



**SHEEP PRODUCTION**—There's lots of room for expansion in Ontario alone, the on farm value of sheep and lambs in 1967 was just under \$7 million dollars. There is a vast market in Canada and in Ontario for more lambs than is produced. Last year the Canadian production was 21 million pounds of mutton and lamb. But we imported about 76 million pounds, mainly from New Zealand and Australia. There is a dual crop with meat and wool, with sheep being a cheap converter of feed to meat. Farmers could find sheep raising profitable, particularly if modern techniques of intensified production are applied.—(Agi Photo)

## 1,000 Junior Farmers meet at conference

Over 1,000 Junior Farmers from all over Ontario met Saturday, January 4, in the King Edward Sheraton Hotel, Toronto, for the annual conference of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario. Twenty-eight counties and districts were represented in public speaking, music, and square dancing competition. This is the first year a square dancing competition has been included in the conference program. Another new event was the talent hunt in which 12 counties participated. The day long conference concluded with dancing in the Crystal Ballroom of the hotel.



**MRS. PAY KERR, ACTON**, past president of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario, presented watches to each of the finalists in the public speaking competition. The event was part of the Toronto conference of the Junior Farmer Association. The T. Eaton Co. donated the watches. Mrs. Kerr is on the right. Others, left to right, are Don Campbell, St. Onge, Russell County; Gabe de Cloet, R. R. 1, Langton, Elgin County; Mrs. Beryl Little, Renfrew.

## Craig Reid director from Halton to U.B.I.

Craig Reid was appointed as the director from Halton to U.B.I. One director is to be chosen from each of the 15 counties in this association. The annual meeting is to be held on Jan. 29 at 11:00 a.m. in the United Co-operative Hall, Guelph.

The earth is the fifth largest planet of the solar system and the third away from the sun. Mercury is closest, then Venus. Silence squeaky shoes by piercing several small holes through the sole just in back of the ball of the foot.

## Free Press Farm Page

### Harold Middlebrook chairman Halton Crop and Soil Assoc.

By H. J. Stanley

The Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association annual meeting commenced at the Masonic Hall, Milton, on Tuesday, Jan. 7, with the television program "Money Management". Clarence Ford J., president, welcomed everyone. The 1968 annual report was discussed in detail, covering the various projects conducted throughout Halton and this area of the province.

After lunch Dr. Tom Bates from the Soil Science Department, University of Guelph, discussed fertilizers. He suggested that farmers should shop around for fertilizer and get a better buy. One good soil test every two years is better than a poor one each year from a specific field. Dr. Bates suggested that farmers take more cores from a field to get a better sample. If there is a great variation of soil within a field, separate soil samples should be taken of the different areas.

Neil McLaughlin, engineering extension specialist, discussed drainage. He compared clay and plastic tile. Four inch clay tile costs 8.4 cents versus 12 cents per foot for the new plastic tile. However, this new plastic tile is in 250 foot coils, weighing only 80 pounds, and thus is much easier to handle. Neil suggested that surface drainage could be used more in Halton to remove water from the fields in the spring or after heavy rains.

Harold Clapp, dairy specialist with the Ontario Livestock Branch, Guelph, discussed feed analysis and livestock feeding. He stated that 55 per cent moisture is the ideal stage for haylage. At this moisture level there is less loss of nutrients both in harvesting and in the silo, and thus greater feed value. For corn silage he suggested 70 per cent moisture, or somewhat less maturity than in the past. At this moisture level cows appear to like the corn silage better and will eat more of it. If too mature, a higher proportion of

the kernel passes through the cow undigested.

Officers and directors chosen for 1969 are: Past president, Clarence Ford J.; president, Harold Middlebrook; vice-president, Tom Foster; secretary, Henry J. Stanley; directors, Arnold Fish, Earl Wilson, Colin Marshall, Fred Bell, John Willmott, Russell Hurren, Ernest Alexander, Claude Inglis, Harvey Nurse, John Kitching, Jeffrey Nurse, Donald Matthews.

Delegate to the Halton Farm Safety Council is Colin Marshall, and delegate to the Halton Federation of Agriculture, Russell Hurren.

### Farm workers coming to Ontario

For a number of years the problem of farmers obtaining top notch agricultural workers for Ontario farms has existed. With this problem in mind, the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food set up the Agricultural Manpower Service under the direction of John H. Krauter.

It is Mr. Krauter's duty to find competent labor for Ontario farms. With this thought in mind Mr. Krauter will be visiting the United Kingdom to conduct personal interviews with applicants from Great Britain who will be interested in immigrating to Ontario to take up farming employment.

We have farms in our office which, when filled out, will be sent to Mr. Krauter showing the employer's interest in hiring one of these workers, the type of farm the employer operates, the accommodation available, etc. These forms can be picked up at the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food office, 181 Main Street East, Milton, or mailed out upon request.

## Name winners yield contest at crop meet

By Henry Stanley  
Agricultural Representative

High yield competitions were conducted by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association in 1968. The results were announced at the annual meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 7, in the Masonic Hall, Milton.

In the Grain Corn competition, with 10 entries, the average yield was 126 bushels per acre on a five acre plot selected by the farmer. The winner was Merle Gunby, R.R. 1, Millgrove, with a yield of 149 bushels per acre. For Corn Silage, three entries, the average yield was 3.85 tons of dry matter or 12.8 tons of 70 per cent moisture silage. The winner was John Kitching, R.R. 1, Moffat, with a yield of 4.63 tons of dry matter or 15.4 tons of silage.

There were nine entries in the Spring Grain competition, with an average yield of 2,979 pounds per acre. The five members growing barley averaged 3,270 pounds per acre, as compared to 2,663 pounds for the two growing oats, and 2,569 for the two growing mixed grain. The winner was Merrybrook Farms, R.R. 5, Milton, with 3,850 pounds of Herta Barley per acre.

In the Hay competition, with two entries, the average yield was 4.08 tons per acre in two cuttings, or 984 pounds of protein. The winner was Don Matthews of R.R. 2, Acton, with 552 pounds of protein on the first cutting, 496 on the second cutting, for a total yield of 1,048 pounds of protein.

Each of these competitors also kept accurate records of the cost of production of these crops. The hay, corn silage, and some of the grain samples were analyzed for protein and dry matter at the University of Guelph.

### Expect farm equipment show to attract 150,000 visitors

Cotter pins to combine-twine to railway tracks will be featured at the Canada Farm and Industrial Equipment Show to be held January 22 to 25 at Exhibition park, Toronto.

Each one of the five main floor buildings at the Coliseum will have its special features

including machines and devices never before revealed. It is anticipated the show will attract 150,000 visitors.

Tractors and combines from the U.S.S.R., land preparation and harvesting equipment used on Scandinavian farms, versatile and economical German small tractors, twine from Portugal and orchard sprayers from Holland will all be part of the huge show.

All of the west annex building will display most of the over half a hundred lines of snowmobiles now on the market.

Free tickets for the show can be acquired from your local farm equipment dealer. Only adults require them.

### \$\$ for Guelph W.I. project

By Mrs. G. Henderson

On Friday, Jan. 3, a meeting of Sub-Division 11 of the Ontario Women's Institute was held at the C.I.A. building in Guelph. Those attending from the Halton District W.I. executive were the president, Mrs. John Bird; the secretary, Mrs. R. Alexander; first vice-president, Mrs. G. Henderson; and the Federated representative, Mrs. Jesse McEnery.

Mrs. R. C. Moffat of Guelph, the Board Director for Sub-Division 11, discussed several items stressed at the Ontario W. I. Fall Board Directors' meeting at Toronto in November. Although there were fewer branches and members in Ontario in 1968 (1,354 branches and 32,068 members) the organization has raised and dispersed last year almost twice as much money as in 1960-61.

The aim of the Women's Institute organization has always been to improve the quality of community and home life, and its interests cover the support of and representation in many other groups, such as the Ontario Welfare Council, Elizabeth Fry Society, Cancer Society, Royal Winter Fair, and the Ontario Historical Society.

A major project for all Women's Institute branches in Ontario from now until 1972 will be the raising of \$50,000 for the expansion and development of MacDonald Institute at the University of Guelph. This will mark, in 1972, the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute by Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, who also founded the MacDonald Institute.

### Drop convert

One of the "signs of the times" of modern safety engineering is that American Motors company has dropped convertibles from their 1969 lineup.

The increase in sales of two-door hardtops and the increasing awareness of the need for built-in safety features are the main reasons. Let's hope this is the beginning of the end of this flashy, but dangerous model, say the farm safety experts.

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