

Federation News

Farmers were urged to get involved in policy-making, recently at a meeting in Cammifon in Hastings County. Jack Hale, General Manager of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, told the OFA members present that the Task Force on Agriculture had shown that agriculture is at the crossroads, as to who is going to make agricultural policy. He emphasized that farmers must not let government have this policy-making power by default.

"The farmers of this province need an organization which can act as an organized fire brigade to fight the barn fires, as and when they occur. And right now the barn is on fire and we had better mobilize ourselves", said Mr. Hale.

He told the meeting that the present unfair tax system has to be fought

here and now. "You can't call on a fire brigade just when you want it; you have to keep it in good shape all the time so when the emergency arises, you are ready and able to put out the fire. That's what we are trying to do now and the barn is burning and the fire must be put out", he continued.

Keith Matthie, OFA Vice-President from Grenville, brought the

members up to date on the tax campaign. He recognized that many people are concerned that if the province supplied all the funds for education, local control would be lost. "But we don't have local control now", he said, "so we can't lose anything, but if the government really believes in local control, they can give it to local elected people and, at the same time, pay all costs of education out of provincial funds. I say local control of education is very important and the 100 percent unconditional grants can help achieve it if the government wants it as much as the people want it", he concluded.



REPORT

Haldimand County recorded the tenth fatal traffic collision for 1970 on July 31, 1970, on Highway No. 3 in North Cayuga Township. Barbara Banks, age 62, R.R.4, Cayuga, Ontario was fatally injured. This brings a total of 10 persons being fatally injured in collisions to this date.

Officers investigated 18 other collisions during the past week with three personal injury collisions and three persons injured.

On July 30, Prov. Const. Q. J. Boon recovered a car in Oneida Township, which was stolen from Hagersville, Ontario.

On July 30, Prov. Const. W. L. Eves recovered two cars in Oneida Township, which were stolen from Hamilton and Brantford.

General occurrences investigated were: Four thefts, four break and enter, 11 other criminal code offences, 32 requests for assistance, one Liquor Control Act investigation resulting in one charge being laid, one wilful damage offence, and one common assault offence.

Three drivers have been charged with impaired driving.

Did you know that the law requiring motorists to use their low beam headlights upon meeting other vehicles applies on freeways and other divided highways the same as on two-way roads? It's true, so always dim your lights when approaching a car from the other direction.

Girl Guide Camping

In Haldimand, two weeks of Girl Guide Camps were held to accommodate all the Guides who chose to camp in the month of July. By camping, the girls learn new skills that possibly their families wouldn't be able to teach them, live close to nature and make new friends, and most importantly, learn to live with one another. Lord Baden-Powell devised Scouting and Guiding with some of these aims in mind; and also hoped that the girls and boys would become more self-reliant and grow up to be happy, useful citizens.

These two weeks of camping were held at the Niagara Area Camp Kienuka, near Dunnville on Lake Erie. On staff for all the campers is a qualified swimming staff to supervise the swimming; and also a Registered Nurse is at camp all the while in the event of medical problems.

The Guides pitch and strike their tents, cook their meals out-of-doors on a wood fire, look after the wood and water supply, all under supervision. Then

their work is done swim, talk, enjoy camp each night and go on old-fashioned hayrides, first week campers taught how to make beautiful drift-wood pin to take home. At the Haldimand Camp Mexican Day was held Thursday, complete with pinata.

Commandant for the week was Mrs. Ken Hoto, Dunnville, and she was helped by leaders Mrs. Harlie Hawn of Dunnville and Miss Pat Petracca of Hagersville. Junior leaders on staff were Carol Hewitt of Hagersville, Joanne Hoto of Dunnville, Wendy Dramer, Hagersville and Joyce Johnston of Blackheath.

Second week camp included Mrs. Roland Hoto of Caledonia, Commandant and Mrs. Wm. Burley of Caledonia, Mrs. Kay Johnston of Blackheath and Mrs. Bob Ridge of Hope. Helena Schramm of Caledonia, Joyce Johnston of Blackheath and Betty Fenyses of Dunnville were the Junior Leaders.

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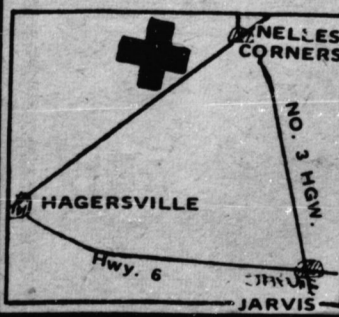
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