

Farm

Tribune



Walter Atkinson, no stranger to the auctioneer's stand, accepts bids on a horse ridden by 11 year old Margaret Doering, R.R. 2, Sunderland at the Saturday afternoon livestock auction, Hwy. 47. Horse and pony auctions will be held through to fall in a specially constructed outside ring east of the main sales barns. The attraction, something new in Stouffville, drew a large crowd and bidding was brisk. The clerk is Mrs. Andrea Newlove. —Staff Photo

Pony auction proves popular

STOUFFVILLE — Once an obscure sales sideline, ponies and riding horses have captured a share of the auction audience at Stouffville Stockyards Limited, north of town.

For the first time since its opening, an outside ring has been set up exclusively for horses. Its official opening, Saturday, attracted a large crowd and bid-

ding was brisk. It will be continued throughout the good weather months.

It was appropriate that two of the original sales auctioneers, Walter Atkinson, Stouffville and Gordon Sellers, Agincourt should participate in the program along with Art Wood and Ralph Faulkner, no strangers to ring circles. Mrs. Andrea Newlove,

Main Street, Stouffville, served as clerk. There were 34 entries, all shapes and sizes. Pony prices ranged from \$50 to \$90. Pleasure riding horses ranged from \$100 to \$160 with the top sale at \$235.

One horse took a bid of \$370 but its owner held out for \$400. He refused to let her go for less.

Malcolm Allbright Heads corn club

ONTARIO CTY. — For the past fifteen years, Grain Corn Growers in Ontario County have organized and carried through to completion a very successful high yield corn club. This club has for its objective 100 bushels of shelled corn per acre.

The winner of the 1968 competition was Bob Hunter, Brooklin, R.R. 1, with a yield of 145.5 bushels per acre. Bruce Oldham, Mount Albert, R.R. 3, was second with a yield of 137.5 bushels.

Contestants may select any variety they wish. They may utilize any means to secure the highest possible yield from the three acres they use for their competition.

Anyone interested in joining this high yield club for 1969 should send their application, together with a \$4.00 membership fee, to the Department of Agriculture and Food Office, Uxbridge, by June 1.

The officers and committee for 1969 are:
 Chairman — Malcolm Allbright, Balsam;
 Vice-Chairman — Don Dunkeld, Claremont, R.R. 2; Secretary-Treasurer — Lynn Fair, Uxbridge; Committee Members — Jack Morgan, Claremont; Bert Lewis, Stouffville, R.R. 3; Murray Dunkeld, Claremont, R.R. 2; Albert Foster, Claremont, R.R. 2; Don Dunkeld, Claremont, R.R. 2; Paul Meyer, Claremont, R.R. 3; Paul Wellman, Claremont, R.R. 2; Malcolm Allbright, Balsam; Carman Boadway, Mount Albert, R.R. 3; Bob Hunter, Brooklin, R.R. 1.

One voice for all farmers

A. A. Wall
 YORK CTY. — In the next month or two, an issue of crucial importance to every farmer in York County has to be settled. It's about the kind of organization that will represent the farm industry for at least the next twenty years.

If enough people (15,000) sign a petition asking for a vote, to establish one farm organization, then a vote for all farmers, their wives and family members over 21, will be held, probably in June.

In my opinion, farmers in York should be lining up to sign this petition. The decision by this vote is the ultimate in democracy. It's one of the rare occasions when every individual has a chance to express his opinion. It's a sad fact though, that at meetings I've been at in York where the petition has been presented, the reaction has been one of indifference.

If you have opinions or preferences on what farm organizations should do, then get a hold of any director of either the Federation of Agriculture or the Farmers' Union and sign the petition, this week. If you don't care at all, then don't bother.

While I'm at it, I may as well say that I think the General Farm Organization should be voted in. This is a personal opinion only, because we in the Department have not been asked to take a stand, one way or the other.

My main reason is that agriculture desperately needs to be well organized if it's going to be healthy.

Government aid Maple syrup industry

For some it has been a family tradition to head for the sugar bush when the sap's about to run to tap the sugar maples. Many old timers have recollections of standing on a country road and from one spot being able to see steam rising from half a dozen or more sugar houses. It's not so today.

Many maple woodlots have been cut over and many no longer produce maple syrup. The most important reason for the decline is the difficulty in obtaining seasonal help and subsequent high labour costs.

Many who attempted to stick with the old methods of handling and processing maple syrup were forced to cease operations for these reasons. Also the maple operation has traditionally been a family operation but today the sons and daughters leave home for school or employment in cities.

In 1966 the Ontario department of lands and forests and the Ontario department of agriculture and food, recognizing the rapid decline in maple syrup production, joined forces to provide assistance and incentive to revitalize Ontario's maple industry.

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Frank Hendy Potato club chairman

ONTARIO CTY. — A number of Ontario County Potato Growers met in the Department of Agriculture and Food Office, Uxbridge, April 30, for the purpose of re-organizing the 500 Bushel Potato Club for 1969. This club was organized in 1945, and has carried out a successful competition each year. Eighteen potato growers completed this high yield club in 1968.

The winner of the 1968 competition was Ches Luney, Zephyr, with an estimated yield of 830 bushels per acre. The average estimated yield for all eighteen growers in the 1968 competition was 549 bushels.

Contestants may use any recommended potato variety they wish, and they may use any means at their disposal to secure the highest possible yield from the one acre they have entered in the competition.

Anyone interested in joining this high yield potato club for 1969 should send their application, together with a \$4.00 membership, to the Department of Agriculture and Food Office, Uxbridge, by June 1.

The officers and committee for 1969 are:
 Chairman — Frank Hendy, Claremont, R.R. 1; Vice-Chairman — Bill Lockie, Zephyr; Secretary — H. L. Fair, Uxbridge; Committee Members — Walter Kerry, Port Perry, R.R. 1; Bill Lockie, Zephyr; Albert Hockley, Claremont, R.R. 1; Murray Crone, Mount Albert, R.R. 3; Ches Oldham, Zephyr; Richard Colwell, Claremont, R.R. 1; Frank Hendy, Claremont, R.R. 1; Ivan Norton, Goodwood, R.R. 1.

Judge dairy cows

BROUGHAM — The Brougham 4-H Dairy Calf Club met April 17 at the farm of Murray and Don Dunkeld, Claremont, R.R. 2. There were eighteen members in attendance. The meeting was opened by Paul Hulshof.

Club leader Frank Barkley instructed the boys on the proper method of judging dairy cattle. He was introduced by the Assistant Agricultural Representative, Ken Wilson.

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