

729 New Members

Central Ont. Cattle Breeders' Annual Reports 1,700 Increase in Services

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Over 150 members of Central Ontario Cattle Breeding Association attended the annual meeting of that organization held March 19 at Maple A. E. Sholler, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association reported that 114,677 first services had been performed in 1963, an increase of almost 1,700 over the previous year. Seven hundred twenty-nine members joined the association in 1963, he said.

Steve Whittington of Peterborough, president of the Association for 1963 thanked the directors for their co-operation during his term of office. "One of the greatest signs in 1963," he said, "was taken on December 1 when we pooled the bull studs of Waterloo and COCBA." He prophesied that this sign would increase the availability of A.I. proven bulls, both in dairy and beef breeds.

Reports on Sires

Sire reports were presented by Association staff and directors, describing the achievements of COCBA sired livestock in 1963.

Highlights were: In the Holstein breed the leading and reserve Honour list sires were both

used at COCBA. Several All-Canadian awards went to offspring of bull bulls.

In Jerseys, the bull Brampton Posing Axene excelled, siring three of the top gets of sire at the C.N.E. and one at the Royal Winter Fair.

The beef breed reports, noted that the Association had two Golden Certified Meat Sires designated in 1963. One of these was the first Certified Meat Sire in Canada.

Mastitis Report

Guest speaker for the meeting was Dr. R. Guthrie, veterinarian, in charge of a state wide mastitis control program in New York State.

"Mastitis is any inflammation

of the udder, regardless of cause," he said.

He went on to explain that any injury to the udder could cause non-infectious mastitis, which would predispose to later infectious mastitis and later cause a chain of infection.

Mechanical injuries, he said, could be caused by bruised, milking machines and too strong chemicals. Management faults such as too early preparation for milking, rough milking, or failing to remove milkers in time also brought about infection, he said.

A good, managed milking program was described by Dr. Guthrie as essential for control of mastitis. He cautioned that mastitis could be spread through a milker's operator's hands, through teat cups, or bedding.

Proving Program

General Manager of COCBA, Dr. C. Reeds described the operation of the joint sire ownership program between the Waterloo Cattle Breeding Association and his organization. He outlined the young sire proving programs that had been adopted to assure a supply of proven dairy and beef bulls for these breeding associations.

"It is up to you, Central, but all the units in Ontario to develop the best possible sire in the world," he concluded.

At the conclusion of the annual meeting the board of directors met briefly to elect the executive for 1964. Wilfred McKee, Orangeville was elected President and H. Craig Reid was elected Vice President. The other three executive members elected were T. Ray Clarkson, Brampton; Harry Kennedy, Cavan and A. H. McKee, Georgetown.

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IMPORTANT MEETING

JACK McGEACHIE,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Acton Planning Board.

LOADED FOR ACTION! Three Action bowlers take off tonight (Thursday) for North Bay where they compete in the Eastern Canadian five-pin championship. Left to right are Joan Knight, Jim Bullough and Ivy Martin. The Action trio will join George Barber, George Nurse and Lauro Treble of Georgetown, Donna Carter of Oakville and team up in the mixed league. If the team wins, they board a plane at North Bay and head west for the Canadian Championship.

Annual Crops Day Program Held Norval Juniors, Exhibit Best

The annual Crops Day program of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association was held on Tuesday, March 17 at Lycett School. President of the association, Hugh Keay, Milton R. R. acted as chairman of the meeting. Norval Junior Farmers' club was the winner of the inter-club exhibit competition with their display on "Corn Growing."

Dr. W. S. Young, Department of Crop Science, Ontario Agricultural College, as the guest speaker outlined cropping systems for livestock production. He pointed out that with the new technology in crop production, it is possible now to select crops to suit the farm's livestock operations. In selecting a cropping system, the farmer has many choices today in crops, methods of handling and feeding.

Howard Henry, Soils and Crops Fieldman, outlined some of the new trends in chemical weed control. With higher pressures being used in crop spraying with such chemicals as atrazine, more care is needed in selecting sprayer equipment.

J. A. Francis, agricultural representative, reported on some of the projects to be carried out this year by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association. Local fertilizer, weed spray and

The sport of hammer throwing has been popular in Scotland and Ireland for many centuries but originally a chariot wheel on an axle was used.



JOHN HENDERSON, former National Hockey League goalie who played for Boston a few years ago, still kicks out the puck in capable fashion, and his antics brought roars of laughter from the crowd. He is shown above signing autographs for two young Acton lads who hope to be future stars. Left to right are Geoffrey Patterson, goalie Henderson and Steven Oakley.

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