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New regulations cover oversize farm vehicles

It is no longer necessary for farmers to obtain a special permit to move oversized farm vehicles along a road, if the vehicles are operated according to a new regulation effective April 1.

In announcing the regulation, Transportation and Communications Minister James Snow said that "oversized farm vehicles will be exempt from the weight, length and height limits provided in Parts 6 and 7 of The Highway Traffic Act."

"We have had many representations from farm groups on the inconvenience of the old special-permit process. And I am confident the new regulation will prove to be far more practical in its application than the old arrangement," said the Minister.

There will be some road-operating requirements to observe, the Minister pointed out. All oversized farm vehicles are prohibited from operating on any of the multi-lane "400 series" highways, including the Ottawa Queensway; Highway 2A in Scarborough, the Kitchener-Waterloo expressway of the Queen Elizabeth Way.

There are also lighting requirements. Oversized farm vehicles from 8'6" to 12'6" wide will not be restricted during daylight hours, but during night-time or in poor visibility they must have two flashing amber lamps at

the front and rear.

From 12'6" to 16' wide, such vehicles must have two flashing amber lamps at the front and rear or a rotating amber lamp.

At night they must have two flashing amber lamps front and rear and either a rotating amber lamp or escort vehicles front and rear.

Over 16 ft. width also calls for similar daytime lighting. And at night two flashing amber lamps must be shown, front and rear, as well as a single rotating amber roof flasher plus escort vehicles at

the front and rear. These escort vehicles must show four-way flashers or a single rotating roof flasher.

The legislation was the result of meetings between MTC, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Farm Safety Association, the Ontario Retail Farm Equipment Dealers' Association, the National Farmers' Union and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

"I would like to thank them all for the time, assistance and input they provided," concluded Snow.

Donate heifer to Brazilians

By Henry J. Stanley

The Halton Holstein Breeders Club presented a cheque last week to the S.H.A.R.E. Agriculture Foundation, for \$700. This money from the Holstein breeders in Halton will go towards the purchase of a purebred yearling Holstein heifer to be sent to Northeast Brazil.

A shipment of 39 heifers and two bulls is leaving in another two months for the Mossoro Agricultural School, Hugh and Melba Beaty, R.R. 4, Milton, will be accompany-

ing these heifers and working with the local people in the next two years in the caring and feeding of dairy cattle. Offspring of these Canadian Holsteins will be distributed to graduates of the agricultural school in an attempt to introduce more and better dairy cattle to that area, and hopefully improve the nutrition of the people.

Several individuals in Halton have contributed heifers or money towards this worthwhile project. Further information or donations can be made through the Agricultural Office, Milton.



GRAHAM AND EVELYN GILLIES of Milton purchased a new Polled Hereford herd sire at the Regina Bull Show and Sale recently. F. V. Anxiety 56G was stallmate to the grand champion and the two bulls became the champion pair of bulls at the show. Anxiety was purchased from James T. Johnson and Sons, Conquest, Sask. The Gillies report it was an exciting sale as two formerly "unknown" breeders sold animals at record prices. One buyer paid \$90,000, a new Canadian Polled Hereford bull record and a Shorthorn bull set a world record at \$41,500.

Agriculturist program is underway

Urban young people interested in agriculture can gain on-farm experience through the Junior Agriculturalist Program sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

This summer, 200 students 16 and 17 years old will be placed on selected commercial farms for a nine-week period from June 20 to August 20. The students will

live on the farms and participate in the regular activities of the farm families under direct supervision of the farm operator. They will also be able to take part in community activities.

"The program is basically a training program for young people from non-farm homes to gain experience and insight into agriculture and rural life," says program super-

visor Phyllis MacMaster. "Hours of work can be irregular and long, depending on the current activity and weather."

The students will receive a training allowance of \$16 per day, six days a week. The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food provides \$6 per day while the host farmer provides \$5 in cash per day and room and board worth \$5 per day.

"The program has been popular during the last four years," says Miss MacMaster. "Last year we had 900 applications from students across the province."

Applications for the program can be obtained from high school guidance counsellors, the Halton office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food or by writing to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Legislative Buildings, Toronto, in care of the Junior Agriculturalist Program. Deadline for applications is May 1.

Farmers interested in the program may contact Halton's assistant agricultural representative, Mark Leahy, 878-2314, Milton, before May 15.

Zone Jr. Farmers

Give \$100 to Share

Various Junior Farmers representing the University of Guelph, Dufferin, Halton, Peel, North and South Simcoe, Wellington and York Counties met on March 10 at the Dufferin County Agricultural Office in Orangeville. Our Zone was not only well represented by competitors at the Provincial Winter Games in Niagara Falls (we tied for third place in the over-all standings) but also by many spectators. The turnout for Zone interviews, however, was not as good—only four out of 11 applicants showed. Our quota was nine!!!

This year the Provincial Summer Games will be held

on August 6. Zone 3 Summer Games will be held at the University of Guelph on July 9. Committees were formed to take care of booking the University facilities and to look after the dance. Zone 3 donated \$100 to the S.H.A.R.E. Program.

Election for the Zone executive for the coming year was held at this meeting. The results were, Zone Director, Bart Johnson (York); Zone Chairman, James Johnston (Peel); Zone Secretary, Marg Reynolds (South Simcoe); and Zone Press Reporter, Sharyn Ross (North and South Simcoe). The next Zone meeting is to be held June 6 at the Orangeville Agricultural Office.

Judging livestock

The first meeting of the Halton 4-H Livestock Judging Club was held on April 4 at the Agricultural Office in Milton.

The election of officers was held and the results were as follows: president, Joseph Weeden; vice president, Doug McPhail; secretary, Ruth Anne Wilson and press reporter, Mary Jean Robinson.

Leader Jeff Nurse discussed the do's and don'ts when giving judging reasons. The club then judged the Hoard's Dairyman Judging Contest. Reasons for these classes were given by members of the club. We were then shown slides about events in 4-H during previous years. Following the slides the meeting was adjourned.

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