

Federation protests farm land use policy

Fifty directors of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture marched on Queen's Park last week protesting the provincial government's land-use policies for farmland.

The farmers, representing Federation members from across the province, marched to show their disapproval of Bill 128, The Planning Act. The bill which will be the mother to all future land-use legislation in the province has had second reading in the Legislature.

"The Federation of Agriculture wants Bill 128 amended to permit the government to compensate farmers whose land value drops because of land-use planning. Farmers should not suffer losses due to a decision that will benefit all of society," says Gordon Hill, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

Nothing for farmers
"If this amendment is not made, the Federation must oppose the bill. As written, this bill does things to farmers, in the interest of society, but does nothing for farmers."

The principle of compensation is supported by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the Ontario Institute of Agrologists, and the recent Guelph conference on Urban Growth.

"The legislation must be amended to provide selected areas in the province where livestock and poultry farmers would be safe from odor complaints," Hill told the government's Resources Development Committee.

The protesting farmers also demanded a farm policy that will enable a farmer whose land is locked into food production, to be able to earn a living for himself and his family.



HALTON JUNIOR FARMERS honored their top bowlers with an awards night dinner and dance at Ballinacraigh hall recently. Among the trophy winners were, seated, left to right, Barb Britton, ladies' high triple; Donna Hamilton, member of the winning team; Wilma Ella, ladies' high single and winning team member. Standing, Ernie Alexander, men's high

single and member of bowlers; Earl McLean, most improved bowler; Rick Britton, winning team; Earl Burt, high average, and Bill Robertson, winning team. Missing were Rick Rutledge of the winning team; Mary Hamilton, ladies' high average and Robert Rutledge, men's high triple.

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Cutting hay is important

By Sharon Leslie

The third meeting of the Acton 4-H Field Crop Club was held on June 18. It was a joint meeting with the Halton 4-H Field Crop Club. The meeting was held at two farms. The first farm visited was the farm of Don Lindsay. Mr. Lindsay showed and demonstrated how he managed his hay crop with the Hesston Stockhand. Mr. Lindsay also told how he operated his beef farm.

Next the group visited the farm of Ken and Lorne Ella. Lorne Ella showed us the Harvestore silo at their farm and gave an interesting talk on how it was

built and the advantages of this type of silo.

Barn meeting
After Lorne Ella finished talking and answering questions the club held the rest of the meeting inside the barn. The main topic for the night was the importance of cutting hay at the right stage of maturity. A quiz was given on this topic and the correct answers given. The meeting was then closed.

Mrs. Ella and Mrs. Lindsay served lunch. Laurie Pierce thanked the Lindsay's and Ella's and the members showed their appreciation in the usual manner.

More, better beef goal for new research centre

Increased demand for beef on world markets, rising need for world markets, and the need for expansion of Ontario's beef industry are some of the challenges that face the new Elora Beef Cattle Research Centre. To be officially opened July 10 by Hon. Wm. A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture and Food, Dr. W. C. Winegard, president of the University of Guelph, and Hon. James W. Snow, Minister of Government Services, the Centre will provide the data necessary to keep Ontario's beef industry growing.

"The beef industry is vital to the whole Ontario economy," states Mr. Stewart. "We have the land, climate, technology, and livestock expertise to maintain and expand the beef industry. The purpose of the new beef research centre are to provide the beef industry with tools for expansion, thereby increasing returns on investment, and developing a better product for the Ontario consumer."

Under contract
The Elora Research Centre will be operated by the University of Guelph, under a contract agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. "The Elora beef facilities will help us answer a number of herd management and feeding problems for Ontario's beef producers," says Dr. D. N. Mowat, a beef research scientist in the Department of Animal and Poultry Science, Ontario Agricultural College. The large single unit will allow researchers to centralize their studies and experiments. Up until now, much of the research has been divided bet-

ween the Arkell and Guelph campus stations, neither of them large enough to carry out the wide range of studies planned at the new Elora centre.

The larger research unit will accommodate an increased number of cattle and make comparison studies more reliable, which is particularly important for feeding and environmental experiments. The Elora facility provides housing for approximately 600 head of beef cattle. Roughly half of these will be feedlot cattle, with the remainder comprising a cow-calf operation. Twelve upright, concrete silos will provide storage for corn silage, haylage, high moisture corn and other grains. These silages are emphasized in the feeding studies.

Solve problems

"The Elora Beef Cattle Research Centre is a research facility designed to solve practical problems," Dr. Mowat points out. In fact, the separate sections of the research facility can be compared to beef operations across the province. For example, some of the feeder cattle will be raised in a conventional polebarn-type structure while others will be housed in slatted-floor units, either fully enclosed or open to one side. Animals in the cow-calf unit are to be confined year-round on a drylot. In future, about half of the feeder cattle required by the Elora unit will be produced in the cow-calf operation, then fed through to slaughter and carcass evaluation.

The outlook for the province's beef industry is bright. More

information readily available to the beef producer and greater cooperation between researchers and farmers are two of the most important goals of the Elora Beef Cattle Research Centre.

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Children visit Lowville farm

Three dozen little visitors came to see the animals at Jack King's farm near Lowville last week. The morning and afternoon kindergarten classes of Fairview Public School took a year-end trip to see what goes on, down at the farm.

The children discovered that milk comes from a cow before they see it in the jug, and watched Mr. King put on a milking machine and run the stable cleaner.

In the hen house they learned that white and brown chickens lay color-coded eggs. They also saw two cued-bred horses kept by Mrs. King.

Feed cattle hay
Mr. King showed them how he used a power saw to cut wood in the implement shed and the youngsters pushed some hay down to the cattle through the hay chutes in the top of the barn. A hay ride took them to Lowville Park where they ate their lunch. Mr. and Mrs. King have

several school groups visiting every spring. Generally groups from downtown Burlington are the most numerous.

One little girl who got in the way of a cow's tail, observed the cow had her own built-in fly swatter.

Take part in seminar in Guelph

By Mac Armstrong

During the week of June 24-30, over 90 4-H members from all parts of Ontario will be participating in the Provincial 4-H Leadership Conference held at the University of Guelph. Attending from the county (district) of Halton will be Leah Leslie, Acton from the Acton 4-H Club and Marg Robinson, Georgetown from the All Breeds 4-H Dairy Calf Club.

Personal Development
The objective of 4-H is the personal development of young people. This conference is particularly designed to help delegates develop their leadership potential through participation in leadership seminars, social recreation and program planning workshops, and daily program committees for the duration of the week.

High test

Plumbrooke Sueanne Rockman, a purebred Holstein cow in the herd of H. C. Reid, Milton, has recently completed a high Record of Performance production test.

As a five-year-old in 305 days on twice-daily milking, she produces 21,861 lbs. milk containing 960 lbs. fat, average test 4.39 per cent butterfat, which is a Breed Class Average of 186 per cent for milk and 222 per cent for fat. She is a daughter of the Excellent and Class Extra sire, Seiling Rockman.

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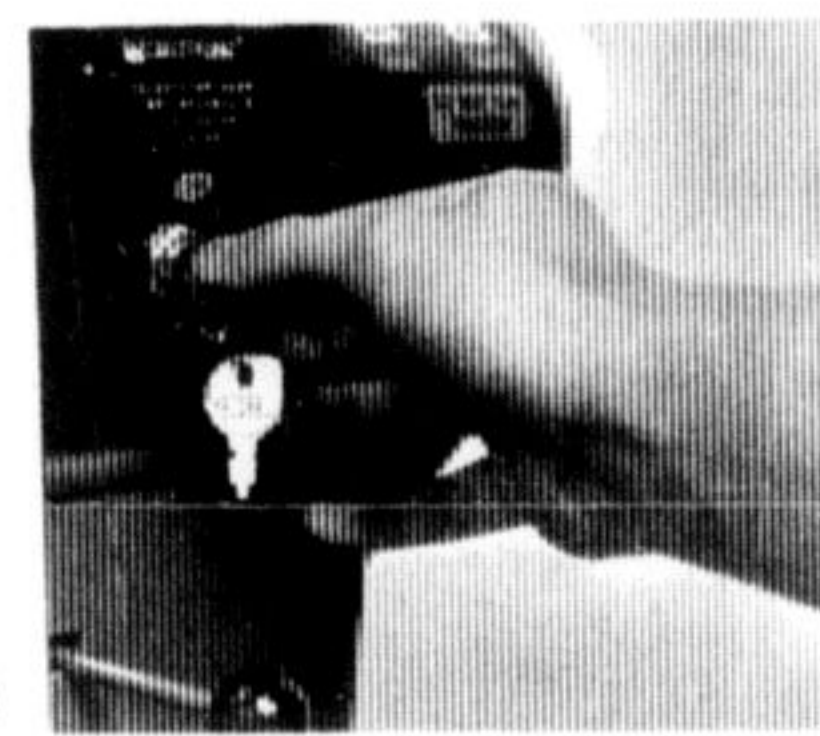
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