

Marchers demanding meeting with Greene

The farmers who last month marched on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, now say they want another meeting with the government. And they want it soon.

The Ottawa March Committee has sent a telegram to Agriculture Minister J. J. Greene, asking for the meeting before June 23. The committee, which Thursday in Toronto held its first meeting since the big march, says it wants to find out what the government plans to do about the requests the farmers made when they went to Ottawa.

(The Ottawa demonstration finally broke up when the min-

ister of forestry, Maurice Sauve, promised the marchers he and Mr. Greene would take their requests to the cabinet by June 10.)

The telegram was signed by Charles Munro, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, John Dolmer, president of the Ontario Farmers' Union, and Lionel Sorel, president of the Union Catholique des Cultivateurs.

Mr. Sorel said following the meeting that the committee is "giving the government three days of grace, after the date when they said they would have an answer for us."

Charges government offer means nothing, ignores farm request

The president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture says the government has "once again ignored the requests of the farmers".

Charles Munro made the comment following an announcement that the Canadian Dairy Commission "has been authorized by the government to consider applications for supplementary quotas" for milk subsidies for the current dairy year.

The announcement, in a release from the office of J. J. Greene, federal minister of agriculture, said the new quotas will be "to adjust serious inequities which would result" from the present quota policy.

Mr. Munro says the announcement "seems on first reading, to give some help to dairy farmers caught by the original dairy policy."

But, he says, further study shows "there are so many conditions, reservations, and escape clauses, that the whole thing winds up meaning nothing."

Mr. Munro says the statement shows "an utter disregard for the requests of the marching farmers only two weeks ago, for responsible agricultural planning."

"We told the government what we needed," he says. "This latest statement just plays with the fringes of our requests."

He says the only exception is that cream shippers will not have to have a minimum production of 50,000 pounds to get a subsidy next year. The statement says there "would be consultation with producer organizations" about what this minimum amount should be.

The statement says the commission would continue its policy that quotas of producers who sold their herds could be re-allocated to the people purchasing them.

It says, however, that nothing can be done at the moment through re-allocation to help the farmer who increases the size of his operation just before the dairy policy, with its restrictions, was announced.

Help through re-allocation is also not available at the moment, according to the statement, for the farmer whose production was seriously below normal last year because of problems beyond his control, like drought.

In the meantime, it says, the commission now has the power to issue supplementary quotas in these cases. The statement says the commission expects some unused quotas will be available at the end of the year for allocation to these producers "in justifiable cases."

Mr. Munro says the statement "sets no criteria of what constitutes 'justifiable cases'." The minister has once again left the farmers at the whim of the civil servants and their means tests.

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Verna Thompson Ontario delegate to Ottawa, Washington conference

Verna Thompson, R.R. 2, Milton, recently returned from Washington, D.C., where she was the delegate representing Ontario's 30,000 Head-Hearts-Hands-Health Members.

Verna said her trip was highlighted by a reception given 4-H'ers by Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House, on all-state "Breakfast - with - Congress", and gaining knowledge firsthand about our democratic processes of Canadian and American government. At the Breakfast with Congress, Verna said two members of the Canadian Embassy - Miss Whitman and Mr. Hillhouse - were present. After the breakfast, Verna and other members of the Canadian delegation called at the Canadian Embassy, where they met Mr. Ritchie, Canada's Ambassador to the United States.

Verna and the other nine Canadian young people were among about 230 outstanding 4-H'ers - four or five girls and boys from each of the 50 states, Puerto Rico, Germany,

Nigeria and Japan - who attended the 37th National 4-H Conference in the National Capital of the United States. She and the other Canadian delegates were named by their province for exceptional personal development, community service, 4-H work and citizenship achievement.

The Canadian group was accompanied to Washington by D. B. Young, past president of the Youngian Council on 4-H Clubs and employed by the Canadian Department of Agriculture in Ottawa, and Miss Deidre Gorsuch, Newfoundland. Verna said this year's conference stresses citizenship and the theme was "Springboard for Action". Aims were for the delegates to learn more about the executive, legislative and judicial processes of Canadian and American people and to appreciate more fully youth's citizenship responsibilities and opportunities.

Various speakers on the pro-

gram included Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman, Sen. Gale W. McGee of Wyoming, Hon. Carl Albert, Oklahoma congressman and House Majority leader, Under-Secretary of Political Affairs Eugene Rostow, former IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange) Lester R. Brown, administrator of the International Agricultural Development Service Dr. Kenneth Hildebrand, Central Church of Chicago pastor, and Dr. Daniel M. Ogden, who moderated a panel on "How Decisions are made in a Democracy."

Among the numerous activities of the Canadian delegates were first, a visit to Canada's capital, Ottawa. Here, all the delegates assembled from the 10 provinces and stayed at the Chateau Laurier hotel. The ten delegates received their Canadian citizenship papers from the Rt. Hon. L. B. Pearson and later were Mr. Pearson's guests while the House of Commons was in session.

Then members were guests of the Canada Department of Agriculture at a luncheon. The Canadian delegation flew to Montreal and on to New York City where they stayed at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. A tour of New York by night, the United Nations building, and a boat cruise were the highlights of New York.

Special assignments Verna had during the week in Washington were giving a speech on Canada's Centennial Year at a special presentation by the Canadian delegation on Canada's 100th birthday, and leading a singing-song at the 4-H Centre.

The glorious week was ended by a formal Clover Cotillion Dance at the Department of State reception area where members were guests of Secretary and Mrs. Orville Hubbard and Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, State Department.

Verna has been a Halton county 4-H'er for six years. Verna's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gordon F. Thompson. The Halton County Extension Office has charge of 4-H work in this area and is at Milton. County agricultural representative is Henry Stanley.



THEY'LL PASS HERE... Al Sosiak, left, and Leonard Luhowy discuss the terrain during a practice hiking session prior to their planned hike along the 240 mile Bruce Trail. It is believed that their journey will be the first time that the Trail has been walked in its entirety, from Queenston to Tobermory. The two young high school students from St. Catharines have been planning the hike as a Centennial project since December, 1966. They expect to spend the majority of their time on the Trail, coming into towns only to replenish food and water supplies. The trip started in mid-June and should be completed by mid-July.

Reaching assists lower water fatalities

If a person is drowning, avoid coming in contact with him, warns Hal Wright, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food safety specialist. "Reaching Assists" should be used in such rescue operations. Last year 360 persons drowned in Ontario, at least six of them because they tried to save others. Why? Either they did not know how to swim or the ones they were trying to save inadvertently caused a double tragedy.

"A drowning person is desperate and will clutch anything," warns Mr. Wright. The rescuer's neck is out of the water and makes a good target. Even a three-year-old child when frightened has the strength to strangle a strong man.

Rubber tires, towels, chairs, fishing poles, picnic hampers - ANYTHING THAT KEEPS THE RESCUER AT LEAST TWO ARMS' LENGTHS FROM A DROWNING PERSON - will

serve as "reaching assists". Mr. Wright adds this warning: "From a wharf, in a boat, or at a swimming pool, when using a 'reaching assist', crouch low, and hold onto the side so you won't be pulled in yourself."

Local Jerseys class leaders

Jerseys owned by Fred Nurse of Nurseland Farms, Georgetown and Kenneth Ella and Sons, Hornby were among the highest producers reported to the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club for the month of May. Nurseland Farinouse Wanda, bred and owned by Mr. Nurse, was second in senior four-year-olds. Her record at four years 221 days, in 305 days, was 13,615 lbs. milk, 682 lbs. fat, 5.01 per cent, a gold and silver medal record.

Another Nurse, Nurseland Farinouse Rachel, at four years six days in 305 days, had a record of 11,839 lbs. milk, 560 lbs fat, 4.73 per cent, for a silver medal record. Rachel is a junior four-year-old.

In the junior three-year-olds the highest producer was Rock Ella Standing Diane, a daughter of Brampton Beacon, owned by Kenneth Ella and Sons, Hornby. Her production record at three years 119 days, in 305 days, was 10,790 lbs. milk, 582 lbs. fat, 5.39 per cent, a silver medal record.

Completes R.O.P.

A purebred Holstein cow owned by Dr. T. J. Molony of Milton has completed a fine record of performance production test. She is Limbour Bolac Toupin, who as a nine-year-old, in 305 days on twice-a-day milking, has produced 19,664 lbs. milk containing 831 lbs. fat, average test 4.23 per cent butterfat. This record has a Breed Class Average of 170 per cent for milk and 196 per cent for fat. Toupin is classified "Very Good" for body conformation.

Halton crop report

Rain insures normal crops

By H. J. Stanley
During the past week between three and four inches of rain has fallen in Halton County. This rain was desperately needed to insure a normal crop of hay and grains. With the cool and damp weather earlier this spring, the seeding of spring grains was greatly delayed. Soils were difficult to work, and extra cultivations were required to prepare the seed bed.

Just two inches of rain fell in May, and combined with the extra cultivation of the fields, soils dried out very rapidly. Rainfall during the past week combined with our warm temperatures will give maximum growth of both crop and weeds.

Farmers who have not yet sprayed their corn with Atrazine should do so immediately.

One princess alone in race

There is no big rush of contestants so far seeking the title of "Halton Dairy Princess" for 1967. As of Tuesday, just one entry has been reported.

Carol Swackhamer of Acton has entered the contest and the organizers, the Halton County Milk Committee, are hoping several other young farm ladies will enter the contest. The judging takes place on Saturday, July 15 at Hornby Garden Party, where the girls will be required to milk a cow using a machine and give a short talk on Halton's Dairying Industry. The winner goes on to compete at the C.N.E. for the Ontario title.

All girls aged 17 to 26 as of August 18, 1967 are invited to enter. Forms are available from the Halton Department of Agriculture and Food office in Milton.

Weeds are growing very rapidly and just a few days' delay can mean the difference between a good and poor control. One and one half gallons of the light mineral oil should be used in combination with Atrazine on emerging weeds.

Farmers growing corn on our heavy clay soils might be

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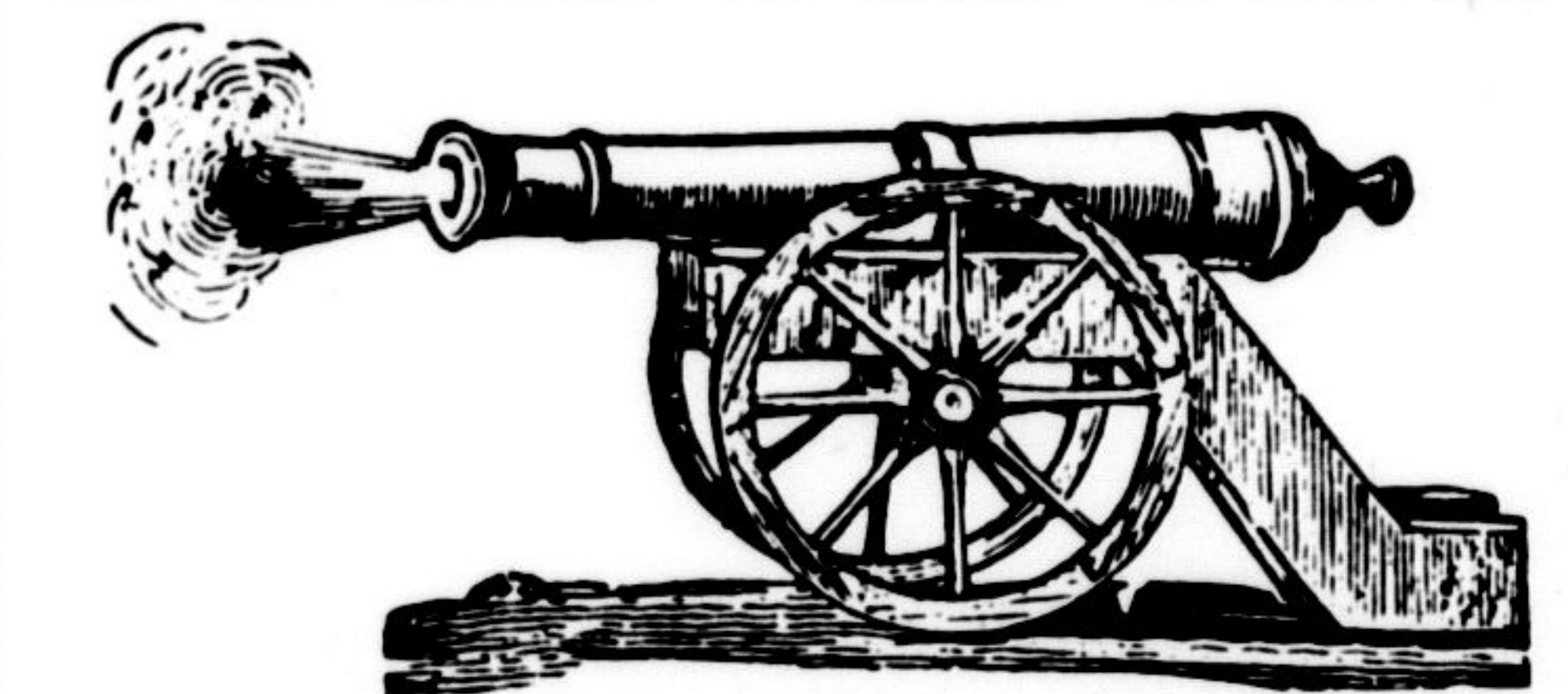
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