



Years of service

Citizens volunteering long years of service to the Canadian Red Cross Society were honored recently with special plaques presented by Mayor Gord Krantz. Receiving honors were Teresa Wakely of the Catholic Women's

League and Margo Kent, shown in the front. Doris Wheelahan of the Red Cross, Jean Hasselfeldt of the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary and Mac Elliot are shown in the rear.

Farmers vs. others

Incomes similar

By MARG LANGTON
Special to The Champion

A major study concluding there is not much difference, on average, in incomes between farmers and non-farmers is raising eyebrows in Halton's agricultural circles.

The study conducted by George Brinkman, a University of Guelph agricultural economist and published Jan. 11 states that when all components of income are considered, "average income levels for farmers are sufficient to provide decent living standards."

The problem with economists, as Halton agricultural representative Henry Stanley sees it, is that by the time their data is published, it is out of date. Mr. Stanley points to sections of the farm economy that are having problems: beef and hog producers and those in cash crops.

Mr. Stanley goes on to say, however, that there are far fewer failures among farmers than in other businesses and he agrees with the study's suggestion that for some, lack of income results from individual human limitations.

"There are some we're seeing in the area," Mr. Stanley comments, "who don't have the ability to manage the amount of money they have borrowed. There has been too much credit available to them for their management ability."

The great majority are having trouble because of circumstances, not management ability, Stanley adds.

The agricultural representative agrees with the study's finding that farmers face far greater income instability from year to year than other unincorporated businesses, using this year's price of grain as illustration. When corn drops from \$4 a bushel to the current \$2.70, "It can throw you for a loop," he says.

While the study sees little justification to expand government programs to boost farm returns, Mr. Stanley counters that in the present "crisis situation" the government has had to intervene with short-term assistance to keep from losing a lot of good farmers.

The \$60-million Ontario Farm Adjustment Assistance Program begun two weeks ago is available to the farmer with 10 to 50 per cent equity who is spending 20 per cent or more of his income on principal and interest and who has more than a \$25,000 gross farm income.

Assistance in the form of deferred interest for six months, interest reduction up to five per cent but no lower than 12 per cent for floating bank rate liabilities, and a guarantee of credit for the coming year at prime rate. A Toronto board makes the final ruling on applications which must be initiated by the bank manager.

Concurring with the bleak picture painted by the study when it comes to young farmers entering the business, Mr. Stanley calls the situation "pretty near impossible, unless you go in with your parents."

Viability guidelines drawn up a year ago place the initial investment to get started in dairy farming at \$600,000. This figure would provide for 100 acres in Halton, Mr. Stanley points out, as well as the necessary cattle machinery.

For those wanting to get launched into beef farming, the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee puts the minimum tab at \$875,000.

Ed Segsworth, past president of the Halton Federation of Agriculture, notes that there are not a large number of hardship cases among area farmers perhaps because a lot do not own their land.

He is less than complimentary about the Government Assistance Program, though, saying that 10 times the \$60-million amount "might approach what we should be looking at."

Mr. Segsworth would be happier without government intervention but until the government abandons its policy of cheap food and "gives us the price on the marketplace," the support will have to continue, he says.

Specializing in cash crops, Mr. Segsworth farms 1,000 acres in north Burlington and area. The drastic changes in farming in the past 10 to 20 years are hurting the farmer in the short run, but the consumer will pay in the long run he stresses.

"As we produce less in Canada we have to rely more on imports. Look what happened to oil." Agriculture minister Eugene Whelan is in touch with reality, according to Mr. Segsworth but does not have the backing of the cabinet.

Meanwhile, back in Halton, where farm conditions are among the best in the country, Mr. Segsworth sees agriculture losing slowly to "more productive crops—houses and hydro lines."

Sunshine School to be sold off

A former school for the mentally retarded in north Halton is to be sold by the Board of Education. Trustees last week approved a motion to sell the Sunshine School, which had been operated by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, for several years before being taken over by the public board.

Integration of retarded children in regular school programs has made the Sunshine facility unnecessary.

Ron Chapman, superintendent of special services, said current local and Provincial policies do not point to a return to segregated buildings for the retarded.

"Integration is here to stay and I see no need in the foreseeable future for a segregated building," he said.

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Hornby W.I.

Repair shop attended

Hornby Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. McCarron with 8 members present.

Mrs. Roy Wilson President, opened the meeting with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. L. Sampson and treasurer's report was given. Hornby Bottle Drive was April 17, Hillcrest Daffodil Luncheon April 15 and Nelson Dessert Luncheon April 27.

Mrs. Ron MacPherson and Mrs. C. Patterson had attended the Repair Workshop so gave a report on this—were taught how to fix taps, put ends on extension cords, how to put plug ins into leaky pipe, put light dimmers on, fix toilets etc. There are new screw in fuses with button on them.

Mrs. C. Wrigglesworth gave reports on District Directors Meeting held March 22. District Day will be October 26 at 7 p.m. District Annual will be May 26 at 1 p.m. at Hillcrest United Church. Mrs. Ron

MacPherson has offered to make the 7 iced chocolate cupcakes and Mrs. Roy Wilson the Cherry pie. The three voting delegates will be Mrs. C. Patterson, Mrs. R. Wilson and Mrs. L. Sampson—alternates Mrs. Ron MacPherson and Miss L. Godward.

Roll call was answered by paying our fees. Mrs. L. Sampson read last year's annual meeting and gave annual treasurer's report.

Mrs. J. McCarron auditors report. All convenor reports were given. Mrs. J. McCarron conducted the election of officers which are as follows:

Past President—Mrs. Roy Wilson, President—Mrs. Cecil Patterson, 1st Vice President—Mrs. L. Sampson, Secretary Treasurer—Mrs. L. Sampson, Assistant Secretary Treasurer—Mrs. Ron MacPherson, Building Funds Secretary Treasurer—Mrs. Guy Bussell, District Directors—Mrs. R. Wilson Alternate District Director—Mrs. Ron MacPherson, Flower Convenor—Mrs. G. Bussell, Directors, Mrs. W. Ford, Mrs. P.W. Merry, Mrs. Gordon Robinson, Auditors, Mrs. J. McCarron and Mrs. R. Wilson, Lunch Committee Mrs. R. MacPherson, Mrs. L. Sampson, and Mrs. C. Wrigglesworth.

Convenors: Agriculture and Canadian Industries—Mrs. H. O'Connor and Mrs. R. Wilson, Citizenship and World Affairs—Miss L. Godward, Education and Cultural Affairs—Mrs. J. McCarron, Family and Consumer Affairs—Mrs. Ron MacPherson, Public Relations—Mrs. C. Wrigglesworth, Safety Representative—Mrs. C. Patterson, Curator—Mrs. H. O'Connor.

Meeting to plan new programs will be held at Mrs. C. Patterson's home on May 19. Mrs. R. Wilson served a delicious lunch with the hostess and a social half hour was enjoyed.

Beta Sigma Phi

Founder's dinner

Members of the three Milton chapters of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will be holding their annual Founder's Day dinner and dance on Saturday, April 24 at Indian Wells Golf and Country Club.

Members from the two Ritual of Jewels chapters, Eta Phi and Theta Tau, as well as members of the newly-formed Exemplar chapter, Xi Zeta Beta, will be attending.

This will be the first Founder's Day to be held in Milton, since until the formation of the Exemplar chapter, all larger functions were held in conjunction with the Oakville chapters of the sorority.

Campbellville W.I.

Annual meeting

Mrs. O. Vansickle opened the April 7 annual meeting of Campbellville Women's Institute, at the home of Mrs. L. Stokes, with an Easter poem. Standing committee conveners gave their annual reports, showing a successful year.

Plans were finalized for Spring Luncheon and card party, April 14 at home of Mrs. L. Andrews. Spin volunteer for May 1, 9, 12. Mrs. J. Wheelahan, Report of March 22 Spring District WI board meeting was given by Mrs. J. Wheelahan.

Mrs. R. Elliot presented 1982-83 slate of officers, who were installed by Mrs. L. Crawford as follows, president Mrs. O. Vansickle, 1st vice pres. Mrs. J. McColl, secretary Mrs. L. Andrews, treasurer Mrs. G. Black.

A bake sale for Milton District Hospital Foundation is planned for May 21 at Corner parkette at 11 a.m. May meeting to be a 6.30 pot luck supper and auction convened by the finance committee.

Mrs. O. Vansickle reported village Cancer Cansass is to be done by Boy Scouts and rural area by Lions Club.

Agriculture in Halton

By HENRY STANLEY
Agricultural Representative

Reproduction

Halton 4-H veterinary science club Embryo Transplanting is a fairly new procedure in cattle reproduction. Although not many people are familiar with transplanting, the Halton 4-H Veterinary Science Club spent a very enjoyable evening at Via Pax Ltd., Brampton on March 30, 1982.

The meeting started with Dr. Bob Cation showing us a stomach of a cow. The cow had died from a grain overload. We noticed that the reticular's inside lining was in the shape of a honeycomb and the rumen had a pillar shape. He pulled the magnet out of the rumen and found a nail attached to it. Dr. Cation then turned the meeting over to the staff at Via Pax.

Maureen Higa, of Via Pax, talked to the group. Her job deals mainly with the buying and selling of embryos to such places as Chile, Korea, England and Italy. She also discussed a few of the cows pedigrees and the future potential for embryo transfers.

Marty Darrow, also of Via Pax, who is qualified in both embryo transplanting and veterinary work, showed and described what he does to a cow from breeding time to flushing to transplanting the egg into the cow.

At the end of the meeting, Maureen and Tom Cook, Via Pax's herdsman, showed us where the transplanting procedure is done.

Halton 4-H Horse Club The first regular meeting of the Halton 4-H Horse Club was held April 1 at the Agricultural office, Milton, with 13 members in attendance. It consisted of a discussion on where and when the upcoming meetings should be held. This was followed by the election of officers. They are as follows: president, Kathy Galbraith; vice-president, Debbie Deenik; secretary, Kelly Sachau; and press reporter, Annette Ambo. The leaders for 1982 are Fred Ambo, Alison Amos, Don Heath and Glenna Scott.

The next meeting will be April 15th at the Halton School of Equitation.

I.A.P.A.



LEO MAC MASTER The Industrial Accident Prevention Association is pleased to announce the election of Mr. Leo Mac Master of Kaiser Refractories, Oakville, as Chairman of the Halton-Peel Division.

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