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Elections, presentations highlight Holstein annual

By H. J. Stanley

Fred Nurse was chosen president of the Halton Holstein Club at the annual meeting on Thursday, Jan. 22 at Palermo Hall. First vice-president is Arnold Fish, second vice-president Jim Reid, secretary-treasurer Ralph Ford, Sales agent Martyn Heslop. Other directors include Bill Bennett, J. C. Ford Jr., Murray Harris, Russell Hurren, Colin Marshall, Bruce McClure, Gordon McDonald, Joe Pelletier, Aerie Schep, Dennis Sinclair and Bert Stewart. Tom McGee was reappointed on the site committee of the United Breeders Incorporated.

A resolution was approved by the Halton Holstein Club asking that Dairy Herd Improvement records receive official recognition or similar status to R.O.P. records. Joe Snyder, Holstein-Friesian fieldman, stated that Halton was one of the leading counties in the province having bred or owned five of the All-Canadian Holsteins this past year. Holstein membership in Halton has declined somewhat to 197.

During the past year Martyn Heslop sold 318 head of Holsteins from Halton for an average price of \$317.

Guest speaker was David Houck of Romandale Farm.

talking on "Cow Sense Counts" He stated that you cannot know your cows unless they are type classified and on production testing. He suggested that farmers should not try for too many elevated successes. This usually does not happen.

At the noon dinner provided by the directors' wives, trophies were awarded to the 1969 winners. The top BCA record in Halton was won by Claude Pickett with 26 records averaging 142 BCA for milk and 147 for fat. Actual production was 15,439 milk, 589 fat, 3.82% test. Runner up was H. C. Reid with 40 records averaging 136 and 147 BCA's. Actual production was 15,493 milk, 617 fat and 3.98% test.

The E. J. Meagher Memorial Trophy for Premier Exhibitor at the Halton Black and White Show was presented by Ross Segsworth to Claude Pickett, with Robert Smith receiving the award for him. The Premier Breeder certificate was presented by Jim Reid to H. C. Reid, with Kaj Hansen accepting the award. The Dr. Paul Beer Memorial trophy for the Best Uddered Female was presented by Fred Nurse to Howard Tarzwell, the Aerie Schep accepting the award for him.

Claude Pickett also received the Hunterholme trophy presented by Albert Hunter for the Grand

Champion Female, and the Bank of Nova Scotia special presented by R. DiCola, manager of the Milton branch, for winner of the Senior Get-of-Sire, John Semple, manager of the Bank of Montreal presented his trophy for the winning Progeny-of-Dam to Howard Tarzwell. Herman Windmoller, Master Feeds representative, presented their award for the first prize Breeders' Herd to Craig Reid.

Farm show in Toronto

Toronto need have no fear of increased air pollution but certainly its accommodation facilities will be taxed as the 24th Annual Canada Farm and Industrial Equipment Show opens at Exhibition Park, January 28-31.

Air freight from Denmark, Holland, West Germany and, in fact, most countries where agricultural machines are made, has been booking shipments all destined for Toronto. Warehouses and storage is already filled to capacity with odd-looking machines of varied shapes and many colors. Strawberry pickers to Tomato squeezers, land rollers and ten-bottom reversible plows are all adding to tons upon tons of mysterious unexpected devices, aids to agriculture never before dreamed of.

This is the World's largest assembly of agricultural and light industrial equipment ever displayed. Over 140,000 interested people viewed the offerings in 1969.

Camera-carrying Japanese to dispatch-case toting diplomats are usually evident and will form a part of the over 150,000 guests anticipated from all over the globe.

All buildings of the C.N.E. Coliseum complex will bulge with the displays for the four days, Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



THE TOP WINNERS at the Halton Holstein Breeders' Association's annual dinner Thursday afternoon had a hard time carting off the hardware they accumulated during the year. Shown here with some of their trophies are left Kaj Hansen of "Plumbroke Farm", R. R. 6, Milton; Robert

Smith, herdsman for Claude Pickett of Hornby; and at right, Aerie Schep of Surodana Farms, R. R. 2, Georgetown. Holstein breeders from all over Halton County were in attendance at the dinner held in the Palermo Hall. —(Staff Photo)

Recommend urea to melt ice, snow

Winter ice and cold bring their own special problems for the urban homeowner. Sidewalks, doorsteps, and porches become slippery and dangerous; iron railings begin to corrode; the concrete around the home starts to flake off, or 'scale'.

Many homeowners use de-icing agents, such as salt, to make the ice less hazardous. Salt, however is not only highly corrosive, but harms the grass beneath the snow so that by spring lawns are discolored and unhealthy.

Professor Ross Irwin, Extension Co-ordinator, School of Agricultural Engineering, University of Guelph, recommends that urea, rather than salt, be used as a de-icing agent.

Urea pellets can be bought from any feed store and come in 50 pound bags. Urea is an effective as salt in making ice less of a problem, and will fertilize the grass rather than damage it. In the spring, lawns will come up in far healthier condition than they otherwise would.

The urea that is not used up on the ice should be used as

fertilizer in the spring, otherwise it may start to spoil.

We keep wondering what chairs would look like if our knees bent the other way!

Blowing snow

Snow throwers, or blowers, are rapidly becoming part of the rural scene. Many farmers now have their own to keep the farm drive clear and make the yard easier to get around. Like all power equipment however, there is a potential danger. Make sure the power take-off drive is properly shielded and keep everyone away from the operation.

Let's Play Bridge

by bill coats

Dealer is often faced with the question of which side suit to set up after the trumps are down. This is especially true if both side suits are equal in length. Here is an example from the Acton Bridge Club. North dealt with East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
S K 10 8 3
H A Q 9 8 5
D 4 2
C 7 4

WEST
S 9 7 6
H J 2
D Q 10 5
C K Q 9 8 6

EAST
S J 5
H 10, 7 4 3
D A J 3
C A 10 5 2

SOUTH
S A Q 4 2
H K 6
D K 9 8 7 6
C J 3

The bidding:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
PASS PASS 1 D PASS
1 H PASS 1 S
3 S PASS 4 S ALL PASS

Opening lead King of clubs. Every pair overbid this hand to four spades. The combined value of the North - South hands is only 23 points, hardly enough for game. Only one declarer managed to make ten tricks which is rather surprising. West opens the club king and continues with the queen. Usually the defense would not give declarer a ruff and a sluff but in this case it is the best defense. Declarer has a choice of which hand to ruff in. He will also face the choice of which red suit to try to set up. This unusual

point of this hand is that the first choice will determine the second. One thing is for sure, the diamond ace must be with East in order to give declarer a fighting chance.

If declarer ruffs the club in dummy he should immediately lead a diamond. If East wins and returns a club, declarer can ruff in dummy again. This gives him two club ruffs, one diamond, three hearts and four spades in his hand for a total of ten tricks.

If East wins and leads any other suit declarer can set up dummy's hearts if he proceeds carefully. Declarer cashes one high trump in each hand and the jack must fall from East's hand. Now he leads the heart king, enters dummy with a high heart and ruffs a small heart with the spade queen. Access to dummy's good hearts is provided by the ten of spades at the same time removing West's last trump.

If declarer decides to ruff the third round of clubs in his hand, he must set up diamonds, not hearts. Declarer can enter dummy with a trump in order to lead a diamond. Again, if East wins and leads a club, declarer has ten tricks. If East ducks, declarer should win and immediately return a diamond. Now one diamond ruff will set up the suit while declarer retains entries in either trump or hearts.

On this hand the choice of which red suit to ruff is determined by which hand ruffs the third round club lead. The red suit must be ruffed in the opposite hand. If the defense does not lead a third club, declarer can simply draw trump and set up his heart suit. With the diamond ace on side, declarer is assured of ten tricks.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Bill Brush and Philip Brush; second, Frank and Mildred Hampshire; third, Tom Warner and Ivan Harris.

Foreign trade necessary says secretary of union

Ross Britton of Acton, Financial Secretary for local 4574 United Steelworkers of America, pointed out to the executive of the local the importance of Canada trading with other countries and the important part organized labor plays in the production of goods.

Mr. Britton said nearly 25 per cent of every Canadian pay

cheque is derived from money earned by exports of Canadian products to countries all over the world. Out of every five dollars worth of goods produced in this country, two dollars worth is sold to foreign countries.

Export to the United States are presently over six per cent of Canada's total export trade, he said. More than 40 per cent of the total export trade gained last year resulted from shipment of motor vehicles and parts.

Canada's exports to West Germany in 1968 rose by more than 28 per cent to \$228,870,000.

Sheep club organizes

By Keith McKinnon

The organization meeting for the Halton 4-H Sheep Club was on Wednesday, Jan. 21 in the Agricultural office, Milton. The chairman gave an outline on caring, raising and feeding of sheep on a month-to-month, year-round basis. The rules were read by the chairman for the new members. The timetable, agenda of meetings, who takes the meetings, tours, awards night and projects were discussed.

After the discussion period the new officers were elected. The first nominations were for president: Bill Stokes was elected, Dave McKinnon was elected as vice-president. The position of secretary-treasurer was filled by Norma Leslie. Keith McKinnon was elected as press reporter. Bill Stokes, the new president, took over the meeting for adjournment.

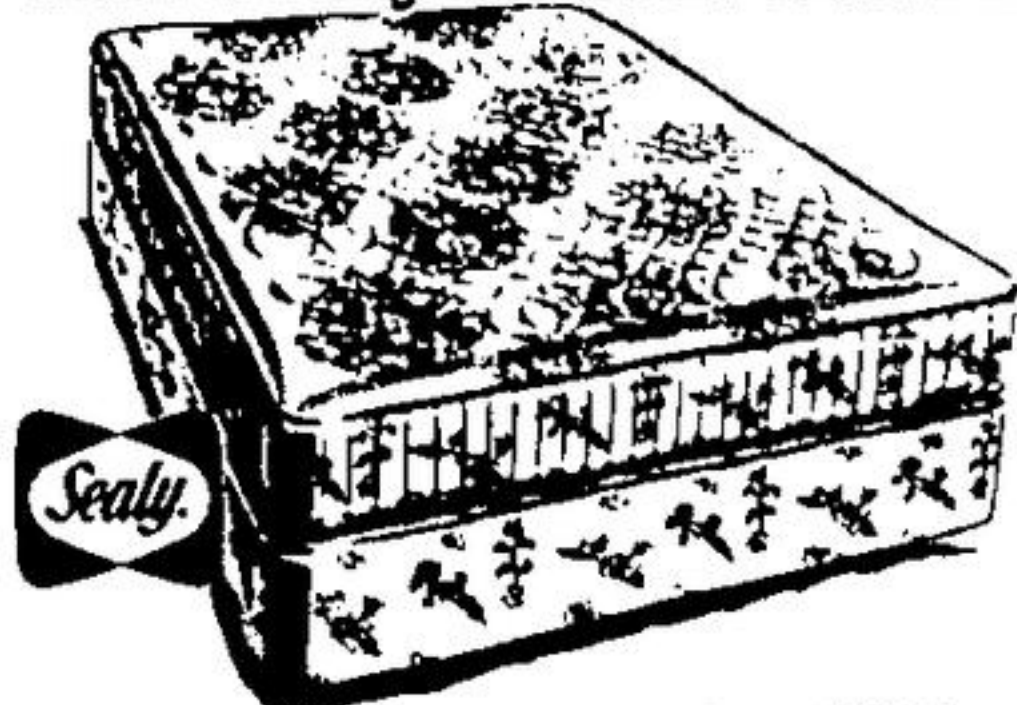
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