



T. H. MCGEE RECEIVES MASTER BREEDER SHIELD — T. H. McGee, Norval, (right) is receiving a Master Breeder shield at the Annual Meeting of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada, held in Toronto, from R. DeWitt Mallory, Bradford, Vermont, President of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. This is the Association's highest award to a breeder.

Farmers Restless, Fear New Laws Detriment to Business

Haltom farmers would be more progressive if they could be sure they will still be farming here in five years, said Henry Stanley, the county's agricultural representative.

In a recent interview in his office Stanley said the main problem facing Haltom farmers is the fear that high land values and increased assessment will force them off their land.

He emphasized that Haltom was one of the most progressive counties in agriculture in Ontario but said farmers would be making more changes if they knew they were going to stay.

Stanley, who has been representative here for five years, should be well aware of the problems of Haltom farmers as he is in daily contact with them either at their farms or in his office. He also attends meetings of most county farm groups.

County Farmers
Stanley and a full time staff of three are able to help county farmers with specific farm problems or overall problems of farm management.

He said the farmers are also concerned over the new estates tax bill which they feel will hurt the farmers who want to turn their farms over to their sons. He has planned meetings with county farmers to discuss the situation.

Concerning the problem of high assessment, Stanley said the farmers are reluctant to fix barns, drain fields or make other improvements because if the high taxes force them to sell, they realize the land spec-

ulators will not pay more because of improvements.

He said other farmers are afraid to change from one type of farming to another because of doubt as to what is going to happen to rural Haltom.

In the past there was an advantage to farmers near urban areas because transportation costs were cheaper, he said, but now this proximity to urban centres is a disadvantage.

Because of marketing boards, the prices farmers now receive are uniform across Southern Ontario, but farmers near urban centres have higher assessments which make them non-competitive.

Besides the assessment problem, Stanley said many farmers are beginning to feel that they are not part of the community.

"The voice of the rural farm resident is not being heard on municipal councils."

"Do Oakville and Burlington want farmers?" he asked.

1,000 Farmers
According to statistics, there are about 1,000 Haltom farmers but Stanley estimates only 700 to 800 work full time at farming.

Winter is the busy season for the agricultural office as farmers consider what crops to plant in the spring. Stanley has provincial and county figures on the costs and return per acre for every crop and can advise the farmer if it would be advantageous for him to plant a certain crop.

Farm Operations
The agricultural office can

deal with specific problems such as what fertilizer to use or deal with general farm operations. For complex problems it can call in farm management specialists.

The agricultural office is conducting a nutrition course this winter and 36 farmers are enrolled. In the past there have been courses on farm management, soils and fertilizers.

"Our main job is to interpret trends," he said.

He said the staff study the latest agricultural research findings and put it in practical terms for the farmers. He said generally farmers here are better informed than in many areas on the latest developments.

The other members of the Milton staff are Jim Jenkins, extension assistant; Chuck Warner, fruit and vegetable specialist; and Joe Brent, milk commission fieldman. A home economist and an engineer covering Haltom and Peel counties work out of the department of agriculture office in Brampton.

Stanley is pleased to see farmers getting more publicity and having more to say about their grievances.

Farm Viewpoint
He claims politicians don't appreciate the farm point of view.

"You have to be born on a farm to see how a farmer ticks," says Stanley, who grew up on a farm in Lanark county which he eventually farmed for four years.

"We must be concerned with the bona fide farmer, the one who has farmed all his life."

Hope Regional Government Won't Hamper Conservation

Three new members were welcomed to the annual meeting of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority last week. Murray Bryan, representing East Garafraxa Township, Howard Stewart, representing Chinguacousy Township, and Lloyd McChesney, town of Oakville were introduced to the membership by chairman R. K. McMillan.

Mr. McMillan also announced that he had just received his Order in Council from the Minister of Energy and Resources Management, Honourable J. R. Simonett, appointing him chairman of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority for another three years.

REGIONALISM
During discussion at the executive level, members agreed that the new Regional Government proposed recently could have disastrous effects on the work of conservation authorities if it was allowed to interfere.

A motion, prepared by the executive, was passed unanimously stating that "The Credit Valley Conservation Authority strongly recommends to the Minister of Municipal Affairs that the present watershed system, as it applies to representation, organization and jurisdiction, be continued until the practice of Regional Government will have been established, or, at least, for a period of five years."

Scout Council Needs Members, Dads Told

The District Scout Council and the urgent need for new members to strengthen this body was the subject of District Scout Commissioner Norm Herbert's talk to Cubs, Scouts and their dads at 5th Georgetown's father and son dinner in Holy Cross Church auditorium Tuesday, February 18.

Ross Colter, District Cubmaster, in the absence of the Scoutmaster, addressed the dinner on Scout affairs, the 5th troop in particular and their search for new members.

Speaking as group committee chairman, Hugh Diamond added, more help will be needed with A Pack Cubs where the leader Mrs. Ann Lysy is leaving.

Alf Long of Acton, was the special speaker for the night and brought a film of his African safari plus trophies from the dark continent including an elephant ear, zebra skin and a number of carvings.

Presentation of badges and service bars was made at the conclusion of the evening.

The roast beef dinner was prepared and served by the Cub and Scout mothers with help from Girl Guides who waited on the tables.

Fifth Georgetown's observance of Boy Scout Week concluded Sunday with a church parade and special service.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

A committee of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority will work closely with the Peel County Board of Education when the Board sets up its Field Study Centre on land abutting the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. A request has been sent to the Board requesting the Authority be kept informed of all plans regarding this area as it could affect the Conservation Area at Terra Cotta.

TRAINING FOR SUPERINTENDENT
Superintendent Norman J. McMahon will attend the Great Lakes Park Training Institute at Angola, Indiana, this month for further study in operating procedures for recreational areas in the Credit Valley watershed.

Accidents Injure Two

Two men were injured in accidents in the township on the weekend of Feb. 22nd.

Wade Smith of Brampton was taken to Toronto General Hospital with chest and leg injuries, and Ralph Booth, of R.R. 1, Inglewood was treated for facial lacerations after their cars collided at the intersection of the 10th Line and the Ashgrove Sideroad. Property damage was \$1,900.

Saturday, Philip H. Booth of Brampton was treated in Georgetown hospital for cuts and bruises and released after his car hit a bridge in Norval. OPP placed damage at \$400.

Reserve Camp Attendance Is Record for Lorne Scots

On the week end of Feb. 21-23, 1969, The Lorne Scots of Canada (P) & H) under the command of Lt. Col. E. F. Lince of Georgetown set a Canadian Company Reserve record when they arrived at CFB Camp Borden with a force in excess of 100 officers and men.

The weekend was filled with actual combat training under the watchful eye of Lt. Col. Cloutier and his staff of regular army officers and NCO's. The professionals are charged with the responsibility of bringing the MOCOM reserve up to regular army standards.

Lt. Col. Lince said: "This was the first training concentration since our new role was announced in January, and was in my opinion an unqualified success. The Lorne Scots put 112 in the field, something that hadn't been done before — and this shows me that there really is an interest in this type of self-betterment training — and this makes it all worthwhile."

The 'Lornes' in addition to field training, were exposed to the workings of anti-personnel mines and anti-tank mines. The special training that the Lorne Scots took part in, was on a day and night basis. On Saturday evening the knowledge of jungle fighting was broadened, with the showing of a film on booby traps, and guerrilla warfare tactics.

On the unit's return from Camp Borden, Lt. Col. Lince said: "We have one of the best reserve units in Canada, and this weekend we proved it." He added, "We're still looking for young men who have the spec-

IN THE MAIL BAG

Here's Some Reasons For Red Cross Support

26 Eleanor Crescent, February 22, 1969

Dear Mr. Biehn:
As Campaign Chairman for the Red Cross, I would be very grateful if you would consider the following for publication in your "Letters to the Editor" section of your next issue.

March is Red Cross month, and it is the traditional time for the Red Cross to appeal for funds. This year the Georgetown Branch will be making a direct appeal to the industry and citizens of the town, culminating with a blitz night on March 17. I appeal to you all, to respond generously to this appeal, for without your support the Red Cross cannot exist in Georgetown.

And what if the Red Cross ceased to exist? Then you would have to pay for the blood needed for a vital transfusion or guarantee its replacement. Then families who found themselves the victims of fire or flood, would have no where to turn. Then many more children would suffer as the result of water accidents because there was no one to instruct them in the elements of water safety. People who need sick room supplies for a short period such as hospital beds, wheelchairs and crutches would have to buy or hire them.

Many more services are provided by the Red Cross, so I think that you will agree that an effective Red Cross Branch is essential in our community and effectiveness depends on your support, won't you help?

Yours truly,
Michael Foot,
Campaign Chairman
Georgetown & District Branch, The Canadian Red Cross Society.

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