

Federation News

by Otto Crone
With so much emphasis on education and its rising cost today, it is quite fitting for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture to take an active interest in this field. Particularly since, it is the farm population who bears the brunt of the cost and thus feels every increase more heavily than the homeowner and apartment dweller.

The battle for a fairer education tax system is history to those who follow Federation News regularly and thus, quite naturally, education tax was a major item on the agenda when OFA delegates met with Premier Davis and his cabinet at Toronto.

Here is a brief review of our policy:
The Ontario government should levy a special education tax on income to be collected by the federal government with regular income tax, then returned to the provincial government. (1) Tax personal income at 3.27 percent to raise \$409 million. (2) Tax corporate taxable income at 11.61 percent to raise \$326 million. (3) Total tax raised is \$735 million which is the amount raised on property during 1969-70 from the same sources as in the past.

At the 1970 convention, the Minister of Agriculture and Food, the Honourable William A. Stewart, stated that the government of Ontario was prepared to exempt farm land from education taxes. However, this is not good enough. The OFA feels that education tax should be removed from all property - farm, urban, suburban, industry and commerce.

Farmers are not standing alone on this issue for they have the backing of CORRA (Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Association). This confederation which includes such units as United Senior Citizens of Ontario, Tenants Ratepayers Association, Tax Reform Council, Residents Association, Trustee UAW and many more are in full agreement that a change is desperately needed in our present tax structure.

With so much support, the legislature will have no choice but to heed the OFA's declaration that "the government of Ontario must take action and take action soon on reforming the present system of education."

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Although the OFA proposals have not as yet been fully accepted, gains have been made through 1) ceilings on education spending, 2) increase in percentage of tax funds to be paid by province, 3) rebate of 25 percent on farm property to temporarily compensate for land tax.

With continued pressure and gained support from other organizations, services to people will be paid by people on an ability to pay basis.

Stone Church Auxiliary

The May meeting of the Stone Church Evening Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Lawson Campbell with a good attendance.

Mrs. Wilfred Roth presided for the business meeting. A report of the recent successful paper drive was given and it was decided to continue this project with another drive in late summer. Mrs. Douglas Martin was named convener of the next paper drive.

It was decided to hold a bake sale, in the market, June 2. The committee in charge is to be Mrs. Lawson Campbell, Mrs. Wilfred Roth, Mrs. Earl Makey and Mrs. Nelson Nopper.

Mrs. Norris Nopper agreed to get information regarding a bus trip including a visit to Ontario Place.

The program convenor, Mrs. Nelson Nopper, gave an interesting article in Evangel Hall - the main theme being - Life is Fragile - Handle with Prayer. She also presented a paper "where do we go from here - in our respective churches," which was one of the inspirational devotions written by Miss Sellars and presented at the annual meeting of the Hamilton Presbyterian earlier this year.

Mrs. Norris Nopper led in prayer and Mrs. Hubert Lint read a poem entitled "My Mother."

The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction and a tasty lunch was served by Mrs. George Willis and the hostess.

Dollars And Good Sense

by William J. Martin
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Now that summer is near and the warm weather has arrived, millions of Americans and Canadians are taking not only to the open road, but to the open water. Boating enthusiasts are an ever growing breed as people everywhere search for a place to "get away from it all." Many never return.

No, I'm not talking about boating accidents and drownings, although this is a very serious problem, I mean that many just stay on the water. This year the houseboat will lure still more to a unique way of life.

Today's houseboat is a far cry from the simple raft-like models of yesteryear. Luxuriously decorated homes with wall to wall carpeting, modern kitchens, patio and den are now taking to the water. Houseboat owners don't have to worry about

landscaping or even about paying property taxes. They can travel almost anywhere they want along a vast system of inland waterways.

Houseboats can be purchased starting at just about \$5,000. In most areas it costs little or nothing to moor your home on water. Even in the New York City area, mooring charges for the entire summer season cost only around \$400.

If you're thinking about becoming a houseboat owner, consider the following advice:

Before you buy, rent a houseboat so you can really see what you're getting into before committing yourself. You can rent a unit starting at around \$250 a week.

Decide on what type of living style you want to follow. How many people will be aboard your new house, how much time will be spent inside?

As in any buying, use care in who you buy from. Deal with established, reputable dealers. Get a professional opinion about a used houseboat before buying.

If a boat show comes to your area, take a look at some of the more than 250 houseboat models available today. They're a big chunk of the booming boat market, which had sales in

On The Farm Front

John Benham, a Holstein breeder near Guelph says - "Every time a feed truck comes up our lane it costs us money. We are paying profits to everyone who has been involved with this feed. If we can grow this feed we should be able to pocket the profits."

Farmers, says Professor Tom Lane, Soils Department, Guelph, pay up to five times more per gallon for foliar fertilizers than for the equivalent fertility value in dry fertilizer. Further, he says, the amount of fertilizer absorbed through the leaves, is too little to be of value. Even if these nutrients could be absorbed quickly and easily by the leaves at least five spray applications would be required to supply a significant part of the plant food.

Committee chairmen for the 1971 International Plowing Match on May 11 reported plans are all under control and up-to-date. The \$55,000 budget recently approved by the Ontario

Plowmen's Association provided committees the guidelines for further planning of their activities.

Building permits and the certificate of approval for the construction of a "Stationary Source of Pollution" (i.e. any livestock building) require time. Plans made for construction should allow for this time requirement.

Those planning building remodelling or new buildings might also enquire for the revised information on the Capital Grants Program for Ontario Farmers.

Many who have had soil samples taken during the past year have called this spring about changes in their cropping plans. Different crops, of course, have different fertility requirements. When crop plans are changed the fertilizer requirement often needs to be changed too. Soil sample reports are kept handy at the agricultural office to make the needed changes by phone.

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Education - Then And Now

the scenic beauty quiet, pastoral side and Century homes, in the Lake region of Walpole

Woodlawn Park one of the past. Musk creek where it empties into Lake Erie, fishing and from Murphy's cottages, here a ship building trade on and grist and operated on the early eighteenth century. The hamlet of the Wilson Pugsley and Canada's lyric poet, to whose a plaque was dedicated in 1970 in recognition of his work, lies to the north. In the corner of a grave yard

remaining to tell of the beginning of the Methodist Church in the area, born by spiritual zeal and desire of fellowship was erected by those worthy pioneers of the 1830's, and the red brick one room school house built in 1872 - the third school building to be built on this location stands as a memorial to the hundred years of educational privileges provided for many over the years. The few houses "on the corner" have long since gone with the passing of time.

Consolidation and the demise of the one-room school was in 1965. Haldimand County Museum Board in co-operation with Haldimand County Council saw in this "beauty spot" a cultural opportunity to preserve one typical of the past eras as a school museum. With the community interest and help of Women's Institute the museum opened in June 1967 as a Centennial project

naming it for the one famous for his poetry and whose love was for the country side of his birth place - The Wilson MacDonald Memorial School Museum.

Each year's registration of approximately one thousand has brought distinguished guests from overseas - England, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Hongkong, India, Africa, Australia and from the U.S.A. States of Florida, Tennessee, Virginia, Kansas, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York areas. From Canada East, P.E.I., N.B., Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Quebec and Canada West-Victoria, Alberta, British Columbia, Alberta, Sask., Manitoba and north from Kapuscasing and many areas of Ontario and nearby community.

In this interpretative museum you will find seats representing the log school's bench, a 1780 type seat, double seats, one used in

this school in 1872, and later models including the chair type used until the closing in 1965. Our latest model is a replica from a log school in Cardiff Township, courtesy of Mr. Harold Reece, Cayuga. If you are eager to solve "problems" you can try a hand at a math question on the blackboard of 1930. If you think the "strap" has been removed we still have one, a pointer which survived a 150 years still intact, many were broken over disobedient pupils, especially were the venerable gentlemen an English headmaster of the

inspector unusually disgruntled the day he arrived unannounced. Of significant interest is the antique pump organ, an Estey, the kind Sir Ernest MacMillan, Toronto's great music teacher and symphony orchestra conductor, had and used in his own home. You will also find on display a wide collection of historical artifacts, among these adobe bricks made of Walpole clay and pea straw, taken from a 190 year old house still in use in the area.

We welcome you to the museum and also welcome

you to enjoy the picnic and recreation area on the grounds. Many school groups, Women's Institute and Church groups as well as family groups have enjoyed these facilities. We have already this year had a bus load of high school students with their principal. There are picnic tables for your convenience. Open house will be on Sunday June 6, 2-5 p.m. and each Sunday throughout the summer and on holidays, open also by appointment. Any group desiring a picnic or meeting get your request in early.

Around And About Cayuga

by Helen Hobbs
Rev. Fred Ellis and Mrs. Ellis, Albright Gardens Beamsville, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kemp, King St. on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Strome visited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Winger, Springvale.

Mr. Horace McArthur, Kilbride, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McArthur, Brant St.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brownie and son Robert of Ancaster and Mrs. Annie Brownie of Cayuga St. spent Mother's day with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Strohm, RR Jarvis.

Mrs. George Marshall, Talbot Road, was visited by a host of relatives and friends on Mother's day. The group included Mrs. Rose Calbert, son Jack and granddaughter Lisa all of Orillia. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ferby Shedden, Mr. and Mrs. Redge Firby, London, Mrs. Jessie Milmine, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Milmine, and son Larry all of Aylmer; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elliott and daughters of Pickering, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Meadows and daughters, London.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stepaniuk and children, Hamilton, spent Mother's day with Richard's mother Mrs. Florence Stepaniuk.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bamrick entertained at a family dinner on Mother's day. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Hiscock, Burlington, were among the guests. There were 15 present.

On Sunday May 9 the confirmation class of the Cayuga United Church took charge of the service at all three churches in the Parochial Charge. Those taking part were Leif Kristensen, Brian Lishman, Ronnie Lishman, Bryan Martindale, Paul Kiefer and Mary Best. Miss Best preached the sermon. A trio from the choir sang the anthem. The six students lined up at the door giving the departing congregation

an opportunity to speak to them personally.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Early, Mono Road, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMullen, Sarnia, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bird Casterville and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harrison and family, York, visited on Mother's day with Mrs. Elizabeth Bird, Cayuga St. In the evening Mrs. McMullen showed colored slides of Alaska and the Yukon.

On Sunday May 2 Mrs. Edith Currie celebrated her 89th birthday. She was guest of honor at a family dinner. There were 33 members present. One sister in attendance had reached the mile stone of 95 years.

Because May 9-15 was Mental Retardation Week in Canada the Canfield School for retarded children held Open House. The work on display showed variety and ingenuity. This display must be rewarding to those dedicated people who worked so hard to set this school up. In the three class rooms we met the teachers: Junior, Mrs. Doris Ens;

Intermediate, Mrs. Leslie Hoskin; Senior, Mrs. Dorothy Parsons who is principal. Mrs. Tyson is the supply teacher.

Library Story Hour

The Story Hour for three to five year olds will be held at the Hagersville Public Library on Saturday, May 22 at 10.30 a.m.

MERGER URGED TORONTO (CP) - Church members should be more active in planning a new church uniting the Anglicans, the United Church and Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Most Rev. Edward Scott, the Anglican primate of Canada, said recently. A joint commission of the churches is still trying to come up with a plan acceptable to all three congregations, he said in an interview.

HOMEMAKERS COURSE

Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit will be offering a short course for mature women who may be hired as Homemakers when the Home Care Programme is organized by the Health Unit.

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