



WINTER GRIPPED the countryside over the weekend in a manner which indicated there would be few moderate temperatures until spring brings back activity on the farms land. (Staff Photo)

Concern in Halton

Need responsible action to curb farm pollution

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Agricultural pollution has received considerable attention lately. Farmers in Halton must be concerned with this topic as the density of our county increases, and as more people move out to the rural areas.

In Canada there are five people per square mile, whereas Halton averages some 450 people per square mile. Burlington and Oakville have many times this density. The increased use of pesticides and larger numbers of livestock on one farm has resulted in not only more pollution, but more kinds of pollution.

The fact that a farmer has spent all his life in a community carries no weight if urban people move in and complain of air pollution. Perhaps the fan from the chicken house or the manure lagoon is near their home. Friction and complaints are not in keeping with the rural way of life. Thus, all farmers must become interested in pollution and try to keep it at a minimum.

Large buffer zones have been suggested between agriculture and urban people. These acreages of land soon would become valuable property and would be used for urban expansion, and this would not

work. There is very little hope of eliminating pollution. We have the technology to control it at reasonable levels, and lower it in some cases. The question is whether or not society is willing to pay the cost. Is society willing to pay more for milk, beef, and pork in order that the farmer can afford to take the steps to control pollution? Perhaps not.

However, the farmer can do much at very little cost. He can use common sense by burning brush when there is little wind, by spreading manure on a field and plowing it down immediately, by only building a large livestock enterprise in association with a large enough acreage of land for waste disposal, by not getting water for his weed sprayer in the creek, and by not having his cattle wading through the creek, etc.

Municipalities and regions also have responsibilities for wise planning for the proper use of the land and water. The breaking up of farms throughout an area into small segments imposes intolerable conditions, not only in agriculture and social structure, but on the pollution problem. Wise land use planning is required. It may not be too late for this, but time, especially in our area, is running out.

University of Guelph states when discussing pollution, "Each generation inherits the habitat that reflects the action of our forefathers. Thus, rational and responsible action is needed to control pollution."

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Free Press Farm Page

Big business

Farmers learn by TV

For the fifth consecutive year, the television series "This Business of Farming," will be broadcast in January, it was announced by Hon. William A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture and Food.

The two one-hour programs, which will be broadcast on January 7 and 8, 1969, at 10:30 a.m., have been produced by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food and the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Department of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

"We have had a most gratifying reaction to our Department's previous television broadcasts," said Mr. Stewart. "We are pleased to be able to present these two new programs that should be of great help to farmers in planning their future operations."

The first of the new programs, to be shown on January 7, will be of particular interest to livestock producers. Entitled "Grain from Field to Feed", the program deals with the grain necessary for livestock rations. Grain corn, which has become

extremely popular in the last 20 years, is used as the example in showing the principles of a grain handling system.

The second part of this program features farm operations, filmed on farms which concentrate on beef, swine, or dairy cattle.

The program organizer is Don Hill, Soils and Crops Branch Specialist, with offices at Ridgeway College of Agricultural Technology.

The second program deals with various aspects of finance and, appropriately enough, is entitled "Money Matters".

The basic premise of the program is that farming is big business, and for that reason, business methods and attitudes must be applied in operating a farm. The proper use of credit, family budgeting, life insurance, and estate planning are among the subjects discussed.

The hosts for this program are Don Graham, Agricultural Representative, Brantford, and Don McArthur, Central College of Agricultural Technology.

Holsteins can produce beef

Experiments carried out at the Canada Department of Agriculture's Ayrshire, B. C. research station indicate that lean, tender beef can be produced by Holsteins in a traditional dairy breed in Canada.

Researcher Dr. R. J. Forrest says it isn't likely that Holsteins will ever replace our existing beef breeds. But, he says, the experiments are showing that dairy farmers don't have to literally throw away their surplus bull calves.

Courtesy is contagious

We have all heard the expression "There's another Sunday driver". This kind of driving applies to far too many people at Christmas, also. So this year, how about taking some of that Christmas spirit out on to the highways and show your fellow drivers the courtesy that you show to your guests. Who knows, it might last through next year.

Junior Institutes may change name

The Halton County Junior Farmers' County Board meeting was held in the Agricultural Office in Milton on Wednesday, Dec. 4, with Brian Lessey presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Bill Sinclair, and approved. The treasurer's report was given by Bill Robertson.

The president reported Brian Capill attended the An and Water Pollution Conference in Toronto and he found it quite interesting. Toronto Conference entries are Earl Burt and a debating team.

Joy Trimble announced the County Drama Festival has to be over by February 22, 1969. The debating competition must be over by Jan. 20, 1969, and Halton will compete with Huron County. This year, the zone conference will be held at Ferris on Feb. 1, 1969.

A proposal has been made by the Ontario Junior Farmers to the Federated Women's Institute that the Junior Institutes amalgamate with the Junior Farmers and become known as Junior Farmer Girls. There is a great deal of discussion under way on this proposal and members will be hearing more about it.

A number of the Junior Farmer sweaters have been returned and it was decided that any which are the wrong size should be returned by Dec. 16.



SCOTSDALE BONANZA, owned by S. G. Bennett of Ballinacree, was the grand champion Shorthorn bull and supreme champion of this year's Royal Winter Fair. Mr. Bennett receives the premier breeder and premier exhibitor banners from Tom Hays, Hays Farms Ltd.



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