

Snow explains regionalism to Holstein breeders

By Henry J. Stanley
The Halton Holstein Breeders met for their annual meeting on Thursday, Jan. 25 at the Hornby Community Centre at 11:00 a.m. The President, Jim Reid stated that the Halton Holstein Club had a very successful year. He complimented the Halton Holstein Breeders for their win in the All Canadian contest, Jeff Nurse, Georgetown with his Reserve All Canadian Two Year Old, "Monteith Model Lana"; Gordon R. Sinclair and Sons, Burlington and Valentina Farms, Georgetown with the All Canadian Senior Yearling Heifer "Clairdale Starlet Bonnie"; Bert Stewart, Hornby, Jim Moore, Terra Cotta, and Valentina Farms, Georgetown on the Reserve Senior Yearling Heifer "Poplar Lodge Linda Starlette"; and Bert Stewart, Hornby and G. Eric Leslie, Georgetown on the Honorable Mention Two Year Old Heifer "Leslieville Lady Kelly".

Directors
National directors of the Holstein Friesian Association of Canada present at the meeting were Earl Osborne from Wellington, Bruce Reid from Westwirth, and Clarence Eby from Waterloo. Joe Snyder, Holstein Friesian Fieldman announced the winners in production for Halton. Woodgreen Vicky Legend Citation R, a nine-year-old cow in the herd of T. J. Molony, Milton 4, had a superior production record of 29,683 of milk, 1,042 of fat in 365 days. (The other superior production cow for Halton was Sylvia Sovereign Devries, the 13-year-old in the herd of Gordon R. Sinclair and Sons, Burlington, with 19,089 of milk, 827 of fat in 365 days.)
Guest speaker was Hon. Jim

Snow, Minister of Government Services, who spoke on the new regional government plans for Halton. He stated that such plans were essential for effective planning and land use control. Mr. Snow stated that details about the parkway belt, which will be cutting across Burlington and the central portion of Oakville, will be known by March 15 at the latest. This will then determine the boundaries between the proposed Oakville and Milton areas of the regional plan.

Presentations on the plan for Halton County are to be made by March 31. In a discussion on the difficulty of transferring ownership of land from father to son, Mr. Snow agreed that family farm operations have to be able to be turned over from one generation to another.

Elect Officers
The wives of the directors of the Halton Holstein Club served an excellent noon meal. Trophies were presented to all those who had won the awards at Milton Fair. Fred Nurse, Georgetown, was recognized for having the highest producing herd in Halton County, 17,430 of milk, 664 of fat, 3.81 percent test on 26 records for DCA's of 157 and 163.

Officers and directors chosen for 1973 were: president J. C. Ford, first vice-president Bill Bennett, second vice-president Bert Stewart, secretary-treasurer, Ralph Ford; fire committee representative, Jeff Nurse. Directors are Sandy Buchanan, Russell Hurren, Colin Marshall, Bruce McClure, Gordon McDonald, Ken Murray, Jeff Nurse, Harold Patterson, Joe Pelletier, Dennis Sinclair and Robert Smith.



FOUR BELGIAN HORSES from the Campbellville farm of Lloyd Stokes will be flying to Italy on Feb. 5. Dondoni Ugo of Mede County, Italy has purchased the four-year-old stallion Maymar Duke pictured with Mr. Stokes at left, the eight-year-old mare Flintop May Laet and the two-year-old mare Lloymar Fan Laet, right. Mr. Stokes will go on the flight to take care of the horses and plans to stay in Italy for a week.

The stallion was junior champion and reserve grand champion Percheron at the CNE in 1971 while May was second mare at the CNE and fifth at the Royal Winter Fair in 1972 and Fan was second in filly foal at the 1971 Royal. The sale was arranged through Canimpex, Georgetown.

(Photo by R. Downs)

Fertilize 20,346 Halton acres

Canadian farmers spent \$131 million on commercial fertilizer for their land in 1970, Statistics Canada reported today in its latest Census of Agriculture publication.

Measurement of fertilizer use was collected for the first time in the 1971 Census. The figures indicate that fertilizer is one of the important cash inputs into Canadian farms. Of the \$131 million total, 41 per cent was spent in Ontario, 18 per cent in

Alberta, 17 per cent in Quebec, eight per cent in Manitoba, five per cent in Saskatchewan and four per cent in British Columbia.

Of the 366,128 Canadian farms reporting, only 39 per cent indicated the use of fertilizer in 1971.

Halton figures
In Halton, 1,108 farms counted in the census included 426 which used fertilizer. They fertilized a total of 20,346 acres. There were 82 reporting they fertilized wheat crops, 128 oats, 89 barley, 46 corn for grain, 54 hay, 14 potatoes, 22 tree fruits, 15 small fruits, 70 vegetables, and 33 fertilizing improved pasture.

The highest frequency of fertilizer application in relation to total acreage seeded (63 per cent) went to tobacco cultivation, followed by corn seeded for grains (61 per cent), potatoes (59 per cent) and vegetables (58 per cent).

Top Jerseys from Halton

Jersey cows from two Halton herds were among the December class leaders reported by The Canadian Jersey Cattle Club.

The senior four-year-old class was topped by Southvale Climax Girl 3X, owned by Bruce Nixon of Norval. At four years, 325 days, she produced 13,378 pounds of milk and 713 pounds of fat, 5.33 per cent in 305 days, a Gold Medal record.

In the class for cows five to 10 years, second place went to Rock Ella Climax Debra, owned by Rock Ella Jersey Farm Ltd., Hornby. At six years, in 305 days she produced 15,398 pounds of milk, 799 pounds of fat, 5.19 per cent for a Medal of Merit and Gold Medal record.



HIGH SILO CARNATION IVAN, bred by J. E. Freiburger, Listowel, and owned with Vernon Butchers, Acton, Ont., was nominated for All-Canadian consideration at the close of the Holstein show season. He was Junior Champion bull at West-Central Ontario Championship Holstein show, Erin;

Champion at Perth Black and White show; first at Western Ontario Championship show at London, Ont.; third at the Canadian National Exhibition and seventh (fifth Canadian) at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, Ont.

All-Canadian winners include Halton entries

Eight Holsteins owned by Halton residents were among the winners of All-Canadian, Reserve or Honorable Mention standings in the 1972 All-Canadian competition.
M. D. Wingrove of Campbellville took the All-Canadian award in Breeder's Herd class. Wingrove also had the Reserve get-of-sure on the get of Downalene Reflection Emperor which is jointly owned with Douglas A. Gregson of Hillsburg, and Honorable Mention produce of dam from Ashville Hockette Florida.
Jeffrey Nurse, Georgetown had the Reserve All-Canadian three-

year-old heifer, Monteith Model Lana, Eric Leslie of Georgetown and Bert Stewart of Hornby own Leslieville Lady Kelly, Honorable Mention in two-year-old heifers.
Stewart, Jim Moore of Terra Cotta and Valentina Farms of Georgetown own Poplar Lodge Linda Starlette, the Reserve senior yearling heifer, while G. R. Sinclair and Sons of Burlington had the All-Canadian in that class, Clairdale Starlet Bonnie.
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Ken Murray director of United Breeders

Ken Murray of Acton was one of three new directors to join the board of United Breeders Association at the annual meeting. He will represent Halton County for a three year term.

A non-profit organization, the association came very close to being that in 1972. There was a loss for the year of \$447, on just over two million dollars worth of business.

Close to 300 members of United Breeders artificial insemination unit attending the annual meeting at Guelph heard two guest speakers give some warnings and exciting predictions about the future of the cattle business.

Dr. D. Morrison, Chairman of the Department of Animal and Poultry Science at the University of Guelph, gave the warnings. As guest speaker he presented his views on some possible side effects of farm product management. Forty commodities now come under eighteen marketing plans in Ontario he said. "And this tends to compartmentalize agriculture, with the interest of the individual producer becoming narrow." The result he suggested, could be a lessening of interest in improving production efficiency, less interest by governments in finding research, and worsening relations with the consumer.

Some encouraging developments for the future were described by Dr. C. Reeds, manager of United Breeders, in his report. He predicted that hormonal products now being tested will allow the breeder to control the heat cycles of his cattle, so that they can be bred in groups to calves at the most practical time. He also reported that transplants of fertilized ova have been frozen for as long as ten days, then successfully implanted in incubator cows.

In the technique of ova transplanting, a superior cow can be treated to produce seven eggs in one heat period which are fertilized, extracted from her and implanted in other cows.

Reports on United Breeders' business for 1972 showed an increase of more than 5,000 first services compared with the previous year. Total cows inseminated were 182,802.

Lloyd Brown of Chesley was appointed President of United Breeders for 1973, with Cliff McNeil of Goderich Vice President. The past president, Jack Gillespie of Galt will serve on the executive committee along with Russel Thompson of Orangeville, Wm. Stone of Blackwater and Glynn Coghlan of Atwood.

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