

# Five provincial ministers attend federation meeting

By Mrs. Denzil Lawrence  
The annual convention of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture was held in Toronto, Nov. 10-12. Those attending from Halton were A. R. Coulter, vice-president of the Ontario Federation; Denzil Lawrence, Halton President and Zone 4 Governor and his wife; Tom Alderson and Tom Foster, Halton vice-presidents; Harold Middlebrook, Chairman of Property Committee of the Halton Federation of Agriculture; and Edrie Dawson, Halton Secretary.

The speaker at the convention banquet on Monday, Nov. 10 was Charles Munro, president of the organization for the past three years. He was recently elected president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and more recently a vice-president of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers.

Mr. Munro spoke on the position of Agriculture today, the role of the Federation of Agriculture, what has been accomplished during the last year, and what is hoped for the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Munro entertained at an at-home in the presidential suite at the hotel, after the banquet. Mrs. Roy Coulter, Mrs. Eugene Coulter, Mrs. Denzil Lawrence and Mrs. Ray Hergott assisted Mrs. Munro with the refreshments.

A highlight of Tuesday's program was a spirited speech by Sister Thomas Moore from the U.S.A. Her speech was rich in humor, pithy observations and an astounding ability to point out the weaknesses and dangers of agriculture in the U.S.A. and Canada, and unlike many speakers she did not leave us sitting there. She had sound and wise remedies for the dangers, pitfalls and maladies that are afflicting agriculture today. Everyone felt she had faced the situation squarely and we saw ourselves as never before. It set everyone thinking.

Tuesday evening saw the election of the new executive and directors. Precedent was set by the taking of a straw vote to alert the members to the wishes of the convention before the official vote took place. Some anxiety and confusion reigned earlier in the day because of the new Federation by-laws and new methods of election of executive. Hours of discussion seemed necessary to clarify the issue and produce the straw vote. One big point made by the assembly was that the new direct membership members should have the power to vote in the straw vote, to make their wishes known. The direct membership will give power and a say in the affairs of agriculture and the action of the Federation of that the average farmer really has not had in the past. In the past, only members and convention delegates had a vote in decisions made. A whole new concept of a farm organization would seem to be emerging.

This point was further enlarged when the straw vote and the official vote elected Gordon Hill, a former president of the Ontario Farmers Union as the President for 1969-70. He has two able vice-presidents, Frank Wall as first, and Keith Mathies as second. Gordon Hill

was made a member from the Bean Board after the precedent setting feat of being elected President of the Federation from the floor, as a direct member, not from the board of governors or directors as they are now called, as has been the practice in the past.

In the past the president's path was paved with hard work up through the seats of county member, governor and eventually through the vice-presidents. So everyone should be able to see why the convention body felt "all shook up" so as to speak after an eventful day Tuesday. The feeling was that the Federation would never be the same but the general consensus of opinion seemed to be that it would probably be all for the best, but some are biding their opinion in a "wait and see" attitude.

There were 40 some odd names nominated and 27 stood for election, for the nine seats as directors from the convention and membership voters.

The successful candidates were: James Jacklin, Zone Governor and member from Bruce County; Thomas Robson, former vice president and member from the Vegetable Bd.; Roy Coulter, former vice president and member from the Wheat Bd.; Rev. B. Daynard, member from Perth County; Bruce Taylor, member from Durham County.

Others are Clare Curtin, zone Governor and member from Hog Bd., and President of the Hog Producers. Robert Allan, governor and member of last year's executive; Malcolm Davidson, governor and member from the Special Swine section; Chas. Huffman, Past president and member from United Co-operatives.

Three more directors were elected from among the 12 delegates chosen by the direct membership at the regional meetings on Monday. There were Delmer Bennett, past president of Farmer's Union; Dorothy Houston, member from Timiskaming; and Brian Ellsworth.

The highlight of Wednesday at the Convention was the breakfast with several Provincial Government Ministers. There was an overflow attendance with Mr. Charles Munro as chairman, assisted by Mr. Gordon Hill, the new president.

Hon. W. A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture, spoke of the good relationship between the Federation and Government, and what the Government had attempted to do to help agriculture this year.

Hon. George A. Kerr, Minister of Energy and Resource Management, spoke on the problems of pollution and what government intends doing to solve the situation. Hon. Wm. Davis, Minister of Education, was somewhat under fire on the subject of education taxation after he spoke on the new County System of Education. Hon. Thomas Wells, Minister of Health, spoke on the new Government health schemes. Hon. Darcy McKeough, Minister of Municipal Affairs, received the most questions in regard to land and farm taxation. He was under fire for some time. He

spoke about the new plan for taxation which is to be tried out in Peel and said that the Federation would be kept informed of developments.

Mr. Gordon Hill thanked the Ministers for taking the time out of their busy schedules to attend the breakfast, and for answering our questions.



THESE FIVE MEN RECEIVED recognition at the recent United Breeders Inc. awards night for their achievement in artificially inseminating 35,000 cows each. All have been employed in the A.I. industry for more than 15 years. From left they are Bev. Barfoot, Guelph; Len Mason, Milton; Gord Chard, Markdale; Ken Mitchell, Snelgrove; Murray Hayward, Acton.

# Livestock tour attracts 39 men

By H. Cook  
The Livestock Management Tour was attended by 39 individuals this year. The tour began in Guelph on Sunday, Nov. 9, with brief discussions on the dairy, beef, swine, and sheep industries and farm management. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, beef, dairy, swine, and sheep farmers were visited. The tour stressed the management aspect of farming and this was an excellent opportunity to see and compare various management practices. Each evening discussions were held to evaluate the different enterprises and to discuss these management practices.

The tour arrived at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair on Thursday, at which time the individuals took part in the Inter-County Livestock Judging Competition. Each country team of three contestants judged three classes of dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, and one class of sheep. The standing of the county teams was as follows:

Simcoe N, Oxford, Lincoln, Manitoulin, Algoma, Middlesex, Perth, Peterboro, Prescott.

Halton, Wellington, Renfrew, Algoma and Middlesex tied for fifth while Perth and Peterboro tied for seventh.

The Halton County team, sponsored by the Halton County Milk Committee, was made up of Dwight May from Hornby, Bruce Coles from Acton, and Robert Foster from Ballinafad. Cash prizes were awarded to the 40 highest ranking contestants of which Dwight May was 13th and Bruce Coles was 30th. Doug Langman from Orillia had the highest score in the competition.

Thursday evening many of the contestants took advantage of the tickets provided for the show at the McLaughlin Planetarium.

Friday the tour visited various stock yards, packing plants, and marketing boards throughout Toronto. An Awards Banquet was held for the contestants in the King Edward Hotel and tickets for the Horse Show at the Royal were provided for Friday evening, which concluded the tour.

# Demonstrate tractors

By H. J. Stanley  
A demonstration of Zetor tractors, manufactured in Czechoslovakia, is to be held on Saturday, Nov. 22 at the farm of Barry Gray, 1 mile west of

Harrison at the junction of highways 87 and 89. This is being sponsored by the Ontario Farm Machinery Agency, owned by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. During the past year many tractors and other pieces of machinery have been imported from Great Britain at a considerable saving to Ontario farmers.

Now, tractors from Czechoslovakia are being considered. Four different tractors will be demonstrated ranging from 35 to 90 horsepower. Demonstration time is 1 to 4 p.m., with everyone welcome.

# Reid sells cow at A.I. sale

H. Craig Reid of Milton sold a daughter of Thornlea Texal Supreme at the 19th annual Show Window Sale sponsored by United Breeders Artificial Breeding Unit at Guelph recently, where 35 daughters of A.I. bulls were sold for an average of \$805.

Reid's cow was sold to Stewarhaven Farms, St. Catharines for \$1,175.

# Will serve as director

Roy Coulter of Lowville will serve as a director on the Ontario Federation of Agriculture again this year. At a meeting last week Gord Hill of Varna was elected president while Frank Wall of Port Dover was elected first vice and Keith Mathie was elected to the position of second vice president. He is from Brockville.

## Champion Farm Page

# H. Tarzwell Surodana herd sells for total \$234,200

The Surodana Holstein herd of Howard Tarzwell, Georgetown, sold Nov. 10 at Hays Sales Arena, Oakville, for a total of \$234,200. The 149 lots averaged \$1,572 each. This is the second highest average at a Holstein dispersal sale in Canada this year, exceeded only by the average of \$2,476 at the Flettale dispersal held Oct. 20 at Oshawa.

Highest price of the sale of \$15,000 paid by Luis Horacio de Mello, Sao Paulo, Brazil, for the six-year-old herdsire, Romandale Maple Toro. He is a son of the Class Extra Sire, Romandale Shalimar and his dam is a Very Good daughter of another Class Extra Sire, Bond Haven Rag Apple Maple. The dam has produced a total of 26,318 lbs. of milk in 365 days. De Mello bought 18 head.

Top price for a female was \$13,500 paid by Eugene Vesely, Lapeer, Michigan, for the Excellent cow, Hilton Texal Reflection Lady, a daughter of the noted Superior Type Sire, Roeland Reflection Sovereign. Vesely also paid \$9,000 for another Excellent daughter of the same sire and \$1,200 for her baby calf. He also bought a Very Good cow with three direct Excellent dams at \$5,600.

Claude Pickett, Georgetown, paid \$10,000 for a five-month-old daughter of the

\$13,500 top price cow, sired by the famed Romandale Reflection Marquis. Romandale Farms, Unionville, bought a four-year-old Marquis daughter at \$9,000 and three other members of her immediate family at \$4,000, \$3,500 and \$2,100.

J. M. Fraser of Spring Farms, Streetsville, paid \$12,600 for the six-year-old Excellent cow, Fairlea Wayne Reward and three of her descendants. The cow brought \$7,000, her two-year-old daughter \$3,100 and heifer calves from these two \$1,400 and \$1,100.

Among the 51 head sold for

export were purchases by Italian, Brazilian and Mexican buyers as well as the U.S.A. Dr. T. Taveggia, Milan, Italy, paid \$10,400 for the year old bull Surodana Citation Anthony, a son of the noted Class Extra Sire, Rosafe Citation R from an Excellent dam. Taveggia also paid \$3,500 for a Very Good daughter of Romandale Reflection Marquis and \$3,100 for a bred heifer.

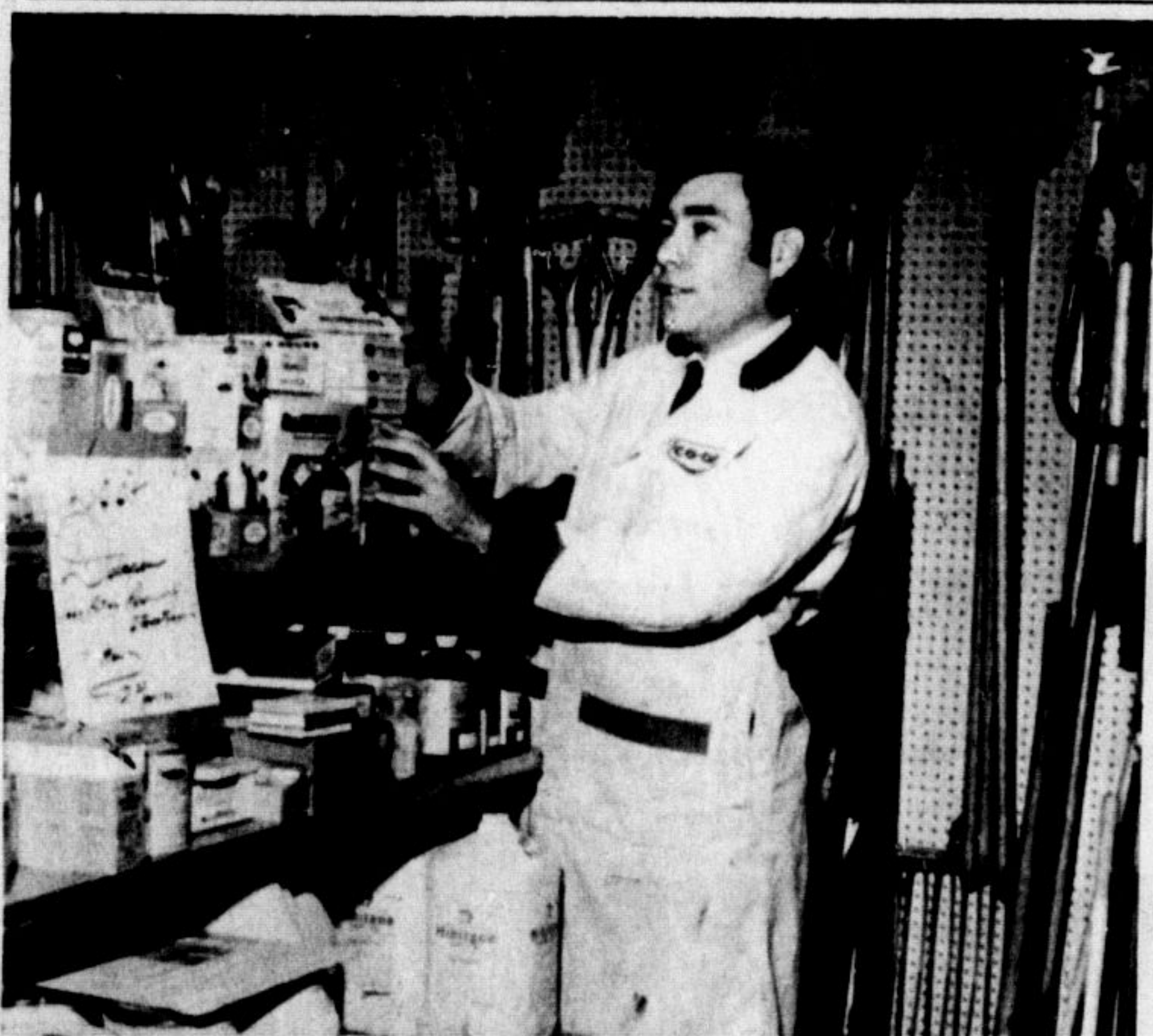
61 head brought at least \$1,000 and 23 topped the \$2,000 figure. Six bulls averaged \$2,767; 79 milking females \$1,715; 22 bred heifers \$1,042; 22 open yearlings \$1,164; and 17 heifer calves \$1,032.

Other high prices included: \$5,200 paid by Claude F. Pickett for a milking female; \$4,000 paid by R. Dale Jones and B. J. Powell, Silver Lake & Pennville, Ind. for a milking female; \$4,000 paid by Eldon J. Cubitt, Stayner, for a milking female; \$3,700 paid by Betram Stewart, Hornby, for a milking female; \$3,700 paid by Spring Farm, Streetsville, for a milking female; \$3,700 paid by Dunlea Farms, Jerseyville, for a milking female; \$3,100 paid by H. L. Beaulieu, Lennoxville, Que. for a bull calf; \$2,700 paid by John L. Mayne, Fairport, N.Y. for a milking female; \$2,000 paid by Dr. T. Taveggia, Milano, Italy, for a milking female.

# Snow speaks for farmers

Jim Snow, MPP for Halton East spoke of the plight of Channel Island cattle breeders in the legislature recently. Mr. Snow noted the problem being caused when the Milk Marketing Board assessed this breed of cattle on even ground to others.

Previous to this their product had commanded a higher price and now have to settle for a lower return for their product, he said.



# MEET ARTHUR MACE

Arthur Mace, originally from Peterborough area where he grew up on his father's beef cattle farm, has joined the staff of UCO Halton Branch as store clerk in the Milton store. Arthur graduated in 1966 from the two year diploma course at Kemptville College of Agriculture and Technology, then remained there for a year for an agricultural mechanics course. Since graduation he has been studying liberal arts at a Bible college at Winnipeg. Arthur is looking forward to meeting all the people in Halton and looks forward to serving their needs at the Milton store.

He takes the place of W. H. "Doc" Smellie who has returned to the new store in Georgetown after serving customers in the Milton store for the past six months while the new Georgetown store was under construction.

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