

# Success of Farm Organizations Depend On Officers, Members

Most of the annual meetings of farm organizations are over for this year, or will be shortly. This brings up the question, what kind of a showing will the new executive make?

The success of each organization depends on its officers and members. Officers as a rule come from the ranks after years of training and should take the reins with a shrewd and experienced hand.

**Pleasure and Benefit**

With so many organizations into which the average farmer is asked to throw his lot, he finds more pleasure and benefit in going to some meetings than to others. While many have important work to do, they waste much time doing it and in many cases the interest of the members lapses.

There are definite rules that add to the success of any organization (and these don't apply only to farm groups). Let's have a look at them.

The impression the new president makes at the first meeting is the impression that will carry through the year. He will have stabilized himself in office if he speaks with quietness, sincerity and some sense of authority. The president is the captain of the ship.

His mental equipment and tolerant understanding of the problems of the club and the individual members are essential to success.

**Should Be Informal**

The president should know the constitution backwards and forwards so that no obstreperous member catches him napping. He should know procedure thoroughly. The general order of business is minutes, reports of committees, correspondence, accounts and bills, new business and adjournment.

A general application of this order will work out well for most meetings. However, the president should make his rule of order flexible enough so that when an important issue comes up, it will be discussed early in the meeting before half the members go home.

Two methods to assure that important issues will receive a thorough airing are to start the meeting on time and to close off long-winded discussions on non-essential matters by appointing a committee of three to deal with the vexing question and make a report to the next meeting.

Often discussions run overtime on such items as the reading of minutes and discussion of items which are actually "fait accompli" because they have received general membership approval at former meetings.

A motion is moved, seconded, stated by the president, debated by the members, called by the secretary, restated by the president, put, voted upon and the result declared.

**Motion Procedure**

However, when a motion has been moved, seconded and stated by the chairman, an amendment is in order. That is, any member from the floor may rise and say, "In regard to the motion now before the club I would like to move this amendment."

The amendment must also be seconded and the amendment is voted on before the original motion. If the amendment carries, the original motion is then restated, with the addition of the amendment.

The president directs the discussion but does not take the lead. He does not consult close personal friends too frequently. Back-benchers are carefully drawn into the discussion.

Highly important to any organization is the secretary. It is his factual reports to which members will refer when any debatable point is brought up. Secretaryship is one of the most important club executive positions and possibly the hardest to fill since the secretary is like a deputy minister—filled with cares and worries but with actually no authority on club policy.

**Do Not Be Windy**

The windy secretary has no place in a well-run organization. The best one is the one who is and proposed motions and calling for the details of motions proposed by members who never talk above a whisper.

The secretary must have an uncanny facility for knowing names and initials of all members. Nothing makes a person annoyed like having the name spelled wrong.

He should record the minutes immediately after the meeting so no important details escape and if possible send out copies to all members to save time at the next meeting when minutes can be taken as read. More time is saved when the secretary asks for the adoption of his own reports.

The treasurer needs to be a combination finance minister and penny-pincher but playing no favorites. He has a tough job in collecting fees but should not hesitate to use harsh measures when necessary—especially when club constitution says that only paid-up members may vote.

# Deer Invade Highway

Corporal Charles Daniels of the Pickering Township Police must have thought Santa's reindeer had refused to go back north when he spotted two deer crossing No. 2 Highway at White's Sideroad on Christmas Day at 3 p.m.

Constable Daniels said the two deer, one a mature doe and a well grown fawn, casually jumped the fence and proceeded south across the highway without any undue haste. He said they continued south over Highway 401, where traffic slowed to let them by.

# VICTORIA SQUARE

(Mrs. W. Saddle)  
(Dec. 29)

Mr. and Mrs. W. Westbrook spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William Large and family in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry King and family, and Miss Grace Boynton had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Forson and family of Ringwood called on Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boynton on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bennett and Ray and Miss Rosemary March spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook and Florence at Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Knapp and Irene, Mr. and Mrs. John Empingham, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empingham and girls spent Christmas Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and family in Toronto.

Mrs. Ella Ratcliffe of Stouffville, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boynton spent Christmas with Mr. R. E. Sanderson and Miss Mabel Sanderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Canning, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Saddle and Margaret spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Boynton, Grace, David and Donald.

Mr. David Boynton of the Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, is spending his Christmas vacation at his home here.

The flowers in the church on Sunday were placed there in memory of Mr. J. Ash by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Heber McCague, and in memory of Mrs. France, by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Jarvis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Martin at Leaside.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Franci in their recent bereavement, in the passing of Mr. Franci's brother-in-law, and Mrs. Franci's aunt.

A speedy recovery is wished for Mr. Jim Dennie who has been ill.

# AUDLEY

Mildred Puckrin

About fifty children and adults, enjoyed a pot-luck supper, arranged by the Sunday School staff, on December 22. Afterwards, Christmas carols were sung. Rev. M. Butars showed a film, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." The Sunday School attendance prizes were presented to those having an attendance of seventy-five percent or over. These were in order of merit—Intermediate: Edith White, Lorraine MacEwen; Juniors—Eileen Guthrie, Keith Puckrin, Marie Smith, Jeanette Astley; Primary girls: Ann Guthrie tied, Ruth Peacock, Jo Astley; Primary boys: Harold Guthrie, Wayne White and Roy Puckrin tied, John Peacock; Kindergarten: Arthur Puckrin and Lynda Puckrin tied. Glenn Squire, Darlene White.

Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson entertained a number of friends and relatives on Saturday, on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

On Christmas Day, Mr. and

# MELVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. John Harkness and Philip of Whiteby had dinner on Sunday with Mrs. Harkness' mother, Mrs. Wm. McKay.

Rev. Dan and Mrs. Thornhill and family, St. Catharines celebrated with the Houck family on Sunday.

Mr. Peter Smith of Kingston is spending the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith.

Mrs. Orval Carruthers and daughters Nancy and Katherine had dinner on Monday with Misses Mary and Jennie and Mr. Harold Carruthers.

Mr. Wesley Powell and Miss Mabel Powell of Oshawa had Christmas dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Powell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Powell spent Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. Thos. Popham of New Toronto.

Miss Patsy Smith of Guelph is home for the holidays and Miss Margaret Smith, Toronto, spent Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Denton Smith of Stouffville and Mr. Ken Duncan of Gormley were also guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Smith.

Former residents of Melville, Mrs. Willis Lehman and Mr. Harmon Lehman of Delhi spent Christmas with their families around here.

Monday dinner guests of the Forresters were Mr. and Mrs. Fred McRoberts of Victoria Square, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Brumwell, Gordon and Jean of Buttonville, Mr. and Mrs. L. Brackenbury and Joan of Agincourt, Mr. and Mrs. Bun Sellers and Debbie Lynn of Stouffville; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mowbray of Kettleby and Miss Mary Gough of Agincourt.

To the Editor and Staff of the Tribune and to all the readers the heartiest wish for a very Happy New Year comes from this reporter.

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Joyce Beare left for Brussels in June to attend a biochemistry conference and tour the continent. The copper pot that came from Penn. with the Reesor family went to Max Reesor's auction and was purchased for the projected Rouge Valley Museum.

By July we were well into our dry summer and Cedar Grove's garden party upheld its tradition for fine weather. 152 children enrolled in the Mennonite Bible School.

August—our quiet month—Blodwen Davies passed her driver's test.

Cedar Grove rang with characters in September. Lorne Reesor was married in Edmonton; Bruce Petrie won first prize for his bran muffins at the Ex., and his mother won the same for her fruit cake. 72 members of the Rittenhouse family gathered for a reunion and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Reesor celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

October—Markham Fair. A glorious fall and a community Halloween party in the school.

Mrs. Barkey left Cedar Grove school in November and Mrs. Wilson took over. The lemon tree in the Booth's greenhouse produced luscious fruit; the Little's calves arrived in twos and Frank Reesor's hen went crazy laying an 8" egg. Cedar Grove was well represented in the Canadian Concert series drive and over 400 members were enrolled.

Archie Little was re-elected to council in December. The Hammill's farm was sold and we almost had a white Christmas.

In 1956 I hope there will be lots to report in Cedar Grove and may all the news be good news.

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## CEDAR GROVE

Mrs. Pat McClellan

Before we 'leap' into 1956 let's take a quick look at some of the main events of 1955 in Cedar Grove. Do you remember the ice last January? Only person really mobile was Dickie Dare in his spike boots. It was most appreciated in Cedarena. Sid Beare achieved Master of the Lodge in Markham Masons and Mrs. Clendenen celebrated her 51st birthday.

In February Shirley Reesor was surprised on her 21st birthday and the Clendenens marked their 60th wedding anniversary.

The school received 70 new books for the library from the CGCC in March, and the mysteries of planning Markham Township were revealed to us by Dr. Douglas Tanner. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reesor were married 35 years and Don and Norma Cornelius moved into their new home.

In April no-one talked about anything but bad roads. The Ont. Dept. of Archives declared the Reesor Family History compiled by Austin and Gordon Reesor the best family genealogy published in Canada.

May brought the Boy Scout Camp at Cedar Grove as

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