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THIS DORSET HORN EWE has one advantage over other sheep. It has the ability to breed at any time. Quite often lambs are produced twice in the same year. These lambs were born early in November, and will probably be reared for the Easter market. The Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food reports that in 1968 there were 114,000 lambs under one year in Ontario. The over-all number of sheep and lambs totalled 382,000. (Photograph by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food).

Soil, crop competition

Report lower yield in grain, corn

By Henry J. Stanley
Yields have been determined in the High Yield Competitions for spring grain and grain corn.

However, names will not be announced until the annual meeting of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association in January.

Eight competitors in the grain corn section had an average yield of 108 bushels of corn, ranging from a low of 89 to a high of 123 bushels. This compared to 1968 average of 126 bushels, with a range from 92 to 149 bushels.

In the spring grain section the average yield of barley was 3051 lbs., compared to 3,270 lbs. last year. For oats - 2483 lbs. vs 2633 in 1968.

Yields were below last year in grain and corn because of the very dry summer, combined with a cool spring. Less than one inch of rain was recorded in Burlington in August and September.

Snowmobiles practical as farm equipment

Snowmobiles have become part of the recreational scene during the winter, but many farmers are considering using them for practical purposes around the farm.

Snowmobiles could be used for pulling sleds loaded with bales of hay to the feedlot, getting out in deep snow to inspect the stock, or collecting the mail from otherwise inaccessible mail boxes. There are probably many other uses for these winter transports.

In conjunction with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, Professor Irwin suggests that the large 25 horsepower snowmobiles are the most practical for farmers. Snowmobiles are sized by their track width, the usual size track is from 15 to 18 inches, but the larger tracks over 18 inches have better traction on deep, soft snow.

Because considerable power is needed to pull a sled, the bigger-engined snowmobiles are a better buy. Many snowmobiles have 2- or 4-cycle engines with upwards of 7½ horsepower. The standard fifteen horsepower engine has been largely replaced by the 20 horsepower engines. These more powerful engines are the ones best suited for heavier farm work.

The snowmobile takes a pounding because of the terrain over which it travels, so a farmer should examine carefully the warranties offered with the machines available. Some warranties only extend for a three-month period, but some do offer a season's guarantee. Warranties are important, as snowmobile repairs can be costly.

It is particularly important that the engine be properly cared for, with the right oil and fuel mixtures being used, and other engine needs looked after.

With good care and careful handling, a snowmobile could be a valuable addition to a farm's equipment.

PET DEPT. SPECIAL LIVE TURTLES REG. WEEKEND 99c SPECIAL 69c Hinton's

OBITUARY

R.M. Barden well-known many pay last respects

Many friends throughout this district were shocked to learn of the death of R. M. Barden of Hillsburgh in his 66th year on Wednesday, Oct. 22. Apparently in good health, he suddenly slumped against the wheel of a truck after delivering a load of lumber.

Born on the Barden homestead situated on 22 acres and bordering the 6th and 7th line, he was the elder son of William Barden and Minnie Hall. He attended Hillsburgh Public school and in 1925 was united in marriage to Lillian Steen.

They lived about a year in a second house on the Barden farm and then moved to Hillsburgh. Mel operated a garage, gasoline station, was a dealer in Allis-Chalmers implements, mended harness and kept a store for men's boots, mitts and other items. His store became a popular place for the men to gather and play euchre.

In 1937, their only child, Murray, was drowned at play in his eleventh year.

About this time Mr. and Mrs. Barden had purchased hackney and standard bred horses. They attended all the fall shows for a radius of 100 to 150 miles. At the Royal Show in Toronto their names became very well known at prize winners. In later years Mr. Barden became a judge at horse shows too.

In 1959 Mr. Barden sold his garage to Jack Graham of Coningsby district.

About 1967 Mr. Barden sold his horses and equipment on account of ill health. Then this year he again bought horses and was preparing to go to Walkerton show.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife Lillian, three sisters Fay (Mrs. Carl Waterworth) of Battle Creek, Mich., Shirley (Mrs. Clifford Thomson) of Preston and Sadie, (Mrs. Carl Mathews) of Guelph, and a

brother William on the home farm.

About 1,500 people from far and near paid their last respects to this friendly neighbor. His funeral was largely attended.

Mr. Barden was a member of the Masonic Lodge, and a past patron of the Eastern Star Lodge, Orangeville. He served on the town council in all offices for a number of years.

A Masonic service and Eastern Star service were held at the Butcher Funeral Home and a service for the immediate family was held, conducted by his brother-in-law, Rev. Carl Waterworth of Battle Creek, Mich.

Rev. William Cook officiated at the church service held at the Church of Christ (Disciples), assisted by Rev. Wayne Maddock of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Honorary pallbearers were Ross McKinnon, Arthur Butcher, James Fisher, Elmer McKinnon, Henry Wheeler, Andy Lang, Wilfred West, Tom Brownridge, Stuart McKinnon and Howard Graham.

Pallbearers were Jack Graham, J. C. Barnes, George Tarzwell, Don Swackhamer, Neal Hoerner and Jesse McNery.

Flower bearers were Brian Hebbes, Tom Steen, Jim Mundell, Eddie Barden, Donald Waterworth, Ellis Thomson, Ken Steen, Bill Rous, Doug Steen, Glen Mast and Alec Thompson.

Interment took place at Huxley Cemetery.

POET'S CORNER

Tax the farmer, tax his dad,
Tax whatever he ever had,
If he's broke it's just too bad,
Go ahead and tax the man,
Tax his dog and his hired hand,
Tax his cow, tax his milk,
Tax his bed, tax his quilt,
Tax his pig, tax his pen,
Tax his corn, tax his wheat,
Tax his wagon, tax his squeak,
Tax his wife, tax his boy,
Tax whatever gives him joy,
Tax his baby, tax his crib,
Tax his all - who gives a fib?
Tax his lambs - tax his goats,
Tax his horse and his oats,
Tax his fiddle, tax his bow,
Tax what he intends to sow,
Remember the forgotten Man
In your so-called taxing plan.
He has income so they say,
Most of which he ought to pay
Tax the man that's on the dole,
Get him in a deeper hole,
Tax the manufacturer, too,
He is more than getting through,
Tax his building, tax his chattels,
Tax his ford and all its rattles,
Tax his stock, tax his cash,
Tax him double if he's rash,
Tax his payroll by the hour,
If he's making more than rent,
Add another five per cent,
Tax what'er he has to see,
If he hollers - tax his yell.

-Ontario Union Farmer

OBITUARY

Benjamin Robertson farmed at Speyside

A lifelong farmer in the Milton area died Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Milton Centennial Manor.

Born April 24, 1876, Benjamin Robertson farmed his family homestead east of Speyside, a site which his grandfather bought in 1822 and which has been worked by five generations of the Robertson family. He had attended Dufferin School at Speyside.

Mr. Robertson was predeceased by his wife, the former Margaret Arthur and by his brothers also.

Mr. Robertson is survived by three children, Douglas, Jean (Mrs. Jack McGibbon), and Grace (Mrs. Chisholm Hume), all of R.M. 5 Milton.

The funeral service was conducted at Rumley-Schomaker Funeral Home in Acton with Rev. Andrew McKenzie officiating. Interment was at Acton's Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Robertson's six grandsons, all of R.M. 5 Milton, acted as pallbearers.

REQUERING Township Council

At their regular meeting Monday night - Requiring Council

Received a letter from solicitor P. K. McWilliams, representing Milton Brick, saying that the company would be willing to share the cost of the development of a local water supply for the area. The letter explained that Milton Brick has no drinking water for its employees and has had to bring drinking water in by truck.

Accepted the \$27,750 tender of C. F. Hickey for a new fire truck.

Gave first, second and third readings to and passed a by-law prohibiting the placing or depositing of rubbish or refuse on township roads.

Gave first, second and third readings to and passed a by-law which will enable the township to pay rewards to persons providing information leading to the conviction of offenders of the previous by-law.

Councillors received copies of two types of holding by-laws, which they are to study and discuss further at their next meeting Tuesday, November 18.

Reeve George Currie presided for the two hour meeting, with all councillors in attendance.

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FROZEN FOOD FARMHOUSE - 24 OZ. PKG. (SAVE 14¢) APPLE PIES 39¢

SHIRRIFF - INSTANT - 12 OZ. PKG. (SAVE 12¢) Mashed Potatoes 49¢

SWARTZ - 2 LB. BAG (SAVE 14¢) RAISINS 63¢

DOLE - 48 OZ. TINS (SAVE 35¢) Pineapple Juice 3 FOR \$1

LYONS - PKG. OF 60 (SAVE 20¢) THE TEA 65¢

BLACK DIAMOND - 8 OZ. PKG. (SAVE 20¢) CANADIAN Cheese Slices 3 FOR \$1

HEINZ - 15 OZ. BOTTLE (SAVE 18¢) KETCHUP 2 FOR 59¢

OCEAN KING - 7 1/2 OZ. TIN (SAVE 24¢) FANCY RED SOCKEYE SALMON 49¢

HEINZ - 14 OZ. TINS (SAVE 26¢) BEANS With Ground Beef 3 FOR 79¢

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