjoyed by all.

The agenda prepared by the president for the meeting was deferred to the next meeting in March.

### Why not form a club?

By Lorraine Holding

The spring project, "The Jacket Dress", is just getting underway. Each member will sew a dress, and senior members will make a coordinating jacket or vest. Each member will also complete a record book. Are you interested in joining? Call the leader in your community for details. If you don't know who she is, contact the ministry of agriculture and food office. Members must be 12 years of age by March 1, 1975.

Anyone interested in joining a Garden Club for this summer? Each girl will be required to grow a garden containing at least 10 vegetables and four annual flowers. Special emphasis in this project is on "Preservation of Fruit and Vegetables", so members will be practicing freezing and canning.

To form a club, you need at least four members (12 years old by May 1, 1975) and one or two leaders. If you are interested, why not find a leader? Leaders will be required to attend a "workshop" on Wednesday, March 12 at the ministry of agriculture and food office in Milton.

For further details, please contact Miss Lorraine Holding, Home Economist, ministry of agriculture and food, 3 Elizabeth St. S., Brampton phone 651-6474.

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