

# Farm Tribune

## FARMING REPORT

By AL WALL

4-H  
Homemaking  
Club Members  
C.N.E. Guests



**NETTED BY A NOSE.** This youngster went butterfly hunting, and managed to sniff out a magnificent specimen. Subtly luring the insect onto his nose, the brave hunter stares the creature into submission, then with a quick swish of his handy net, he'll help the careless butterfly make its transition from cocoon to collection. — TNS Photo



men in York County last week, and got asked a lot of questions. The most common one was, "How long can this go on — top price for only 50% of base — third price less than \$3.00, deductions for surplus, levies for advertising, marketing and so on." Another one was "How long will we have to wait for increases in base?" "When is pooling going to start?" usually followed and one guy asked what was the best time of year to have a sale.

There may be answers to these questions, but certainly I haven't got them. I only know that we have a marketing board to straighten out problems, and that it needs time to iron out a very complex situation. Milk prices are getting lots of attention from governments. Joe. With efforts from these two directions, I'm optimistic that things will improve, even if changes don't come as fast as we want them.

In a tight spot, it's important to double check to be sure that we are using every trick in the book to get the lowest cost production. In general, I think York County herds are well managed. Herds are well bred, fed mostly on low cost home grown feed, with good milking and sanitation practices.

However, if we are really aiming at top management, I think grain feeding warrants more attention. In a recent check on one of our

good herds, we found high producers getting too little grain, and low producers getting too much. I'm afraid that this is happening more often than we think. Accuracy with grain has quite an influence on profit.

It isn't possible to hit the right level of grain feeding without weighing and testing milk. With only about one out of every four herds in York county on test, it follows that there is room for improvement in grain feeding.

Up to now it simply hasn't been practical for many herds to test. Some couldn't qualify for R.O.P. and D.H.I.A. has a limited membership. We now have a third program that is wide open for everyone. It's called "Owner Sampling," and it's an easy but effective way to get production levels on each cow in the herd. The owner does his own weighing and a sample is picked up by a supervisor who does the "butterfat testing."

This system may appear to be a long way short of R.O.P. It may be, but I think it will fill the bill very nicely, as an effective guide for feeding, breeding and culling. An owner can read a milk scale just as well as any civil servant, and daily weighing is to some extent a luxury that many can't afford. Anyone who would like to try owner sampling should give me a call.

Six 4-H Homemaking Club members from York County were guests of the Canadian National Exhibition August 24-26.

During the first afternoon demonstrations, skits and exhibits were presented by fifteen of the twenty-five counties and districts. York County displayed the exhibit "Good Equipment and Arrangement in Clothes Closets," from the unit "Clothes Closets up to Date." Elizabeth Faris from the Bogartown Club gave the three minute commentary on the exhibit. Dinner was provided at the CNE grounds and the evening was free to look at the buildings and the events taking place.

Two interesting tours of the Royal Ontario Museum and the Parliament Buildings were arranged.

Delegates from York County were: Elizabeth Faris, R.R. 1, Newmarket; Phyllis McPhee, R.R. 3 King Marilynn Toombs, Queensville; Jean Miller, Nashville Miriam Snider, R.R. 1, Maple; Myrna Laverty, Nobleton.

The Ontario delegation

### Ontario County Agr. Rep.

## Led Overseas Tour

By H. L. Fair  
I had the pleasure this year of being chosen to lead the Province of Ontario Junior Farmer Delegation to Great Britain. This is an exchange visit of young farmers. At the same time as our Juniors were in Great Britain young farmers from England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland were visiting with Ontario farm families and learning about agriculture in the Province.

The Ontario delegation

was composed of Beverley Ann Bishop, Richards Landing, Mary Reid, Clarksburg, R.R. 1, Meredith Robb, Ilderton, R.R. 2, and Albert Taylor, Gall, R.R. 4. These boys and girls were chosen because of their excellent achievement in the Junior Farmer and 4-H Club programme over the past several years. Besides this, all of them have been and at the present time are active in Junior Farmer work at the Provincial level.

We were met at the airport by Miss Barbara Tylden Secretary of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of England and Wales. We were in London three days before going to Northern Ireland for our first farm visits. From Ireland the group went to Scotland and to England and Wales. We left for home from Liverpool on the Empress of Canada. During our three days in

## Plant A Special Tree For Canada's Birthday

Canada's Centennial can take on special significance for your family right in your own yard. Plant a Centennial tree, and make Canada's birthday a memorable and lasting event, at the same time adding a beautiful specimen to your landscape plan.

The flowering crabapples "Almey" and "Royalty" have been chosen to commemorate the event, according to horticulturists with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food. The Almey grows to 15 or 20 feet at maturity, with a slightly pendulous form. The

large purplish flowers and red fruit will add an attractive focal point to any home grounds. This tree is very hardy, and grows well throughout the country. The Royalty makes an excellent specimen tree with its dark reddish purple foliage and purple flowers. This tree is noted for its freedom from disease.

Fall months are ideal for tree planting. After the leaves have fallen, the trees are dormant and readily planted without loss of vigor. Begin planning now for your Centennial tree. Consult a local nursery to

make sure of supplies. Decide on a location where it will provide maximum enjoyment for you, and also provide the required conditions for the tree. A sunny location with well-drained sandy loam soil is desirable. Fertilizer will ensure that adequate nutrition is available. With these preparations looked after, your family will be well prepared for the planting of your Centennial tree.



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W. E. Duxbury, Principal  
School — 640-1433  
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### Jr. Farmers' Bus Tour

The Junior Farmer Bus Tour to Eastern Ontario and Quebec was sponsored by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and the Provincial Junior Farmers' Association.

There were approximately 40 Junior Farmers on this bus trip, and they visited points of interest in Eastern Ontario and Quebec as far as Quebec City. They returned by way of Ottawa, where they visited the Central Experimental Farm, the Royal Canadian Mint, Public Archives, War Museum and other places of interest. The Ontario County dele-

Remember that garden annuals will provide a longer, more vigorous show of bloom if the blossoms are picked off as they fade. Horticulturists with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food advise that removal of dead blooms prevents seed production and lengthens the period of bloom.

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