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New Farm Account Book Issued by Revenue Department

Intended to Simplify Rural Need for Keeping Farm Records — Issued Free.

Canadian farmers will receive copies of one of the most remarkable publications ever devised by a Government. It is a blank farm account book to help Canadian farmers keep track of their business the whole year round, and it will be forwarded to them free of charge.

The new Farm Account Book is a securely-bound 44-page volume, nine by twelve inches in size. Following an introduction, there are 15 pages of information on farmer's income tax and 23 lined and headed blank pages on which he can list his transactions from week to week.

The last section begins with receipts from the sale of crops and seeds and covers most other items handled by farmers — livestock, poultry, honey, hides, and a dozen other sundry sales.

The next section deals with expenses for seeds, feeds, livestock, custom work, rent, supplies, wages and tools. There are blank columns for capital and revenue from stocks and bonds. The foreword explains how the farmer can calculate his "net worth" and determine what progress — or lack of progress — he has made during the year.

In a few minutes the farmer can put down his day's or week's transactions with a minimum of trouble. The new Farm Account Book can save many farmers money in that it can take the place of an expert. In fact, to have a similar accounting system installed by an expert would be beyond the scope of most men on the land.

Business men in towns and cities seek taxation and legal advice from the most highly-qualified sources, in order to assure exemptions due to them are claimed. This, of course, is perfectly proper because the Income War Tax Act, being economically sound, carefully states these exemptions to prevent the tax burden falling too oppressively at any one point on either individuals or business. Now farmers are given easily-understood official advice to enable them to take advantage of their tax rights.

Features of the Booklet
The farmer's income tax return is a six-page form which at first glance looks fairly complicated. The new Farm Account Book helps in simplifying this by numbering its headings to agree with the numbers on the tax return itself. For instance, on one of the pages, devoted to expenses under which the farmer lists his payments of wages and board for hired help, he is referred directly to the exact spot where these items should be listed on his income tax return form. Similarly, each column of sales, expenses and other items is numbered to correspond with the items on the income tax return.

Another feature is the "Schedule of Depreciation Rates" on page 14 where some 75 different items on the farm are listed, with their correct maximum rate of depreciation. The barn is expected to last 40 years—rate of 1/2% per annum—but the farmer's truck is given a 20%, or a life of five years.

The "three year average," which commenced in 1946, is explained in detail. By this system the farmer gets a chance to match good and bad years.

The price of Bread has been advanced to 14c. a loaf in Stouffville.

Eyebrows Lift Over Varying Prices for Fuel Oil

If you live in Stouffville and buy your furnace oil from a local dealer with storage tanks here, the price may be 18c to 18 1/2c per gallon. The same dealer may have customers south of No. 7 highway below Markham or Unionville, and those customers will be serviced from Stouffville one cent per gallon less. Oh yes, and before you say "that's preposterous," we hasten to explain that if a distributor at Unionville is selling fuel oil to customers in Stouffville, he will charge the 18c to 18 1/2c per gallon, whereas he can service a customer below Unionville and to city limits for 17c per gallon.

The reason for this peculiar quirk in the sale price of fuel oil is that the whole province is divided into zones. Furnace oil to city customers and a limited area outside the city obtain the lowest price 17c per gallon, and this is stepped up to the zones farther located from the source of supply.

Because Stouffville is close to the border line, storage tanks located here, service two zones, and that is the simple explanation why dealers cart furnace fuel oil out of town eight or ten miles, and sell it for less than they charge Stouffville customers.

It is recalled, said one dealer, that a similar situation prevailed in the distribution of milk a few years ago. Toronto dairies were selling milk from door-to-door at Musselman's Lake at one or two cents a quart less than they sold it in Toronto. The milk for the lake had to be trucked 35 miles from the city daily, yet sold for less; creating a ridiculous selling price either at the lake or in the city.

WOMAN PUBLISHER DEAD HUSBAND HAD PAPER HERE

Margaret C. Nicholson aged 79, who published the *Chinook Advance* for a quarter of a century, is dead. She continued on the paper after the death of her husband. Mrs. Nicholson was a sister of Mr. Ramsey E. Sinclair who married into the Baker family of Stouffville.

Before going West the late Mr. Nicholson published the *Free Press* in Stouffville at a time when the village had two newspapers fifty years ago. He later founded the *Chinook* weekly, where he died in 1920. Then when his wife took over she not only gathered the news, but wrote it up, and set the type. A son S. Sinclair survives.

Miss Dorothy Fuller and friend of Toronto, spent Sunday at the home of her brother, Gordon Fuller, Main street.

Council Approves Heise Hill Subdivision

When Markham Township Council approved of a subdivision plan for Alvin Winger at lot 34, concession 3, Markham, it may have started a building program in the locality which could grow to imposing proportions.

The Winger subdivision is close to the Heise Hill Church, where at present several attractive and substantial homes have been erected. Mr. Winger's plan provides some ideal building lots several of which are now sold. The location is certainly attractive, with a lovely view of one of the finest parts of the township commanding the site.

Library Shows Large Circulation Increase

An increase of over one thousand books for 1947 was reported at the annual meeting of the Stouffville Library Board. Mrs. G.R.W. Thomas reported a circulation of 8309 books and 117 magazines. One hundred and forty-four new books were added to the book stock during the year, and 120 books were on loan from the Travelling Library.

Fluorescent lighting has been installed in the reading room and a bulletin board for the display of jackets of new books.

The librarian also reported having attended a library school, held for a month at Uxbridge.

The Stouffville Public Library is for the use of the local ratepayers and those of the surrounding district and the Board is to be commended for keeping the place attractive and its facilities up-to-date.

Rev. Douglas Davis presided at the annual meeting, members present being, Mrs. H. B. Freeland, Mrs. W. F. Riches and Mr. H. Spofford.

Mrs. H. B. Freeland was re-elected chairman for 1948 and Mrs. W. F. Riches, secretary. The book committee are, Mrs. Freeland, Mrs. Riches and Rev. D. Davis; the property committee, Mr. H. Spofford and Mr. L. C. Murphy. Due to the removal from town of Mr. Jas. Porter, one new member is to be appointed to the Board.

Mr. "Ace" Davis of Leroy, Sask., who has been visiting friends here left for home Monday morning of this week.



Kenneth Thompson, reeve of the town of Weston is York County's 1948 warden, who succeeds Chas. Hooper, reeve of Markham, Warden for 1947. In private life Warden Thompson is an insurance broker.

Honour Former Minister

One-time minister of St. James Presbyterian Church, Stouffville, Rev. John Mutch, D.D., and Mrs. Mutch of Melrose Church, Hamilton were made extremely happy when a delegation from the congregation waited on them and presented them with a Chevrolet touring sedan as a Christmas gift. The words of appreciation that accompanied the gift and the good spirit in which it was given made the occasion one of the most pleasant and heartening ever experienced says a Hamilton report. Rev. John Mutch was outstanding as a young minister in Stouffville for the leadership he gave in boys work.

Sunday School Assoc. Hears Encouraging Reports at Convention

Mr. Win Timbers succeeds Mr. Frank Reesor as president of the Markham Township Sunday School Association which held its 79th annual meeting in Markham last week with all-day sessions featuring varying departments of the work.

Ten Sunday Schools responded with excellent reports, despite the inroads being made by varying elements that tend to detract from Sabbath observance.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Past President, Frank Reesor; President, Win Timbers; 1st Vice-President, Mr. Archie Little; 2nd Vice-President, Bruce Clarke; Sec'y-Treas., Carl James; Assistant, Ewart Stiver. Departments—Begganers, Mrs. Donald Ratcliff, Mrs. Ben Gayman; Girls' Work, Mrs. R. T. Chapin, Miss Marion Warner; Boys' Work, Donald Ratcliff, Ben Gayman; Young People's Dept., Miss Elva Kirk, Mr. N. R. Reid; Adult Dept., Herb Stover, Louis Nichols; Home Dept., Mrs. Alfred Miller, Mrs. Albert Batt; Missions, Mrs. Freeman Barker, Miss Edith Raymer; Temperance, Herb Smith, Paul Boadway; Religious Education, Hugh Boyd, Charles Hoover; Teacher Training, Rev. R. T. Chapin, Rev. S. S. Shantz.

Permission Granted For Increased Telephone Rates

The Ontario Municipal Board has granted the request of the Bethesda-Stouffville Telephone Co. for permission to increase its rates as of February 1st this year. The company complied with the Act respecting sending notification to every subscriber of the intended change, and such notice informed the subscribers that they had the right to enter any protest they considered advisable with the Municipal Board. None was entered.

It would appear that telephone subscribers expected to pay higher rates, especially in view of the promised new equipment that the local company has placed an order for. When installed there is every expectation that the service will be speeded up. Town phones will contact central by merely lifting down the receiver, and rural subscribers will have less phones on one circuit. Because of the difficulty in obtaining materials the new installation has been delayed, and in the country every line has been overloaded in order to give farmers a phone. This situation will be remedied to a great extent.

In preparation for the new phones in town, preliminary work has now started, but it is too early to forecast when the big "turn over" will be accomplished.

Local Homemakers Urged To Buy Only What They Need, to Use All They Buy

Admonishes Speaker at Women's Gathering in Interests of Consumers

Mrs. Marshall of Agincourt and Ottawa brought a challenge to women to maintain a high quality of living, at the meeting held in the United Church last Friday afternoon under the auspices of the Canadian Association of Consumers, of which she is President. Women found they could accomplish great things when they united their forces in wartime, she stated; and although the fighting is over, the economic war is still with us. She said she considered an adequate standard of living to include a decent place to live, money enough to feed and clothe our families, and a little left over for fun.

The speaker asserted that officials at Ottawa are thankful the Canadian Association of Consumers has been organized, with the object of helping to keep Canada on a sound economic footing. She emphasized the power women wield by their united buying. She said: "Buy only what you need—at reasonable prices. Use all that you buy. Make it smart to be thrifty." She pointed out that an official at Ottawa said women have themselves very largely to blame for this present situation in which they find themselves. The reason is that many bought in panic; and panic buying raises prices.

It was felt when the Wartime Prices and Trade Board with its Consumers Branch was disbanded, that a women's organization could do further good work; and the National Council of Women which represents various church denominations and a cross-section of women's interests across the dominion was asked to sponsor such an undertaking. Last April a preliminary meeting was held; but in September a representative gathering of Protestant and Catholic women, English and French, city and rural, housewives and business women—all came together in a common purpose. That purpose was to unite our strength, to improve our standards of living, to study consumer problems, to formulate opinions and constructive suggestions, and then bring these to the attention of the government and to the trade and industry. In return we would receive information from the same quarters.

The money still in the Consumers Branch was granted by the Cabinet ministers to launch the new organization; but the whole set-up of the Association from then on depends on membership fees. In return for the fee, a member receives a monthly bulletin telling of the progress of the Association, and has the privilege of sending in suggestions to the staff at Ottawa. The Association sets out to combat profiteering and inflation.

Mrs. Marshall was introduced by Mrs. Arthur Woods, who pointed out that our work was to help our men-folk by making the best possible home in 1948, and for that purpose Mrs. Marshall was giving of her time and leadership. Mrs. Kenneth Campbell presided, and Mrs. Stanley Ball thanked the speaker for coming to tell us how we might help in this Canadian Association of Consumers. Mrs. Charles Nolan presided at the organ.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

Applications for old age pensions were received by the York County Pension Board from every municipality in the county with the exception of Woodbridge, during 1947, according to a report submitted to the county council last week. Five applications came from Stouffville for whole or part pensions, two of which were not granted. Eight applications from Whitchurch, and one not granted, while Markham village and township which were incorrectly included as one municipality showed 27 applications received, of which one was refused.

WEDDINGS

LEHMAN — BURTON
Mr. Howard C. Lehman, Delhi, and Mrs. Lovina Burton, formerly of Toronto, were married by Rev. Mr. Hilton of Brantford recently. They spent their honeymoon with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wahl in Buffalo, New York, and with her son, Alfred, of East Aurora, New York.

Funeral Rites for Mrs. Mary Anna Cook

Minnesota, Man., Jan. 22—Funeral services were held for Mary Anna Cook, 84 years, 2. days, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. Crawford on January 15th, 1948. The former resided at Millon East Bay and Magnet since 1913. Born at Ballantrae, Ont., in 1864, she lived in Ontario till 1908, moving to Kenton, Man., later to Millon, Man., in 1913 where they took up homesteading. In 1882 Mary Anna Helmka married Jacob H. Cook. Mr. Cook died 19 years ago. She is survived by four daughters (Delta) Mrs. A. J. Schmaus, Minnesota, Man.; (Elza) Mrs. J. McKinnon, Magnet, Man.; (Floss) Mrs. Geo. Crawford, East Bay, Man.; (Ruby) Mrs. J. Dyer, Agassiz, B.C. Two sons, Clifford of New Dale, Man. and Orville of Agassiz, B.C. One sister, Mrs. Fred Flath, San Diego, Cal. Thirty-five grandchildren and thirty-five great grandchildren. Following the funeral service held Sunday, Jan. 18th the body was taken to the family plot at Millon.

Local Choir Wins at Musical Festival

Honor and distinction were brought to Stouffville on Monday evening when the local United Church choir, under the leadership of L. C. Murphy, carried off top honors in their class at the Toronto East Musical Festival.

Woodbine Heights Baptist Church choir placed second in the class. The selections used for competition were, "Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light," by Bach and a hymn tune, "The King of Love," unaccompanied.

The adjudicator W. H. Bishop, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M. of Sherbrooke, Que., awarded the Stouffville choir a mark of eighty-five and stated in his remarks that the local choir was one of which any church could be proud.

The award carries with it a cash prize and a shield. A mark of eighty must be attained in order to win the shield. No entry reached this mark in the 1947 competition.

Mr. Murphy will take the United Church choir and the High School choir to the Kiwanis Musical Festival next month.

Mrs. Wm. Simpson Mourned by Friends

In Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, on Friday, Jan. 23, 1948, Ella Mary Spence, beloved wife of William E. Simpson of Ballantrae, entered into rest after a short illness. The daughter of the late Adam Spence and Margaret Jane Wilkin, she was born near Newbridge in Howick township, Huron County, where she attended public school. After graduating from Harriston High School she attended North Bay Normal. She taught school at New Liskeard, Molesworth, Monkton and Alliston. Prior to her marriage on June 1, 1929 she taught at Ballantrae.

She was a devout member of Baker Hill Baptist church and taught in the Sunday School. For several years she was active in the work of the Vivian Red Cross.

Her bright, cheerful disposition, and sterling Christian character won for her many friends, who will regret her sudden passing.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband and son Ronald (a son and daughter predeceased her in infancy) as well as five sisters: Hazel (Mrs. M. C. Rutan, Calgary), Myrtle (Mrs. Russell Bell, Atwood), Miss Margaret Spence, Toronto, Elizabeth (Mrs. R. L. Mollison, Guelph), Alice (Mrs. Carman Bride, Fordwich). A sister, Adeline, predeceased her in Dec., 1922.

On Sunday a private service was held at her late residence at 2 o'clock, followed by a service in Baker Hill Baptist Church at 2.30, conducted by Rev. Norman Rowan and assisted by Rev. W. S. Whitcombe of Toronto Baptist Seminary, and by her pastor Robert Malley.

The many floral tributes were expressions of the very high esteem in which she was held. The pallbearers were Messrs. Alex Ratcliff, Gordon Ratcliff, Merlin Baker, James Oldham, Bruce Johnson, and Harry Baker.



Reeve Lorne Evans defeated Deputy Reeve Nelson Boylen, Ward 3, North York. Deputy Reeve Dalton Rumney, Markham Township, and Reeve Ace A. Cook, Aurora, were elected as commissioners to the Board of Management of the House of Refuge. Reeve Cook was elected over Reeve O. E. Crookford, of Scarborough, when Charles McMaster, as reeve of

Whitchurch Reeve Gets Important County Post

Reeve Clive M. Sinclair, Etobicoke Township and Reeve Lorne P. Evans, Whitchurch Township, were elected county commissioners for 1948 at the second day of York County Council's January session.

They, along with Reeve Kenneth L. Thompson, Weston, elected warden, form the executive committee of the 51-member County Council, representative of 26 municipalities. Reeve Sinclair received an acclamation, while Reeve Evans

the municipality with the greatest assessment, broke the tie. An unusual feature of the voting was the fact that Reeve Cook voted for his opponent while Reeve McMaster voted for Reeve Crookford, when he cast his first vote, but voted for Reeve Cook in breaking the tie. He gave as his reason the fact that Reeve Cook had voted for Reeve Crookford.

Reeve Harold Glover, North Gwillimbury Township, and Deputy Reeve Jack Hostrawser, Vaughan Township, were chosen as representatives on the Old Age Pensions Board, while Deputy Reeve Mrs. Hilda Murray, Scarborough, and Mrs. Stanley Osborne, wife of a former warden, were appointed to the Mothers' Allowance Board.