

Federation News

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture has a new General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer. Gordon Hill has announced that Mr. Jack Hale will be taking over this new OFA top staff post immediately.

"We are very fortunate to have a man of his ability and experience working for farmers. The Federation is making some important changes as we move ahead in our new Individual Service Membership program," said Mr. Hill.

"I am joining the Federation of Agriculture in order to serve the farmers of Ontario in building a strong and effective organization, so their voice will be clearly heard in the community", Mr. Hale explained.

Mr. Hale was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1920. He has had extensive experience in the purchasing and marketing of livestock, both for industry and the farmer. Most recently, he has held senior management responsibilities in the construction industry. He now returns to the agricultural field and to the service of farmers.

Mr. Hale serves on The Metropolitan Toronto School Board, representing the Separate School Ratepayers and is, therefore, very familiar with the present problems of financing education.

"The OFA is right. It is time to take a stand on education taxes. I will be right in there pitching for farmers in this and other areas where they need the help of an effective organization", said Mr. Hale.

The campaign to withhold education taxes is going ahead. A meeting with the Ontario government failed to produce any satisfactory proposals by the government to deal with the situation which is hurting farmers across the province.

"Mr. Stewart, Mr. MacNaughton, Mr. McKeough, and Mr. Davis all agreed that something has to be done but, so far, nothing has been done", said OFA President, Grodon Hill.

The results, and lack of action resulting from the meeting, were reported to the monthly members' meeting, and plans to go ahead were explained to the

representatives from across the province.

James Jacklin of Elmwood, Ontario, told the members that almost every member of the Bruce County council had signed the Federation petition calling for the cost of education to be taken off property.

There was some discussion of the need to get education tax off all property. Several farmers have been told by assessors that if education taxes are taken off farm land only, it would be quite easy to increase the assessment on the buildings and a plot of land around the buildings, and so end up with the same tax load as before.

OFA executive member Bruce Taylor urged farmers to send in petitions and letters to the OFA office at 387 Bloor Street East in Toronto, urging the government to take immediate action to take education taxes off property.

"Owning a farm or a house does not prove that you have the ability to pay taxes. The income and corporation tax measure ability to pay and that's where the money must come from to pay for education. Farmers want to pay their fair share, but fair share depends on the income of the individual", said Mr. Taylor.

Births

DE BEER — At West Haldimand Hospital, Michael and Rose of R.R.1, Jarvis, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Patricia Louise on June 21, 1970, 7 lbs. 11 oz., a sister for Jason.

MONTAGUE — Eugene and Audrey are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their new son, David Joseph, a brother for Vicky, Catherine, Eugene Jr., Francis, Patricia, Elizabeth, Karen and Douglas.

NOTICE HAGERSVILLE ELEVATORS LTD.

Announces the appointment of officers for 1970.

President, Mr. Joseph P. Benard

Vice President, Mr. Kenneth Grant

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Frank J. Brown

The operation of the Elevators will be under the supervision of Earl LaLonde. Grain delivery up to Wednesday evening paid the following Friday. Grains received Wheat, Oats, Barley, Corn.

Sports Camera

Specially Written for
The Record
By Sterling Taylor
Canadian Press
Staff Writer

For years, Lloyd Percival of Toronto has been claiming that the only thing wrong with athletes in Canada is a lack of physical conditioning.

And for just as many years, he has been criticized for making a business out of amateur athletics.

Percival, you see, is a physical fitness expert who charges for his tips and special programs at a Toronto institute.

But, more and more during the last few years, the opposition has been fading into the background and amateur athletics in Canada are taking on a professional look.

Practically every athlete at Mexico for the 1968 Olympics had trained under some form of Percival program.

And a few weeks ago when Canada won the second round of the Davis Cup zone competition for the first time since 1913, a little investigating revealed Percival behind the success.

"Percival had each player programmed differently in an effort to maximize what he could do", said Canada's non-playing captain, Laurie Strong.

"The team worked out at the fitness institute for five weeks. Mike Belkin didn't miss a day for the final two weeks."

The superior conditioning of Belkin and doubles team-mate John Sharpe was evident in the second-round competition against New Zealand.

Canada was 1-1 in games after the first day and took a 2-1 lead by downing the New Zealanders in straight sets of the doubles match. The conditioning showed particularly in the second set of the doubles match, which Canada finally won 11-9 by wearing down the opposition and eventually breaking their service to go ahead 10-9.

The following day Belkin won his singles match to give Canada the best-of-five series.

"Percival designed a special set of exercises", Belkin said. "Sharpe and I both work during the day so he set up some exercises we could do at home without equipment; things like wind sprints."

Strong says this is something new for tennis players.

"Some of the countries do circuit training, but I don't know of any that did as thorough a job of physical training and under one of the world's leading experts."

The matter is a bit ironic. Percival has been attempting for years to help Canada's athletes in sports at which this country excels.

"It's a shame that the Russians use my methods to beat Canada in hockey when all I want to do is help my country", Percival has said.

Now, Percival has helped a tennis team although tennis is by no means one of the great Canadian participant sports.

On The Farm Front

For the fourth consecutive year, the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food and the Department of Transport are joining forces to present weather forecasts designed especially to serve the farming population of southwestern Ontario. Presented twice daily at 6:30 and 11:30 a.m., seven days a week, the forecasts are designed to persuade the farmers to use the program as a tool for farm management, says David Pallett of the Ontario Farm Weather Services.

The weather forecasts are designed to assist the farmer in the timing of his planting and care of his crops during the growing season. For instance, the forecast on wind velocity will help the farmer make his decision on whether or not to spray field crops.

"This year", says Mr. Pallett, "we are better

prepared for a three to four-day forecast."

Tobacco farmers find the service particularly useful as their crops are greatly affected by weather. With the assistance of the weather forecasts they can schedule the planting and care of their crops more effectively.

Forecasters also hope to predict the possibility of disease and insect invasions. For instance, the hatching of the red mite is closely tied to temperature and humidity. An accurate prediction of the hatching date will give the farmer a chance to take preventive measures.

The forecasts will continue through the growing season until October to give farmers the advantage of accurate weather predictions during the crucial harvest season.

This year, 17 stations, including Toronto station, Canada's largest audience, have included farm weather forecasts in their daily programming. Haldimand farmers reminded of the Province Drainage Field Day held Wednesday, July 1, the Ruigrok Bros. are approximately two miles north and west of Cambridge, commencing at 10 a.m.

MOTHERS TIED IN CALGARY (CP) Mothers of diabetic children are often tied down because they have enormous difficulty finding anyone to look after their children. Jean Nelson, of the Canadian Diabetic Association, said that much trouble, people are afraid of taking the responsibility unless they know something about disease.

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Editorial Comment

Wrong Way Alley

Have you ever had one of those days when everything went wrong? Perhaps you got out of bed on the wrong side. In any case, you ended the day feeling frustrated, disgruntled and fed up with the human race in general.

It has happened to most of us and it can also happen in organizations and in governments.

Take the case of the borough of East York, a part of Metropolitan Toronto. The East York council decided to make it mandatory for stores in the borough to close their doors on Dominion Day. It passed a motion to this effect, providing for fines of up to \$5,000 for violators.

At least that's what the councillors thought they were providing for. However, in preparing copies of the bylaw, one word was left out and the whole intent of the motion was lost.

The bylaw was intended to read that no shops should be open except in the two major industrial areas of the borough. But the word except was dropped. The borough solicitor C. J. Cannon said he left the key word of the bylaw when he drew it up and a typist copied without noticing the omission.

East York planned to try again with a corrected version of the bylaw before July 1 comes around. The incident shows that human error can sometimes frustrate human intentions.

It also raises a further point — are such restrictions really necessary or really effective?

History shows countless instances of prohibitory legislation which failed to achieve its purpose. The enactment of prohibition in the United States and in Canada now is generally regarded to have been failure as its purpose — to discourage drinking — is unmet.

If the inhabitants of East York decide they want to stop something on Dominion Day, why shouldn't they? In any case, what is to prevent them from doing so by buying in an adjoining municipality where the restriction does not apply? If that happens, the bylaw is eating its own purpose.

Human character being what it is, persuasion usually gets results much faster than coercion. Let's not be so eager to pass laws saying people can't do this or that. They generally fail to achieve their purpose.

Wise, Unwise and Otherwise

by The Old Owl

Civilization

On Station CBLT, Channel 6, there is running a series of shows entitled "Civilization." These are English productions, the producer and chief spokesman being Sir Kenneth Clark. Someone writing about this series says that he considers civilization to have reached its highest point in the 14th century. That century certainly produced many great paintings, statuary and so, but these were the dungeons and torture chambers of the Middle Ages. No, I would not call that period even in its civilization.

How about our own society in our own day? Are we civilized? That depends largely on how you look at it. For instance, to me, the ability to land men on the moon and bring them back is not a mark of civilization. It was a triumph of scientific effort and mechanical skill, but these are not necessary to produce a truly civilized society. In fact we might have to abandon a lot of scientific research and development in order to become truly civilized. Or we may be able to incorporate them into a future civilization. But they would be secondary.

Recently, in Ontario, there has been published the report of the Hall Dennis Committee on Education. Among other things this appears to advocate what they call "democracy" into the classroom from kindergarten to Grade 13. That includes letting Public School children loose what they will or will not study. The teacher no longer teaches, she is a "resource person." This raises a picture of class room chaos, while the teacher (resource person) look benignly on. To such people discipline is a word. Such ideas are decidedly not civilized. Any society, to be considered civilized must include the idea of discipline, without it the society would not only be uncivilized, it would simply collapse.

Civilization requires that the emphasis be placed on people rather than on mechanical ability, money making, political scheming and so on. It requires that the welfare of all the people, including the "down and out", should be the chief aim of any government. As I said, discipline must be enforced to prevent some uncivilized members of our society from running amok, and justice should be rendered evenly. All the scientific discoveries and inventions would be devoted to increasing the well-being and happiness of all the people, rather than being used for purposes of war.

Of course, the people should respond, they should be willing to serve the State, in civil affairs, in any capacity if called upon. Thus bankers might serve a term as farm labourers, chefs serve in a lumber camp and so on. To me, the old motto of "All for each and each for all, pretty well sums it up.

Counter Clockwise

20 YEARS AGO

It was moving day for three families in Jarvis. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fish moved into their new apartment over their store at Main and Talbot while Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frith moved into the house Fish's vacated on Main St. South. Mr. and Mrs. William Howell moved from St. Catharines into their own home vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Frith.

Mr. Malen Wilkins made a trip to Malton Airport on Wednesday of last week to take delivery of "Drysdale Delia" a two and one half

year old female from the famous Beulah Kennels at Staplecross, England.

Mr. Wilkins purchased this collie with a view to further improving his stock of prize winning dogs, which have already won several top honors at shows. Contractors moved in this week to start widening of Main Street from Peel Street to the creek.

30 YEARS AGO

Isn't it the Truth for Today?

The important role Canada must play in providing food for peoples of war-torn Europe was stressed by Dr. G. I. Christie in a recent address at Guelph, to more than 140 delegates representing business and professional women's clubs all throughout Ontario. "We cannot expect to go on amid a surplus of food stuffs with everything at low prices as enjoyed in

Canada and the United States and have the rest of the world starving to death", said the college president.

Nine months and ten days after Canada entered the European conflict, the Dominion Government announced plans to mobilize all human and material resources for the defence of Canada, conscripting all able-bodied men up to 45 years of age, except those needed for vital industries placing all the lives and property of the people of Canada at the disposal of the government.

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Bill Smiley

Oh, for the life of a teacher

Show me a teacher in June, and I'll show you a character with a crumpled shirt, a wrinkled brow, and a desperate look in his eyes.

His spirit is treading the lush green of the golf course. His inward eye is contemplating the dark swirl of water under a log in a trout stream. And his wisecracking, pudgy body is there in the classroom, which is more like a steam bath. Room temperature, 90 degrees.

Before him loom about 30 students, eyes glazed, minds turned to something important, like a swim, or a joyride, or just lying in the sun.

Chief difference between them is that the kids are arrayed in their coolest, while he, adhering to some ancient and ridiculous tradition, quietly steams in his swaddling of shirt and tie, jacket and trousers.

The students are there only because they have to stick around to write last-hope tests, and find out whether they've been promoted or have to write the "finals." The teacher is there only because somebody, in his infinite wisdom, has decreed that school will continue until a certain day in June.

It's not exactly what we in the so-called profession's jargon call "a good learning situation."

Someday, someone with some common sense is going to close the schools on the first day of June, and open them on the first day of August. June is a month for joy in Canada, not imprisonment in a sauna bath. The days are long, the mosquitoes haven't really found the range, and the world is green and glorious.

By August, the sun has lost some of its blast, the days are shorter and that first wild lust for the lushness of summer has abated. School could run from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., and there'd still be a decent chunk of a summer day to be enjoyed.

It's not only the heat that makes June rough for teachers. It's the last-minute panic.

There are 64 memos from the office, telling you to be in three places and doing three different things, at the same time. Or so it seems.

There are the final exams to set, supervise and mark. There are marks to be mustered that would murder a mathematician, and written down in six different places. There are new books to be ordered, and old books (about 10,000 in my case) to be sorted and counted and stored. And everything is to a deadline that always seems to be yesterday.

Some of the young, new teachers find it a traumatic experience. Something like trying to milk a cow while looking over your shoulder for the dangerous bull known to be in the same field. The oldtimers just get irascible, and ignore the bull.

But who can complain? There is the deep satisfaction of knowing that Joe Dough has passed and somebody else will have to teach him next year, that Naughty Nancy, she of the cocky walk and the talky talk, has her ring, and will be driving nobody crazy next year except the poor simpleton who gave it to her.

There is the sincere satisfaction of knowing that some of your graduating students will probably contribute a lot more to the world than you have, as doctors, nurses, teachers, engineers.

There is a special touch of sadness when the kids in the two-year course, who are finished with education, probably forever, inarticulately tell you they have enjoyed their year with you. Their future is not in pastel shades. They seem so young and vulnerable. You have a great wish that at least they'll find happiness, if not affluence.

And finally, there are two glorious months ahead in which you don't have to leap to your feet and scuttle somewhere like Pavlov's rats, every time a bell rings. I think I'll stick it for another year.

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