

Sheep testing increases

Sheep performance testing in Ontario increased in 1977, reports Ron Denniss, Supervisor of the program for the Live Stock Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

There were increases in the number of breeders enrolled and the number of lambs home and station tested.

In 1977, 97 sheep breeders performance tested their flocks and 5,179 lambs were home tested in these flocks, as compared with 78 breeders and 4,480 lambs which were home tested in 1976.

Thirty-five breeders entered 277 lambs on test at the New Hamburg and Kempsville Sheep Test Stations, as compared with 217 lambs entered in 1976.

The home-flock testing part of the program provides breeders with useful and productive information for

culling the ewe flock, and lamb performance data for selecting genetically superior flock replacements. Under the home-testing program, lambs are weighed between 40 and 60 days of age and if not sold, are re-weighed between 110 and 130 days of age. Lamb performance information includes adjusted 50 and 120-day weights, and average daily gain between the two weighings.

At the Ontario test stations, lambs from different breeders' flocks are tested under uniform feeding and management conditions. Average daily gain and feed conversion during the 60-day test period identifies those which are superior. Lambs which are proven genetically superior and are physically sound are sold at a Station Tested Ram and Ewe Sale held in July.



SPEAKING CONTEST WINNERS

St. Francis of Assisi separate school chose students to represent it in several upcoming contests for Halton. McDonald's Restaurant presented trophies to the best boy and the best girl in the competition. Winners were from the left: Scott Kowalski, Jennifer Foster, and Larrisa Hretchka. Scott will be in

the North Halton Public Speaking contest at Marlton Street school Feb. 21. Jennifer goes to the Optimist's competition at the North Halton Golf and Country Club on March 7. Larrisa goes to the Halton separate school board public speaking contest in Oakville on March 1.

ANN LANDERS

Tell someone, reader urges

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Desperate" and "Arizona" (both had been raped by a relative) and anyone else out there who has had the horrible experience.

For God's sake, TELL somebody. Get it out of your system. Don't keep it locked up inside you. It can be a time bomb. I know. It happened to me.

When I was 11 years old my stepfather raped me. It was afraid to tell on him so I just kept quiet and made sure we were never alone together. When I reached the boy-girl dating age -- in those days it was 16 -- I was terrified to let a boy hold my hand. I was so tense and frightened of any contact with a male it was agony to even sit next to a boy in a movie. I also had terrible guilt feelings, as if I was responsible for what had happened to me when I was 11 years old.

The day after high school graduation I had a complete nervous breakdown. A wonderful doctor brought me back to the real world and I will never be able to thank him enough. It was he who taught me the importance of talking about the secret nightmare that I had kept buried in my mind for so many years. So, Ann, please print my letter and encourage other girls (especially young children) to tell somebody if they have the horrible experience -- mother, sister, teacher, doctor, aunt. It can mean the difference between mental health and insanity. -- Been There

Dear Friend: Your letter says it all. Thank you for sitting in my chair today. You had a lot to say and you said it better than I could.

Dear Ann: You told "Everybody's Mom" it would be cruel to turn away the teenage neighbor boys who had been kicked out by their parents. I know you meant well, Ann, but I hope she checks the boys' stories.

I speak from experience. Our son has run away eight times. I'm sure he wouldn't have been so quick to take off if our many well-meaning neighbors had not given him food and shelter. -- Walked In Those Moccasins

Dear Moe: You have a point. The question, "May I phone your parents?" would clarify the situation. Thanks for the input.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband was married before and has two children; one is six, the other is seven. Every Sunday and holiday it's the same story. I am alone because my Dennis wants to be with his children. So off he goes and leaves me sitting alone -- in tears.

(Incidentally, his ex-wife is always at home, so that means they are together -- like a family.)

I told Dennis how upsetting it is to be left alone so much but he just shrugs his shoulders and says he can't force his children to come to our house -- he claims he has suggested it many times and they always say no. I have never met the children so they can't have anything against me.

Should I put my foot down and tell Dennis I won't put up with it any more? Please help me, Ann. I'm really in a fix. -- Blue Monday

Dear Blue: If you give Dennis an "either-or" he just might choose his children. Are you prepared for such a move?

Dennis should have some counseling. He needs to understand that he is being unfair to you. (Apparently, you can't deliver the message effectively.) You could use some guidance, too, honey. I think your marriage is in trouble.

Even if drinking is the "in" thing in your crowd, it needn't crowd you out. Learn the facts from Ann Landers' booklet, "Booze and You -- For Teen-Agers Only." Send 50 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11995, Chicago, Ill. 60611. COPYRIGHT 1977 FIELD ENTERPRISES, INC.

CIDA contracts mission for Sheridan officials

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has contracted Sheridan College to conduct a fact-finding

mission on heavy equipment operation in Africa.

A team of five men from the Heavy Equipment School in

Ashgrove social notes

By Mrs. JOHN BELLBODDY

Herald correspondent

On Wednesday February 8, the Summary day of Needlepoint for beginners was held in Hillcrest Church with a large attendance of ladies. Eleven institutes had taken the course and it was wonderful to see all the lovely items which had been made this winter.

Cushions, framed pictures, belts, purses and other articles were on display which showed that many hours had gone into the making.

Mrs. John Bird introduced the guest speaker Mrs. Sybil Rampen of Oakville who with the aid of pictures showed her work with embroidery and the marvellous ways she uses it on pictures, quilts and clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Taylor, daughter Cathy and her school friend enjoyed a holiday down to Florida, they visited Key West, Disney World, then spent some weeks in Ft. Lauderdale, arriving home after our nasty blizzard.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson along with another couple had a delightful Caribbean cruise for a week, visiting five different islands including Venezuela and South American. They also spent a week in San Juan, Puerto Rico. They said the temperature was mostly 85 degrees and one word -- beautiful -- describes the whole trip.

Well, here we are into February and lets hope its 28 days will not be so wintry, snowy and blizzardy as the past two months. One can notice the daylight stays with us longer and of course since the groundhog saw is shadow on Feb. 2nd, we can expect six more

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bank rate is in error, finance official states

To the editor of The Herald: I have read with interest the special feature on bankruptcy published in your edition of February 8.

It is obvious that a considerable amount of effort and research went into this article and if it helps even one family to avoid some financial pitfalls, it has been worthwhile.

I was disappointed however, that your writers accepted some "advice" and statements from a Finance Company manager which just aren't true and are misleading at best.

Your source has attempted to say that a \$3,000 bank loan at 13.3 per cent over 36 months prepaid at the end of 12 months is more costly in terms of interest rate than a Finance Company loan for the same amount at 21 per cent over 12 months.

I would prefer to give a detailed explanation of why this and some of the other statements are wrong but that could be an imposition on your newspaper's space and your reader's time. Suffice to say that the basic fallacy of your source's example is that he or she is comparing apples to oranges -- in this case a 36 months repayment term to a 12 months repayment term. According to my information, a \$3,000 bank loan at 13.5 per

cent over 12 months costs \$223.87, a good deal less than the \$355.45 that your source quoted for the Finance Company loan.

I must make one other observation. I do not know whether your source misled you deliberately or through inadequate knowledge of the relationship between interest rates and monthly payments. Either

way, one must question whether he or she is qualified to give financial advice to the public.

Finally, the fact that your writers made a wrong assumption on some inaccurate information underscores, I believe, the whole point of your article.

Since I also continue to be involved in the financial community I trust that you will

'Selling job on landfill'

To the editor of The Herald:

I did not attend the "Great Garbage Debate" at Halton Region. I have heard it all so many, many times before, I knew it would be just another selling job for long term garbage dumps, and my time is valuable.

Wes Williamson, the Government canary for landfilling the Dillon people (who sold the people of Halton information at a handsome price, information our own staff could have provided as part of their normal duties) pushed vigorously for Site "F". Where were the people who build 100 per cent Resource Recovery Plants, the plants named in my briefs to Halton Region? Do tax-payers spend time and money preparing briefs that are never

read?

It was gratifying to find that Julian Reed, M.P.P. had done his homework. (It was equally gratifying to find much of his presentation was gleaned from information I had given to him.)

The people of Site "F" and their supporters should now prepare to repel the bulldozers. They can expect little help from the new Minister of the Environment, a former party hack, and former misManager of the Niagara Escarpment Commission (need I say more?) Even if Mr. McCague (the Minister) had the best of intentions, he is surrounded by the same old gang of advisors who condoned mercury, lead, and you name it other pollutants, who condoned P.C.B. burning without prior investigation or hearings, not to mention long term landfilling of garbage, the same old gang who have ill-advised the past Ministers of the Environment.

Here at Region there is the Chairman, who as Reeve of Georgetown, made an impassioned presentation to the O.M.B. and earned Georgetown a garbage dump within fifty feet of the Credit River, a site that gives railroad visitors to Georgetown a first and lasting

give me the same anonymity accorded your Finance Company source.

P.S. I believe that a full explanation of some of the mathematics involved concerning interest rates and monthly payments could be quite enlightening and if your writers wish, I would be willing to meet with them at a mutually convenient time.

Name Supplied

(Editor's note: The Herald utilized the information provided in good faith and checked the figures on at least two separate occasions with chartered banks. However, we have made arrangements to speak further with the letter writer to explain more fully his comments.

Former Stewarttown resident dies at 80

By E. GRANT

Archie T. McLachlan, a former resident of Stewarttown died on February 2, 1978 at the St. Catharines General Hospital at the age of 80 years, after a brief illness. He moved to Stewarttown in 1970 when he married Flora Peden Lawson, a long-time resident of the area, and they lived there until her death in 1973. Since that time he lived with his daughter Helen Fullerton in Kingston for three years, and with his son Lorne McLachlan in St. Catharines during the past year.

He was formerly married to Etta Awrey for many years. He leaves a brother Wilfred McLachlan of Hillsburgh and a sister, Mrs. Harvey (Pearl)

Dedies of Guelph, also surviving are six grandchildren. Two brothers and four sisters predeceased him.

Archie taught school for 48 years in Ayr, Kitchener, and Toronto. He pioneered the teaching of Industrial Arts at the University of Toronto and the Ontario College of Education. During the summers he was proprietor of "Mac's Cabins" at Wasaga Beach. He was a member of Wellington Masonic Lodge with his 50 year pin, a lifetime member of the Ontario Educational Association and an elder of Eglinton United Church in Toronto for many years. Recently he has been active in Senior Citizens' organizations in Kingston. He is mourned by many friends.

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