

GFO VOTE NEXT TUESDAY

Hold information meetings big Halton rally is Friday

Halton farmers were urged to make a special effort to cast their ballot at the Ontario General Farm Organization vote next Tuesday, June 24, at two special information meetings the Halton GFO committee held last week.

Tom Foster of Burlington, chairman of the local committee

promoting the GFO vote, chaired meetings at Boyne Centre in Oakville on Wednesday and Brookville Hall in Nassagaweya on Thursday, to help acquaint area farmers with the issues behind the vote. About 40 attended the first meeting and a small crowd of only 10 showed up on Thursday,

but Mr. Foster was optimistic that many more rural residents were better acquainted with the purpose of Tuesday's election. A big rally for the whole county is being held this Friday evening, June 20 at Stewarttown Hall, with speakers expected on behalf of the provincial GFO campaign committee. The

meeting starts at 8 p.m. and is open to everyone. Farmers, their wives, children over 20 and anyone actively engaged in farming are eligible to mark a ballot on the proposed general farm organization. They will face five separate questions, all on the one ballot.

First question is whether or not they favor a general farm organization with a compulsory checkoff. The second question deals with giving the marketing boards of Ontario a vote on the provincial GFO council. The next three questions deal with the financing and give voters a choice between voluntary membership payments, automatic memberships covered by the checkoff, and a combination of membership and checkoff financial sponsorship. Mr. Foster pointed out at last week's meetings that the checkoff would be a maximum of \$2 per \$1,000 of goods sold, and only goods sold through a government marketing plan would be eligible for the payment. The checkoff figure

will be set by the provincial council and will probably be \$1 per \$1,000—which would give the GFO an operating budget of \$1,250,000 in the first year, he said.

The GFO would set up about 100 "locals" covering approximately 1,000 farmers each, and each local would have one director on the provincial council.

Discussions at Wednesday's meeting swung around to the consumer boycott on beef products. "Yes," said the chairman, the consumers would like to set the prices of beef now, but they didn't want to do it a few years ago." He lamented what seemed today to be "a protected society for everybody else, but a free enterprise system for the farmers."

An advance poll (for those unable to vote on June 24) will be held tomorrow (Thursday) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food office, 181 Main St., Milton.

OUR READERS WRITE:

URGES "YES" VOTE ON FARM ORGANIZATION

Dear Sir:

We are now in the last week of the campaign to build the best farm organization in Canada today. We know that farmers from coast to coast are watching Ontario and are planning to follow our lead. Tuesday, June 24, will be one of the most important days in both Ontario and Canadian agriculture. It is the starting point for farmers to build a really effective provincial and national farm organization. After 30 years of the O.F.A. and 17 years of the O.F.U., farm incomes are much too low. Another 17 years of either of these two organizations will not solve the problem. It is time for a change and it's time for the farmers to make the decisions. That is what will happen on June 24. No farm leader is going to tell the farmers what sort of organization he is going to have. The farmers will decide this by the way each one casts his ballot. Each of us has an equal say.

There have been a number of wild and irresponsible accusations and claims which have come and gone like this week's specials at the supermarket. However, the last of these, while it is typically wild and irresponsible, should be dealt with before vote day so that we reach June 24 with the air cleared of this red herring.

Let's be clear about this. The O.F.U. wanted legislation, the O.F.A. wanted legislation and now we have the legislation with less government interference than with any other legislation used by any other group in our society. But what is much more important, the government cannot dissolve this organization or remove its check off powers without going back to the legislature to amend or remove the Act. Can you imagine the uproar in the House if the government were to try that?

I hope that the farmers are not confused and scared to the point that they fail to take this opportunity. Let's take this legislation and use it to our advantage. If it is as bad as some would have us believe, we can

drop it. Remember that we can vote this GFO out every two years if we don't like it. As they say, "if you haven't tried it, don't knock it!"

I would like to make one final point about my own position. I shall not stand for election as a delegate to the founding convention and will, therefore, not be eligible for election to the provincial council or the executive. This is not because I

am trying to avoid some future responsibility, but merely because I hope that this will dispel any idea that I am trying to create an empire for myself.

Thank you for the space. I hope that every farmer and his wife and all others eligible to vote will get out on June 24 and vote for a much better general farm organization and a brighter future.

Yours sincerely,
Malcolm Davidson,
Chairman
GFO Campaign
Committee,
Brucefield, Ont.

Champion Farm Page

Young Scottish farm visitor sees Ontario's agriculture

A dairy farmer from Dalry, Ayrshire, Scotland, is currently about half-way through a three-and-one-half month stay in Ontario.

Robert Lamont, who is a partner with his father in Cocksennie Farm, 30 miles south-west of Glasgow, arrived in Ontario April 23. Since then he has stayed for periods of time in Dufferin, Elgin and Halton Counties and Temiskaming District; with Lennox, Addington and Renfrew Counties to go.

He is one of eight delegates, including four from Scotland, two from Northern Ireland and one each from England and Wales who are observing Canadian farm methods through a co-operative project of the Ontario Junior Farmers and the Young Farmers organization of Britain.

The Young Farmers granted the price of the 22-year-old Scotman's plane fare over, but the trip home and expenses during 15 days "free time" will be from his own pocket. Accommodation during the majority of his tour is supplied by Ontario Junior Farmers in their own homes.

He has noticed a number of differences between British dairy farming methods and ours.

While the majority of Canadian dairy barns are two-storey, with the cattle below and the hay above, British authorities prohibit this type of structure on sanitation grounds.

Robert also noted Ontario crops grow higher, although

their Scottish counterparts have a higher yield-per-acre.

Land use is also at a slight variance to Canada. On Cocksennie, for example, 60 acres are used for grain, 45 for hay and the rest of the 200-acre estate for grass.

There are no milk quotas in Britain—a dairy farmer produces as much as he wishes, selling at prices established by the Milk Marketing Board. This varies,

Mr. Lamont reports, between 30 and 45 cents per gallon. The British producer is paid on solids rather than butterfat.

"Farming is a little more intensive in Scotland than here," the visitor reported. "We use 50 long tons (2,240 pounds) of fertilizer on the 200 acres."

Although Ontario experiences higher temperatures than the Ayrshire area of Scotland, their growing season is longer.

Name Rosemary Booth 4-H meeting delegate

By Ted Peluk

Miss Rosemary Booth of R. R. 1, Milton, has been chosen Halton county's delegate to the annual provincial 4-H conference at the University of Guelph.

Rosemary has completed 17 projects and has held the office of President in the Halton 4-H Strawberry Club. Rosemary has participated in 4-H for seven years and has served as press reporter for the Halton 4-H Forage Club.

About 75 outstanding 4-H

agricultural members from across the province will attend. The program of the five-day conference which begins on June 23, will include group discussion on leadership, effective program planning, the future of 4-H, and related problems of today's youth. Individual involvement in the activities of the conference will be emphasized.

Conference delegates have been chosen by local leaders and agricultural representatives from each of the 54 counties and districts of Ontario. In previous years selection was limited to one delegate per county, but this year each county having more than 150 members will send two representatives.

—Police in Acton have laid a number of loitering charges in the past few weeks. The penalty is \$30 to \$300.

—There is just a week and a half of school left for elementary school students.



SCOTTISH YOUNG FARMER Robert Lamont, right, spent some time at the home of Gordon Sinclair and Sons, Burlington during his extended visit to Ontario farms. Bill Sinclair shows him one of the Sinclair Holsteins.—(Staff Photo)

—People read all the ads in The Champion, even little ones.

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Pesticide tips

By E. Estabrooks

Be selective of the time when you apply pesticides for insects, disease and weed control. Pesticides are only used when there is a pest problem or potential problem. Diseases can be expected to be a problem on most plants during wet weather, while insects commonly show up during hot, dry weather. Weeds, it seems, show up any time and all the time.

Once you have established the need to apply a pesticide try to apply the spray in the morning or evening when there is generally no wind. Your spray coverage should improve. If spraying is carried out during the heat of the day many of the spray droplets will evaporate before reaching the plant. The possibility of causing injury to your plant is also increased, particularly when temperatures are very high.



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