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Coals to Newcastle

Export Bennett Shorthorns to famous Scottish breeder

On Sunday, February 1st, a real Scottish welcome was given to two Beef Shorthorn bulls bought in Canada by famous Perthshire breeder, the Hon. Mrs. Irene Dewhurst, North Ardbennie, Madderty, Crieff, Scotland.

The bulls, both 14 months old, represent a new turn in the cattle trade for pedigree cattle and a boost for the Beef Shorthorn breed in its drive for size and scale without losing the character of the breed.

Mrs. Dewhurst and her husband, Lt. Col. Hugh L. Dewhurst (his noted herd is kept at Dunganhill, Dunkeld) visited Canada in October, and originally Mrs. Dewhurst arranged to purchase one bull from the great Canadian breeder, Mr. Stewart G. Bennett, of Scotsdale farms, near Ballinfad.

"Thanks to the great

generosity of Mr. Bennett it has now become two," said Mrs. Dewhurst. "I never thought he would part with both." The bulls, both reds, were flown to Scotland by Air Canada, and were accompanied by Mr. Bennett's head stockman, Emerson Clark.

"They are much looking forward to their new home," is Mr. Bennett's message from Canada about the bulls, Scotsdale Coinage and Scotsdale Cromarty who are returning in fact to the land of their ancestors, for they have the finest of Scottish blood right back through their pedigrees.

Born within a day of each other in October, 1968, they are both by Scotsdale Tehran, repeatedly referred to in Canada as a superb illustration of the combination of size with quality. Tehran scaled 2,225 lbs.

on pasture at Scotsdale last summer. His site and grandsire were both Toronto Royal Winter Fair champions, and his great-grand sire was Calrossie Prefect, champion at Perth in 1952, and bought by Mr. Bennett for 6,100 gns.

Coinage and Cromarty were both shown at the recent Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, finishing first and third respectively, in the young bull class. The Winter Fair was a tremendous success for Scotsdale, which took every championship except the supreme, and all the group awards.

Mr. Bennett has a herd of over 100 Beef Shorthorns, and apart from Calrossie Prefect, the only other Scottish-bred bull he has used has been Naemoor Escort, reserve supreme champion at Perth in 1962-another link with Mrs. Dewhurst, for she bought the Naemoor herd at the start of her career as a breeder. Mr. Bennett is at present using two of Naemoor Escort's sons in the Scotsdale herd-Scotsdale Viceroy and Scotsdale Bedford.

The opportunity for Mrs. Dewhurst to buy the Canadian bulls has arisen as a result of a change of registration rules. "Previously we could only purchase in Canada if they traced back in every line to imported animals, which is terribly difficult," said Col. Dewhurst. "But it was recently agreed that so long as cattle are registered in an approved overseas Shorthorn Herd Book, then they are acceptable into Coates' Herd Book in this country."

"Neither of us were very keen about cross breeding or experimental breeding, and this seemed to be a chance to get the background of the Scottish breeding with a slight infusion of Canadian pedigrees which would fit in with our cattle here."

Bert Stewart leads leaders plan changes in 4-H program

By H. Cook

The annual meeting of the Halton 4-H club leaders was held on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Norrington.

In an attempt to have more participation by 40H members in the 1970 program, the leaders have agreed to meet with interested 4-H members to exchange ideas. This will be an excellent opportunity to discuss changes in the 1970 program.

Many decisions normally made at the leaders' annual have been left until after the meeting with the interested members to be held on Friday, Feb. 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the Agricultural office.

Bert Stewart of R. R. 1, Hornby will head the Halton 4-H Club Leaders for 1970. First vice-president is Nino Braida of Acton and second vice-president is Ernie Alexander of R. R. 1, Norval. The representative to the Halton Farm Safety Council is Murray Harris of R. R. 6, Milton. Walter Norrington of R. R. 6, Milton is the immediate past president.

HALTON County Council HIGHLIGHTS

- At its regular monthly meeting in Milton Tuesday, Jan. 27, Halton County Council:
 - Passed a by-law to prohibit parking on certain stretches of county roads and the by-law comes into effect when the "no parking" signs are erected by county roads crews. Roads affected by the new by-law are the Guelph Line, Trafalgar Rd., Britannia Rd. and Upper Base Line Rd.
 - Endorsed a resolution from Georgetown Council which asks the Ontario government to pay the full cost of administering the new Social and Family Services Department of the county. The resolution claimed the provincial government allowed the amalgamation to go through without prior consultation with the municipalities involved and they, therefore, should be responsible for the administration costs of the new program.
 - Added Nassagaweya Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur's name to the personnel committee after the reeve, who is chairman of the board of health, claimed she was left out of meetings of the committee where negotiations were being carried on with Halton's public health nurses.
 - Defeated a resolution from Acton's Deputy Reeve Tyler to have an investigation launched into the possibility of streamlining committees of County Council. In support of his resolution, Mr. Tyler claimed council could save \$6,000 a year in salaries if this streamlining plan was to take effect.
 - Heard from the County Roads Committee that the County Engineer has been given the go-ahead to make provision in his 1970 estimates for preliminary engineering, surveying and possible land acquisition of land along the proposed re-routing of the Guelph Line through Lowville.
 - Received a lengthy report from the newly organized Social and Family Services Committee, explaining in detail some of the aspects of the new service which members of the committee felt should be known to council members. Included in this report was the fact the service was available to anyone in the county at any time and that field workers are equipped with emergency vouchers to help families in trouble at any time.

McCaug farm Norval constructive breeders

At the beginning of 1970, four Ontario Jersey breeders had met the requirements for the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club Constructive Breeder Award.

One was D. H. McCaug and Son, owners of the Norval Acres herd at Norval. Their herd of 38 cows with R.O.P. records completed during the testing year 1968-1969 had average B.C.A. indices of 128-126. The 33 cows classified in the herd averaged 86.6 per cent.

During the period preceding this award they qualified the bull, Brampton Favorite Acme, as a Silver Medal Sire. He has 37 daughters that have average production of 8,984 lbs. milk, 487 lbs. fat, 5.43 per cent m.e., and 41 daughters classified that average 86.93 per cent.

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Farm Safety Council will sponsor three area meetings to discuss drugs

Halton Farm Safety Council is stepping into the drug information field in addition to its numerous programs in the work of farm safety.

Three special discussion nights are being held in three areas of Halton in the next few weeks, to acquaint teenagers and parents on the use and effects of drugs, LSD, marijuana and pills.

The first will be held at Brookville Hall in Nassagaweya Township on Monday, Feb. 16; the second at Boyne Community Centre south of Milton on Monday, Feb. 23; and the third

at Stewarttown Hall in Esquesing Township on Monday, March 2. All three meetings are slated to start at 8.15 p.m.

Gerald Carton of Milton, president of the Farm Safety Council, says insurance representatives tell him the drug problem is getting worse in the country than it is in the cities.

Mrs. Peggy Palmer, a community consultant serving Halton for the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario, will be present at all three meetings. Local doctors and representatives of the area

police departments have also been asked to participate. Films will be shown and each evening will wind up with a discussion period.

Organizers would like to know in advance how many people to expect for each meeting. Anyone planning to attend is asked to notify Mrs. Grace Webb at 854-2393, Alfred Ford at 878-6327, Gerald Carton at 878-9374 or the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food at 878-9701 if they are coming.

Clean it now

Many of our farm homes are still heated with wood, cut from the farm woodlot. While a very effective heat, a wood stove is not as automatic and safe as an oil or gas furnace. Therefore, we need to take added precautions. Stovepipes and chimneys should be cleaned before those March winds, and dampers should be checked during our cold weather.

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Ornaments such as these are not rare but, from a collector's viewpoint, are worth searching for through antique shops and at sales. Staffordshire statuettes are a product of the 1860's, although similar ornaments were made well before that and are also collector's items.

Statuettes were very popular in Canadian homes. The English export trade supplies the heavy demands of the Canadian market with wares to please all levels of taste and financial ability.

This china lion is one in this series featuring interesting old objects owned by Joseph Drenters, whose studio is in the Rockwood Academy.

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Milton and William Smith of Guelph.

William Elliott of Guelph is secretary and sales agent.

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