

On the farm front

BY GORDON HILL*

On June 15, the two opposition parties united to defeat the Government's farm stabilization bill. Then they gave the government a clear directive to develop, by October 31, farm income protection legislation, embodying an insurance type plan, open to all farm commodities and involving a legally constituted negotiating role for farmers.

The Legislature also directed that farm organizations be involved in the development of the legislation.

Victory for Farmers

This is a great victory for farmers and for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. We have been pressing the government for just such a plan for the last year and a half.

A lot of people wonder why farmers need an income protection plan. It sounds to them like "coddling" the inefficient.

Most Canadian farm prices are set in terms of the world grain market. This means the price Ontario farmers receive is completely independent of the quantity and quality of the Ontario crop. For example, they may have a poor crop, because of weather conditions here, and, instead of the price being fairly high because of a short supply, farmers may get a low price because, say, the Southern U.S. had a large crop.

What this basically means is costs of production bear very little relationship to price of farm products in Ontario.

Farmers' Need

Ontario farmers, therefore, need some method whereby they can be assured of some of their costs of production, at the very least. Otherwise, farmers are left playing a dicey game with bankruptcy.

Without this kind of assurance, farmers' confidence in the farming industry is quickly disappearing. They are inclined to stop farming when things get too tough. And young people considering taking up farming are unlikely to do so.

Agri-Power - No Joke

Ontario needs adequate and varied food production. If we don't produce our own food, we will soon be at the mercy of high price imports. Agri-power is no

joke. With more and more countries being unable to produce enough food, the power of food-exporting countries continually increases. Ontario does not need and cannot afford to shift its position from being a net exporter of food to major dependence on imports.

The income protection legislation OFA proposed and the Legislature has directed the government to develop will provide price stability in the food industry. It will provide farmers with the assurance that their costs will be covered and therefore provide them with the capital to improve efficiency and quality of product. It will assure Ontario of enough farmers to produce enough food to feed its people.

Program Would Be Voluntary

The program OFA suggests would be voluntary both for each commodity group and for individual producers of a commodity. It would provide flexibility for the development of different commodities. For instance, some commodities might wish to have a high percentage of costs covered by a plan, others might just want a stop-loss plan and still others might not want a plan at all. No individual producer or group of producers would be forced to participate in any of these insurance-type plans.

What OFA wants the government to develop is enabling legislation with a legally constituted negotiating role for farmers. This will allow farmers to work out with the government the details of plans and the kind of support each commodity group wants and needs.

Work With Government

We are looking forward to working cooperatively with the government in developing the enabling legislation to which the two opposition parties have now directed the government to submit to the Legislature by the end of October.

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Drumquin

McHugh reunion at Hornby

By Mrs. Cecil Patterson
Intended for last week
Miss Elaine Lister of Trafalgar was honoured on Wednesday evening June 16 when about 40 friends gathered in Bethel Church hall to present her with gifts and good wishes.

The hall was attractively decorated for the occasion with pink and white streamers, bells and a specially decorated chair for the bride-to-be. She was assisted by her sister-in-law Barbara Lister in opening the many beautiful gifts and Ellen Lister made the ribbon bow hat.

Elaine expressed her appreciation for the many nice things for her new home, and to Mrs. Sally Harris and Mrs. E. Pickett for arranging the evening. Lunch was served and a social time enjoyed. Elaine will be a July bride.

Family reunion

The annual McHugh family reunion picnic was held on Sunday, June 20th at Hornby Park when about 50 descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McHugh gathered for dinner and supper meals.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McHugh were hosts for the day and had arranged a fine program of sports. Baseball was enjoyed also horse shoe competitions and races for old and young. Special prizes went to the oldest lady—Mrs. Eva Tuck; the oldest gentleman—Bob McHugh, and the youngest the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Fuller of Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McHugh and family of Port Perry came the farthest. It was a happy event enjoyed by all attending. Next year Mr. and Mrs. Bob McHugh Jr., of Oshawa will be the hosts for the day.

Euchre winners

The weekly euchre was held at Hornby centre on June 12 with the following prize winners: J. C. Cunningham, Ed Parsons, F. Peacock, Wilbert Nix, V. Sinclair, Isabel Bayliss. There were eight tables in play.

Saturday evening June 19, the weekly euchre was held with eight tables. Winners were Mildred Mason, Hazel Preston, Florence Parsons, Ethel Martin, V. Sinclair, Ed Parsons, Olive Raine, Claire Wilson.

Recent newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lawrence were honored when friends and

Ebenezer

by Mrs. Ron McLean
Intended for last week

Happy Birthday to Greg Diamond, Diane Taylor and Kathy Johns.

The strawberry social is to be June 30. The Sunday School is planning a picnic for July 4.

Birthdays and good wishes to Mrs. Robert Brownridge on her special day July 1.
Mrs. Orville Stoutt was moved from Mississauga Hospital to Milton Hospital on Saturday, June 26, where she is progressing well from a recent fall and a broken limb.

neighbors gathered at Boyne Centre to present them with a miscellaneous shower of gifts for their new home. The young couple thanked all for making the evening such a happy one and for the useful and beautiful gifts. As usual, a bounteous lunch was served.

Omah friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Lyle Dayman of Grand Bend is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, London, Ont.

Complete course
Halton 4H members have completed the Dale Carnegie course on self improvement and the climax was a banquet and dance held on Saturday evening June 19 at Holy Rosary Hall. Members and friends and parents about 160 in all, were guests at this special event. All graduates received their diplomas and several special awards were made.

There were 42 young people who were privileged to take advantage of this course; it was another 4H first for Halton County. Sincere appreciation and gifts were presented the leaders, Mrs. Teresa Holland, Jeffrey Currah and President Dave Mathers. All members felt it had been a great learning experience to

better understand themselves and those they come in contact with daily. The course consisted of fourteen meetings of four hours each.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gorde celebrating their 4th wedding anniversary on June 30.

—Hire a student this summer. They're eager for jobs and available through the Student Manpower office.

Gold Seal

Ashville Rockette April, a purebred Holstein cow bred and owned by Ashville Farms Ltd., Milton, has received a Gold Seal Lifetime Production Award from the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada for a total of 11 lactations yielding 177,645 lbs. milk, testing 3.83 per cent for 6,802 lbs. fat.

Forest Lee Rockette Centurion. Her dam is Ashville Pabst Anita, classified Very Good.

—The parks and recreation department is still busy accepting registrations for summer playground, swimming, day camp, pre-school, tennis and skating lessons.

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Omagh

Communion linens dedicated at church

By Mrs. Cecil Patterson
Many visitors worshipped at Omagh Presbyterian Church on Sunday June 27 when the sacrament of communion was held. Rev. Rod Lewis dedicated the new communion linens which were given in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Brownridge by their family.

The anthem "In Remembrance of Me" was sung by the choir with Miss M. Riley at the electric organ. The congregation will worship jointly at Boston at 10 a.m. for the month of July.

Friends extend sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Amme on the sudden accidental passing of their grandson Stephen Amme of Caledonia. Stephen was the 14-year-old son of Mr. and

Mrs. John Amme and is survived by his parents, a brother and sisters. The tragedy occurred when the teenager was shooting ground hogs on his father's farm.

A large truck and a smaller Datsun wagon collided at Fourth line and Derry Road one day this week. Needless

to say the large truck was the victor with not much damage, but the smaller vehicle was wrecked. No one was badly injured.

Two languages
It is interesting to note that the controversy over speaking French has drawn much attention with pilots and con-

trollers. We learned that the persons doing the recent farm census surveys had to be bilingual. A student from Trent University, Peterboro had the necessary qualifications and did the work in this area. We wonder why someone locally was not given the job, as French speaking farmers in this locality are not many (if any).

Mrs. Hilda Ross, wife of William Ross, passed away Saturday morning June 26 in her sleep. Mr. and Mrs. Ross were frequent visitors at Omagh store with their sister Ruby and Harold Rutherford and had recently returned from their winter home in Florida to take up residence in Milton. Mrs. Ross is survived by her husband, two sons and sister Mrs. Rutherford. Interment was in Omagh Presbyterian Church cemetery.

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Jim Day is named to Olympic teams

By Mrs. Cecil Patterson
The final euchre party for the season was held at Hornby Centre on Saturday evening June 26 with 10 tables in play. Prize winners were Mrs. W. Nix, Mrs. W. Mason, Mrs. Webb, Claire Wilson, M. Peacock, Nellie Lane. A special lone hand prize donated by Vi Preston was won by Ralph Featherston. Many lucky draws from the Tallies were given out. As a grand finale to the winter's fun, all enjoyed the delightful lunch of cake, strawberries and ice cream.

Superior Producer

Plumbroke Liza Sovereign, a purebred Holstein cow bred and owned by H. C. Reid of Milton, has received a Gold Seal Lifetime Production Award from the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada for a total of 10 lactations yielding 196,485 lbs. milk, 7,805 lbs. fat with a 3.97 per cent test. Her latest lactation as a 13-year-old she produced 22,564 lbs. milk, 976 lbs. fat with a 4.33 per cent test or BCA indices of 221 per cent for milk and 269 per cent fat which qualifies her as a Superior Producer.

Liza has one Very Good daughter, Plumbroke Anne Achilles and one Very Good son, Plumbroke Atom Achilles.

She was sired by Roeland Reflection Sovereign who is classified Excellent and Superior Type. Her dam is Plumbroke Sovereign Linda.



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It is important that dog guide owners know their rights under the Act and that the public, especially employers and their employees, be made aware of the provisions of the Act and their responsibilities under it.

The Attorney General of Ontario will issue identification cards to dog guide owners. The card will carry a photograph of the owner and dog, as well as their names, and will also carry a summary of the main features of the Act.

For further information, application for an Identification Card or a copy of the Act itself, contact:

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