



ROSS MACLEAN of Acton takes a third in the roadster class at Erin Fair. One out of the three scheduled fair days was not bad weather-wise and thousands of visitors descended on the little town on Thanksgiving Day.

Sales for farm use bother committee

Compensation should be made to farmers selling valuable land restricted in sale to farm use only, according to Ed Segsworth, chairman of the Land Use Committee of the Halton Federation of Agriculture.

Mr. Segsworth made the statement in reference to a submission prepared by the committee to deal with the provincial green paper, Planning for Agriculture: Food Land Guidelines.

The Guidelines, released in February of this year for comment by municipalities, farm organizations and individuals, will be reviewed and adopted as government policy on the preservation of agricultural land. Deadline for public comment is December 31, 1977.

Mr. Segsworth stated farm land in the Halton region would suffer a loss in land value if certain recommendations of the green paper were implemented.

"Designated as farm land only, we lose money because

agricultural land seems to be the lowest in value in real estate," explained Mr. Segsworth. He added that "society should pay the difference in land value, if a farmer is forbidden by law to sell his property for residential land."

Mr. Segsworth said the problem only affects the Golden Horseshoe area where farm land, including the Niagara, Peel, York and Durham Regions, is located very close to residential areas.

Mr. Segsworth suggested a form of real estate tax be implemented to fund those farmers who are unable to sell their land for true residential property value.

Bob White, regional planner from the Halton regional office, said the province "does not recognize the developmental rights of the farmers, and that is where the argument ends." Mr. White said the discussion has come up many times concerning developmental

rights, but "the right to develop is vested in the provincial government."

Mr. White stated many problems arise when farm land is sold as residential property. "The housing business starts people demanding all sorts of services, and then taxes are on their way up."

In response to the green paper, a new method of development control for housing in the farm district will be recommended by the regional planners, said Mr. White. The plan, in its draft stage, recommends land severance in a case where the land is being sold to an adjoining farm. Land being sold for residential purposes will have to be approved by the local area council and the Halton Regional Planning Committee.

Mr. White said the regional official plan will incorporate some of the Ministry's Guidelines, but added that policies are only in their draft stage.

Halton cattle arrive in northeastern Brazil

A consignment of cattle shipped from Halton to Brazil has reached its destination safely. The news was conveyed in a letter to the Milton agriculture office by an Omagh couple who will assist at an agriculture school in Brazil.

The services of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Beaty and the gift of the cattle are a project of SHARE. SHARE is a voluntary non-profit Canadian organization which shares livestock and agricultural services with less

developed areas of the world. Hugh and Melba Beaty will spend two years at Mossoro Agricultural School in northeastern Brazil caring for the Canadian Holsteins and teaching Brazilian students to look after them. Offspring of the Canadian cattle will be distributed among area farmers, the aim of the program being to increase the number of milk cows in that part of Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. Beaty, who detail their Brazilian adventures in a lengthy letter,

arrived in Rio de Janeiro July 23 and in Mossoro July 29. They found Brazil very hot and quote a local saying from one town they visited. The saying claims the town is so hot the birds use only one wing for flying and the other to fan themselves.

The couple discovered that telephones in Brazil were frequently out of order and that time has a different meaning. "It appears that no one keeps appointments on time," they wrote.

For several days after their arrival in Mossoro they lived in a room with two cots, a small desk and a clothes cupboard. They have since moved into their own house which they describe as follows: "It is made of cement (as are most houses here) and has a tile roof - no ceiling inside.



How would you feel if you set fire to a barn with a cow? According to a story in the Shropshire Star, a veterinary surgeon in Holland did just that.

The cow in question was suffering from a "badly swollen stomach" so the vet inserted a tube in her backside and lit a match to test the gasses emitted from her digestive system. The resulting jet of fire set aflame some bales of hay reducing the entire barn to ashes to the tune of 45 thousand pounds damage.

Apparently, the cow escaped with a shock.

Gosh, I'd be shocked, too, if that happened to me. Wouldn't you?

Limping from Lourdes

Another little story from the Daily Times in London had me chuckling. A 65 year old spinster lady decided to seek a little light relief from the everyday misery of living in a "militantly Catholic working class ghetto of Belfast" so she planned a trip to Lourdes. She wasn't sick, mind, but had always wanted to go there.

When she arrived at the shrine she felt a bit faint from the heat and crowds so she sat herself down in an empty wheelchair. She woke to discover herself being trundled towards the icy waters by an enthusiastic attendant who wouldn't heed her protestations that she was alright.

Leaping from the chair shouting she was not sick, she found quite a crowd gathered to exclaim the miracle of someone cured before emersion.

In the ensuing excitement the attendant lost control of the wheelchair and ran into the spinster lady causing her to fall down and break her leg.

She now has the distinction of being one of the only people to go to Lourdes healthy and come home in a cast.

Baldy's bonanza

Another clipping from the Western Producer sent by Wendy Thompson told the long tale of Old Baldy. William Johnstone (not our own local one - I think) writes of "Battles with Baldy", the type of horse many of us have known on the farm at one time or another.

"On occasion he (Baldy) would have a lapse of memory and I caught him one day helping himself to grain from the granary. He had found a knot-hole in one of the boards from which a trickle of grain would flow. This was not uncommon, but Baldy, had discovered that by kicking the side of the granary he could cause the grain to leak out of the hole. I was dumbfounded at his reasoning. He would tap with his front foot, eat for a minute, tap again, then munch. He had a goldmine as long as the store of grain was above the hole. A piece of tin soon ended the granary bonanza."

But the best of all was an ad in a paper much closer to home.

When young pigs are to be raised for pork they are often sold after they leave their mother as "weaners." This ad in the livestock section read "Wieners for sale..."

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