

LAND STUDY COMMITTEE HEARING

The National Farmers' Union recently held a hearing at the Gordoniers' Collonade Room at Joyceville. At this hearing, which was only one of several being held all across Canada, farmers and others were invited to present their views on what a National Land Policy should provide. When all of the hearings are complete, the Farmers' Union will then compile a final report. Their views will be made known to relevant government departments, through briefs and presentations in the hopes that land use policies developed in Canada will reflect the recommendations of the NFU.

At the Joyceville hearing several briefs were presented by local farmers, realtors and others.

One of the issues raised concerned the need for a new land classification system. It was argued that the present system was very inaccurate with some of the best farm land being zoned as agricultural land. Some suggested that land zoning should be the responsibility of local government, while others argued it should be a federal-provincial responsibility. Most briefs stressed the need for more local input into land use planning.

Already urban growth and industrial development have gobbled up much of the best agricultural land in Canada. It is clear that there is an urgent need for the federal government, together with the provinces, to develop sound land use policies which will better serve the interests of our country as a whole.

Women's Institute/ Delta Branch

Held their meeting March 15, 1977 at the home of Mrs. Sid Talbot.

The motto for the meeting was, "Happy Homes Do Not Happen- They are a Result of Family Effort." There was much lively discussion concerning this motto.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Dolores Wing, Chairman of The Leeds & Grenville Co. Board of Education. Mrs. Wing is the first woman to hold this position and her many friends in Delta are very proud of her.

LEEDS & GRENVILLE GOAT ASSOCIATION

The newly formed Goat Association held their second meeting on February 20th. Approximately 50 members attended and enjoyed a talk on health of Goats, given by Dr. Mackenzie of the Health of Animals office, Brockville. Talks on other aspects of Goat keeping such as Cheese and Butter making, Points on Showing of goats, Artificial Insemination, Goat nutrition, etc. will be given by other Guest Speakers at future dates. Plans also are being made for a Club members Field Day in early June, and a Course on Goat Husbandry for later in the year. Meetings will be held on the third Sunday of each month at St. Lawrence College, Brockville at 2 o'clock P.M. New members will be very welcome.

A Goat Census and Directory has been made and copies are available from the Associations Secretary. Other informative leaflets and booklets are also available.

For further information, and directions, Contact the Secretary: Irene Green 342-6421, or Chairman: Laurie Wight 923-5145.



UCW-HARLEM-CHANTRY

The Harlem-Chantry UCW observed the World's Day of Prayer in their church on Friday March 4th, 1977 at 2 pm. The service "Love in Action" was conducted by Mrs. B. Sheffield, Mrs. A. Gile, Mrs. L. Gallagher and Mrs. E. Jaquith. Several hymns were sung with Mrs. W.S. Chant at the organ. Members united in silent prayers for those less fortunate at home and abroad. Following the service a brief business meeting was held by the president, Mrs. Clara Townsend. 36 homecalls and 7 Hospital calls were made to the sick and shut-in people.

The Easter Meeting will also be held at the HARLEM church on Tuesday, April 5th, 1977, at 2 pm.

EVERYONE WELCOME!