

Fertilize wheat

Spray crops with plane

Milton area farmers Joseph Stutt and Roger Hadfield fertilized their wheat fields last week, and they didn't have to set a foot on the ground to do it. They hired an aerial spraying

specialist, Mid-Air Canada Ltd. from Norwich, to spray their crops with pellets of ammonium nitrate from a plane specially designed to carry out such work. The plane, piloted by Tibor Ribic

and equipped with a large holding tank capable of holding 1,000 pounds of fertilizer pellets at a time, did the spraying from 35 to 50 feet above the fields. Mid-Air spokesmen said a total of 10,000

pounds were spread on the two farmers' fields, at an average spread of 75 pounds to the acre.

50 feet swath
Each trip took 10 to 15 minutes, as the pilot swooped low and spread his cargo across a 50 foot swath at a time. The pilot said the Cessna Agwagon, a 300 horsepower model, does the best job at 35 to 50 feet above the crop and travels at 100 miles an hour while dusting the fields with fertilizer.

Low? That's nothing, chuckled a Mid-Air employee. "We also dust the tobacco fields down home and you have to fly three to five feet above the crop to spread the liquid fertilizer. It's nothing to come back from a trip and have to clean the tobacco leaves off the landing gear."

Sprays many crops
Mid-Air sprays tobacco, corn, wheat fields and orchards throughout Ontario and maintains a forestry service with DC7s in Quebec, where they spray the spruce budworm.

The plane was based at Vic Kovachik's private airfield on Bell's School Line for last week's two-day dusting program. Mr. Kovachik reports the aerial service is popular with farmers because it's faster than conventional methods. Crops can also be sprayed earlier in the season, while it's still too wet to get a tractor onto the land.



Four herds outstanding

By Henry J. Stanley
Halton County had four outstanding Jersey herds on R.O.P. as compared to others in Canada in 1971. In the category for herds from 10-19 cows, Fred Nurse, Georgetown was in fifth position. His 10 cows averaged 142 B.C.A.'s for milk and 145 for fat.

In the next category for herds from 20-39 cows, Featherstone Bros., Oakville were also in fifth position with 33 records - 147 and 143 B.C.A.'s Mrs. S. L. Eva Harper, Georgetown was in 12th position. Her 34 records averaged 142 and 138 B.C.A.'s.

In the section for herds for 40 cows and over, Ken Ella and Sons, Hornby were eighth with 30 records with B.C.A.'s of 141 and 139.

A total of 8,961 Jersey cows were on R.O.P. test throughout Canada in 1971. The average milk was 8,216 lbs. with 432 pounds of butterfat and a test of 5.29 per cent. This gave a Breed Class Average of 118 for milk and 115 for fat.

Judge class of bulls

Members of the Acton 4-H Calf Club enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Bennett of Scotsdale Farm on May 15 for their regular meeting.

Club leader Bill Lasby conducted a type demonstration and members judged a class of two year old Shorthorn bulls. Reasons were given by Cathy Lasby, Tom Parker, Carol Somerville, Karen Pierce, Debbie Butchers, Beryl McEnery and Leah Leslie. The official placing was given by Bill Lasby. The hosts and their staff were introduced by Cathy Lasby, and Mrs. Bennett welcomed the members to Scotsdale.

The business portion of the meeting was then held. The president, Cathy Lasby, opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge. The roll call was answered by 24 members. Several items of business were discussed.

Carol Somerville explained about giving reasons in judging and Cathy Lasby spoke on the

Open house at OPP enjoyed

Response to an open house at the Milton OPP headquarters Tuesday, April 16, by members of the public, was very good, according to an OPP spokesman.

J. F. reunion

Junior Farmers, both present and former, are heading for Acton Meadows Golf Course this Friday evening, May 26 for their annual reunion dance and smorgasbord.

The evening will be a good opportunity to renew acquaintances and organizers are hoping many former members will attend. The event starts at 9 p.m. and The Shaynes will play for dancing until 1 a.m.

In all, 250 people visited the police station between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. A cross section of the public, including adults, Girl Guides and school children toured the building. The open house was part of a province-wide campaign.

The public had a chance to obtain a glimpse of such police accessories as the breathalyzer and fingerprinting process. Also on display were Constable Jim Redpath's safety program and the scuba diving equipment used by Constable Bob Pearson.

A speaker for the OPP said the force was extremely pleased with the turnout and said such events help police-public relations.

Farming is fun when you do it by air



FARMING IS FUN when you do it by airplane—it sure saves wear and tear on the tractor. That's what area farmers were probably thinking last week when Mid-Air Canada Ltd., a Norwich firm specializing in aerial spraying service came to the Milton area to spray pellets of ammonium nitrate fertilizer on wheat fields owned by Roger Hadfield and Joseph Stutt, south of Milton. Photos depict the fertilizer loading process, pilot Tibor Ribic and the plane zooming 35 feet above the fields. (Photos by R. Downs)

Many conservation areas in this district were open to the public on the weekend.

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