

THE LARGEST TENT CITY AND FARM EQUIPMENT SHOW IN CANADA WILL BE ERECTED ON THIS FARM BY SEPTEMBER 24th 1974. REIDSON FARM, GEORGETOWN.

International Plowing Match & FARM MACHINERY DEMONSTRATION SEPTEMBER 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 1974.



THE 1974 INTERNATIONAL Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Demonstration will be held in Halton County next September. Last week a committee from the Ontario Plowmen's Association met on the site with local police, telephone and service company representatives plus several members of the Halton

Plowmen's Association, to lay plans for the big match expected to attract 250,000 visitors. The site is the Reidson Farm owned by Craig Reid on 15 Sideroad in Esquesing, just west of the Ninth Line. Local signpainter George Swann had erected the sign a few days before the meeting. (Photo by R. Downs)

Champion

Farm Page

Escarpment, parkway "too much sacrifice" says president of OFA

"The provincial government's land-use plans for the Niagara Escarpment and the Parkway Belt System ring the neck of Toronto ask farmers to sacrifice too much," says Gordon Hill, President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

Hill is a Varna hog and white bean farmer from Huron County. "We support land-use planning but not at the farmer's expense," he says.

"The provincial government says it will lock land into farming—then fobs the responsibility onto the federal government to make sure farmers can make a living off this land. Farmers cannot survive if they are governed by such hypocrisy. "Another major weakness is the government's refusal to compensate land-owners for

overnight drops in property value when land uses are changed. Certainly, farmers should not have to foot the bill for something that will benefit all of society," adds Hill.

The government's claims that compensation is too costly are rejected by the OFA. "We have already submitted a workable proposal for compensation that will not cost one dollar of tax revenue. We cannot accept such a weak excuse for inaction."

The Federation also criticizes the plan for not setting aside land strictly for livestock and poultry production. "A land-use plan that had concern for farmers would specify certain areas where livestock and poultry producers could live without being continually harassed by odor complaints."

Reception June 26 for A. MacArthur

Musical tributes from present and former students will be a highlight of a reception planned Tuesday, June 26 to honor Mrs. Anne MacArthur on her retirement.

Mrs. MacArthur is retiring this year after 37 years of teaching, 27 of those years in Milton District High School. Friends are organizing a giant reception in her honor at 8 p.m. June 26 in the high school auditorium, and invitations have gone out to thousands of present and former students, fellow teachers, parents and friends. Everyone connected with the local high school from 1946 to 1973 is welcome to attend.

Mrs. Enio Scisizzi on behalf of the former students and George Hood on behalf of the present students, are among the organizers.

Want farmers who will host city youngsters

By Cathy Lasby

The country appears to hold a growing fascination for city dwellers these days. The Urban-Rural Exchange Program intends to replace the fiction concerning farm and city life with facts.

To ensure the success of this program, we will need the support of rural farm families to act as hosts for the urban youth. The responsibility of the host farm family will be to include the urban youth in the farm or life will

receive a serious insight into the business of farming. Before each group is taken out to the farms, they will take part in an orientation session to prepare them in a general way and also to answer any questions they may have.

Make people aware

The Urban-Rural Exchange Program is an ideal opportunity for Ontario farmers to make their fellow urbanites aware of the present agricultural situation. It will also provide an opportunity for urban young people to experience today's rural way of life

by living with a farm family for a period of one week, and as a result, develop a greater appreciation for the complexities of food production under present agricultural conditions.

Anyone interested in participating in this excellent program may contact Miss Cathy Lasby, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Milton (878-2314).

Irish Young Farmer is special guest

By Cathy Lasby

The June meeting of the Acton 4-H Calf Club was held on Monday, June 4, at 8 p.m. at Scotsdale Farm, owned by Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Bennett. About 35 members, club leaders Russell Murray, Nino Braida and Bob Lasby, and 12 visitors attended the meeting.

President, Beryl McEnery, called the meeting to order and led the members in the 4-H Pledge. Tom Parker introduced our hosts for the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, owners, Emerson Clarke, manager, and George RIDLEY, herdsman.

Bill Lasby of Ballycroo Farms, Colgan, a former member and leader of the Acton 4-H Calf Club, gave a type demonstration. A class of yearling Shorthorn bulls was then judged by all members. Reasons were taken before the official placing was given by Bill Lasby.

Cathy Lasby explained the Urban-Rural Exchange Program and asked for the co-operation and participation of members and leaders.

Cathy Lasby led a discussion on the "Marketing of Feeder Cattle". This was followed by an informative talk by Laurie Pierce concerning the "History of Cattle Transport".

The meeting was then declared adjourned by the president. Lunch was served by the hosts. Carol Somerville thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and the staff at Scotsdale on behalf of all those in attendance.

Building permits up

Building in Nassagaweya Township is exceeding last year's rate by about \$80,000, building inspector Terry Gallamore reported this month.

During May permits were issued for nine new residences, five residential alterations and additions, two private garages, one new agricultural building and one addition to an agricultural building.

The total construction in May was valued at \$377,000 bringing the total to date to \$1,100,500.

Make checks for Spruce spider

By Robert Stokes

The spruce spider mite is a tiny insect about the size of a pinhead which sucks juices from the needles and eventually turns them brown. To test for the presence of this insect, the home gardener should check his trees regularly to see if fine spider webs connect with the needles.

There are many generations of this insect in one season and it is not uncommon to have both mature insects and undeveloped eggs at any one time. Tiny red eggs are laid at the base of the needles and within a few weeks time, the eggs hatch and feeding begins.

garden hose. Be careful you read the manufacturer's directions carefully for he knows the limitations of his product.

Much time needed for top soil

By Sharon Leslie

The second meeting of the Acton 4-H Field Crop Club was held on May 21, 1973 at 8 p.m. at the home of W. Lasby. Tom Parker called the meeting to order and the 4-H pledge was read.

Club leader, Nino Braida, led the discussion on the importance of soil and taking a soil sample. Mr. Braida also pointed out how it takes 4,000 years to produce one inch of valuable top soil. Leah Leslie told the group how to go about taking a soil sample. Bob Lasby finished up the discussion on soil. Tom Parker closed the meeting. Lunch was served and the hosts were thanked for having members at their home.

Momento of Canada

Rae Swackhamer introduced Miss Bertha Harkness of County Antrim, Ireland, one of the special guests for the evening. Miss Harkness told the group about their Young Farmers' Club, how she was chosen for this trip and the features of her trip to Canada. Karen Pierce presented Miss Harkness with a 4-H pin as a momento of her visit to a 4-H meeting while in Canada.

Club leader Nino Braida introduced Mr. Withrow and Mr. Bailey, members of the Kiwanis of the Kingsway. Mr. Withrow gave a short but informative talk.

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