

FARMING REPORT

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4-H CLUBS

The organizational meeting for all 4-H Agricultural Clubs in York County will be held during Easter-holidays.

Boys and girls who are 12 as of January 1, 1966, and will not be 21 until after December 31, 1966, are invited to join a 4-H Club this year.

Members of 4-H Clubs have a chance to increase their knowledge of agriculture through lessons taught at regular meetings, plus the special events such as bus trips and judging competitions. 4-H members also become familiar with meeting procedure and learn the art of showmanship at their achievement day.

The following list will give the time and place for the organizational meeting in your area:

King 4-H Calf Club — at Snowball Public School Tuesday, April 12, at 8:00 p.m.

Sharon 4-H Calf Club — at the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Tuesday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m.

Markham 4-H Calf Club — at Victoria Square Community Centre, Wednesday, April 13, at 1:30 p.m.

York County 4-H Beef Club — at Victoria Square Community Centre, Wednesday, April 13, at 1:30 p.m.

York 4-H Crops Club — at Victoria Square Community Centre, Wednesday, April 13, at 1:30 p.m.

Woodbridge 4-H Calf Club — at C.O.C.B.A. Board Room, Thursday, April 14, at 8:00 p.m.

Sutton 4-H Calf Club — at Sutton High School, Friday, April 15, at 1:30 p.m.

Sutton 4-H Tractor Club (boys, 14 to 20) — at Sutton High School, Friday, April 15, at 1:30 p.m.

Farm Tribune



TRADITIONALLY CANADIAN. Nothing could be as distinctly Canadian as the tapping of maple trees in early spring, for the production of sweet syrup. Above, farmers in Eastern Canada traverse the woods over the last remaining snows on a sleigh, lifting buckets of sap from a spile, to be emptied into a large vat.

Important Message To Farmers

It is the policy of the Government of Ontario to encourage this Board to make the benefits of The Workmen's Compensation Act available to all persons gainfully employed in Ontario.

A new Regulation which requires compulsory coverage for all farm employees became effective January 1st 1966.

If you employ or intend to employ help in 1966:

1. Your employees, either full or part time, are automatically protected.
2. You, an employer, are required to report your operations to this Board.
3. You, as an employer or partner, are not automatically protected, but you may request protection for any amount between \$2,500.00 and \$6,000.00 per year per individual.
4. A farmer and his wife are considered partners.
5. Members of a farmer's family are considered employees when paid a stated wage.

Farmers and their wives who do not employ help may also obtain coverage on a voluntary basis. Full details will be sent upon request.

You may be assured that The Workmen's Compensation Board will extend the same excellent service to the farming industry as is being extended to employers and workmen in other industries. (The Workmen's Compensation Board, 90 Harbour Street, Toronto, Ontario).

Construction jobs have a great deal of fascination for children, especially trenches and holes in the ground. Youngsters can lose their lives if there is water or if the walls are of loose sand. Such holes should be completely covered when the workers are not on the premises to prevent youngsters from playing in dangerous places.

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Ontario County 4-H Programme

UXBRIDGE — The 1966 4-H Agricultural Club programme will soon be underway in Ontario County.

The name 4-H is derived from the first letter of the four words Head, Heart, Hands and Health. The 4-H club movement is designed specifically for rural young people. Club members must be at least 12 years of age as of January 1st, 1966, and under 21 as of December 31st, 1966.

4-H clubs offered in Ontario County this year include dairy calf, beef calf, grain, grain corn, and potato clubs.

Senior club members (16 years of age and over), within a calf club, may possibly be organized into a senior section. Such a section would meet with the junior members, but would be offered a more advanced programme. The senior members would maintain records on at least 5 cows in the home herd — instead of sending in feed records on their project calf. They would still exhibit their calf at achievement day.

4-H Grain Club members, within a club, will have a choice of oats or barley as their project crop this year.

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Plowing Champions Compete in B. C.

When its springtime in the Rockies, British Columbia plowmen annually think of plowing matches. In contrast to the rest of Canada, this is the time when local plowing groups in the west coast province hold their annual contests, and when local plowing groups in the west coast province hold their annual contests, and when their provincial champions are chosen.

This year, the B. C. Plowmen's Council is playing host to the Canadian Championship Contest, sponsored by the Canadian Plowing Council. On April 13 and 14, provincial champions from coast to coast will assemble at Chilliwack to match furrows in the rich soil of the Fraser Valley.

A total of 16 competitors, representing eight provinces, will compete for the Esso Silver Plow, emblematic of the Canadian Championship, and competition promises to be tough indeed.

Included in the entry list are a number of well known faces at such events, as well as some fast rising young competitors. Two of the entrants have previously represented Canada in World Plowing Competition. These are a home town boy Tom Hickman of Chilliwack, well known in the Fraser Valley, and Dr. Carl Willis from Charlottetown, P.E.I. Carl, when he is not plowing, is a research scientist for the Canada Department of Agriculture. He takes his vacations to compete in competitions such as this.

In addition to the championship trophy for the winner, the two highest competitors will receive the Esso Travel Award for 1967. This award will take them on an expense paid tour of agricultural interest in 1967. Last year's winners, Charles Bonney of Princeton, Ontario and Tom Hickman, will go to Northern Ireland on the 1966 Travel Award competing in a special class at their national plowing match in early November of this year. The two winners also will visit agricultural points of interest in Northern Ireland and other countries before returning home.

One reason why married men should like golf is their experience in knowing what to do when caught in a bad lie.

F.A.M.E. Plans Bankruptcy

Farmers' Allied Meat Enterprises Co-operative Ltd. (F.A.M.E.) announced last week that it would make an assignment in bankruptcy.

The co-operative was the subject of a royal commission inquiry last year after losing \$15 million in an attempt to buy a Burlington meat-packing plant.

Several attempts have since been made to save the co-operative. Last month, F.A.M.E. members met in Stratford and contributed more than \$50,000.

The co-operative noted last night that \$1 million had been needed at the February meeting.

Corn Not Cure-all Farmers Advised

Corn is not a cure-all for faltering farm prices — all land is not corn land and all farmers are not corn producers.

"Pick the cropping system which will make the maximum contribution to the net income of the farm as a whole," Prof. Darel Plaunt, agricultural economist, University of Guelph, advised.

Speaking on the economics of the corn crop at Farmers' Week '66 Prof. Plaunt cautioned farmers that corn is no certain route to higher profits.

"UP TO YOU"

"There are some circumstances in which a good crop of corn will make you more money than any other cropping system," he said. "There are other circumstances in which corn cannot compete with small grains and hay.

"It is up to you to find out which system, or what combination is likely to be most profitable for your particular farm."

Don't grow corn, Prof. Plaunt said, unless you are sure it will contribute more to your net income than any other crop using the same resources.

Look on the corn crop as only one potential part of an over-all farming system. Budget out or estimate the returns to be made before you try to put it into practice.

Farmers using gas-tight silos can expect to pay \$200 more in annual costs than those having concrete silos, Prof. P. A. Wright maintained.

GET MORE USE

Storage costs per ton, he suggested were from 90 cents to \$1.80 higher for the gas-tight silo.

"In general, it is safe to suggest that owners of gas-tight silos use them to a greater degree than do owners of concrete silos. All other factors remaining constant, this additional use is necessary to decrease the influence of substantially higher overhead costs."

Whether extra use or possible added advantages of gas-tight silos covered their additional expense, Prof. Wright was not prepared to say.

"Without a much more detailed type of analysis and a longer period of observation, the importance of the versatility and possible effect on spoilage reduction rates can not be fully evaluated."

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