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### Federation Facts ...

— By Charlie —  
The Annual Meeting of the Halton County Federation of Agriculture held on Monday afternoon at December 15th, was one of the most successful in its history. Approximately one hundred attended and listened to reports by Mr. (Gen.) and Fagan on the Halton County Co-operative Medical Services, Charlie Watson on the Field work accomplished during the past few weeks as well as the report of the Secretary Treasurer which indicated a good financial position but stressing the fact that for the Federation to carry on the promotional and secretarial work necessary it was doubtful if the one-third mill would be sufficient for very long.  
The President in his address said that the directors had implemented all the resolutions passed at the 1947 meeting except the one regarding a fieldman, could be employed for a longer period and he trusted this might be possible in 1949.  
The most inspiring talks were given by Mrs. C. A. Campbell, Pakenham chairman of the Women's Committee of the Federation and Mr. V. S. Milburn, Secretary Manager of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. Mrs. Campbell's talk was most inspiring and should have been heard by every woman in Halton County. She told her life story, of the determination started during the depression years when they were compelled by circumstances to return to the rural farm. The suggestion that rural farm women should take every opportunity to meet the urban or city women and by personal contact inform them of the facts of our problems on the farm, was emphasized by Mrs. Campbell.  
Mr. Milburn, summarized the Federation's expansion during its short history of two years and said that Farmers as business men should consider the educational possibilities of their organization, that if they expended the two to two and one-half per cent of their income as other businesses do, it would amount to about twenty-five million dollars rather than just a few thousands we now use. The Federation is made up of some forty County Units, plus commodity groups, Co-operatives and numerous other farm organizations. Mr. Milburn briefly outlined the Co-operative Automobile project that

has now reached its advanced stage of planning, and should be available early in 1949.  
The speakers were thanked by the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Earl Catherwood and a short question period followed. The resolution committee through their chairman, Mr. A. Gordon Skinner presented several resolutions which were endorsed unanimously by the meeting.  
The slate of directors for the 1949 Board was then presented by Mr. Karl Schumacher, chairman of the nominating committee and were as follows: Hon. Elliott, Russell; Hays, Stanley Coverdale, Earl Catherwood, Albert Holo, Fred Newman, Floyd Rittenhouse, Arthur Bradford, Ephraim Nablo, Ed. Rittenhouse, Eugene Yager, Kenneth Anderson, Walker Hedley, Roger Dennis, Mrs. Paul Racher, Ed. James, Chris. E. Smelzer, Sanford Steen, Lloyd Topp, Mrs. Harvey, Glen Winger, Miss Grace Vollick, Wm. J. Walker, Harry Hewitt, Stewart Young, Gordon Houston, Earl McMillan, Oswald Walton, Victor Duncan, Wilfred Louka, and incoming Township Presidents not yet elected.

Do not forget the Ontario Federation of Agriculture's Annual Meeting the first week of January. The Theme "Conservation." The meeting is an open one and we would like as many of the Junior Farmers as possible to attend from Halton County. The first day, January 23rd, is the Junior Conference and although the juniors are asked to appoint one voting delegate this does not mean every member of their organization should not make every effort to attend. Speakers on January 23rd include: Watson, Editor Farmer's Advocate, London and Dr. C. McCook, O.A.C. and recently returned from China after several years service with U.N.R.R. and the Public Speaking Guild. Amateur entertainment and of course a dance to complete the conference.

The daily press is now acknowledging the farmers' voice our Federation of Agriculture. It was noted that one of their correspondents interviewed the President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, H. H. Hannan on the views of our organization with regard to the lifting of the Oleo ban, one day this week.

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**Must Maintain Prices If Farming Is To Survive**

If agriculture is to be "a business and not a philosophy," then it is essential that "parity prices of foodstuffs be maintained at a level comparable with the goods and services required to produce them." Professor W. D. Tolson of the Ontario Agricultural College Public Relations Department said the other night. He was speaking at Newmarket Presbyterian Church on the occasion of awarding of prizes for winners in potato and wheat club competitions.

"Put and Take game in a starving world" was his subject. The gathering was under auspices of the York county branch of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association. Prize-winners present had made outstanding records in production of wheat and potatoes during the past season.

Complimenting the winners on their phenomenal yields in wheat and potatoes, Professor Tolson drew attention to the growth of world population. He said that the policy for greater yields while sound in every respect, brought on the question: "Can you get out what you put in, with prices at surplus-production levels?"

"First it is true that every pound of Canadian food may well be a living maintenance ration, or perhaps a chance for life to thousands of people in other parts of the world," he asked.

"As long as maximum production is sound practice, and prices are controlled by surplus for foreign markets, we in agriculture can not be the kind of neighbour we want to be to other countries," he said. "Nor can we continue to be our brother's keeper at home. We will be forced away from the principle of Christianity and bow instead to waste and destruction. If we attempt to control prices by controlling supply, supply and demand would appear to have lost all its meaning of controlling prices. Today the supply of food is inadequate for world needs. The demand is terrific. And yet the price goes down and export quotas are lowered."

"Why is this? Simply because instead of food, a way to pay would be an after-consideration. I am sincere when I say that fighting starvation is more humane than fighting a war, yet far less dramatic and infinitely harder to do. Making peace, especially among hungry peoples, is still more difficult."

"Canada's primary agricultural interest is exporting surplus food. Surplus food can be settled for by long-term credits financed by all Canadians from taxes through a world bank."

"The receiving countries can do their part by exporting to Canada raw and finished materials other than food and balances paid for by taxation in those countries through a world bank. In other words austerity programs will prevail."

"Adequate floor prices will assure maximum production plans and greater yields will not mean more work for less money. Surplus foodstuffs will move out from home markets to fight starvation."

"The crux of the matter is to transform an absolutely unlimited need for food into an effective demand predicted on satisfactory settlement by purchasing countries."

Professor Tolson said that he was not an expert in economics, but added that it strikes me as a layman that money should not be a stumbling block to prevent a free flow of foodstuffs to starving people."

He urged Ontario farmers to "practice maximum production at low cost in the most efficient manner for the people of Canada and the world through agricultural federations."

Twenty-five per cent of Canada's population is on the farm, he pointed out. He also urged that surplus farm boys be recruited for training at Ontario Agricultural College.

"Let us adopt principles of Christianity in our practice of true democracy," he urged. "Let us adopt principles of Christianity in our meeting problems. We can take the best of what through time has been good enough to survive and we will thus make a contribution to feeding a hungry world."

**MARGARET ANN IRELAND**  
Young Toronto concert pianist, who will discuss music written by children, in an illustrated talk on December 31st at 4:15 P.M. Transmitter, Now only twenty, Miss Ireland has been playing the piano since she was three, and her compositions include an opera written when she was ten.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU  
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**BOB FRITH**  
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