



Fourteen year old Cameron Jaynes, R.R. 3, Stouffville, has been showing calves at district fairs only a short time, but has many trophies and awards for his efforts. Cam is a

Grade 9 student at Pickering Dist. High School and a member of the South Ontario 4-H Club. He works part-time for Frank Barkey, Clarendon, R.R. 3. - Jim Thomas.

Seeding bogged down by too much rain

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After a great start, seeding has bogged down with so much rain, and we are ending up a bit behind schedule for the bulk of the corn crop, instead of being ahead. Still, it's good to see a lot of spring grain up at this date in May, along with wheat and hay making good progress.

Alfalfa in low fields was hit hard this winter. Some fields in the Queensville Keswick district were killed completely, and most were thinned badly. It demonstrates again, that good snow cover is necessary to protect plants overwintering on soils where drainage isn't the best.

These fields can be put right back into Alfalfa

by direct seeding, with special effort to get a fine firm seedbed and some spray to knock off the weeds.

Another idea is to use an annual crop like a sudan sorghum to make up the supply of roughage feed. Storage used to be a problem with this crop because extra silo space was needed. However, our experience with stacks or piles gets better all the time and this could be an answer for an emergency. Plastic covers along with lots of old tires make the difference.

A new practice in hay storage, the use of formic acid or direct cut and chopped hay, might be the answer on some farms this year, too.

There is no doubt at all that it works. Ken Stevenson at Udora has been putting acid treated

hay silage in a bunker for several years now and it comes out in great shape, with no harvest loss at all, and storage losses lower than any other silage system.

Ken uses a bunker silo, but acid could be used in a stack and it opens the door to many different uses, for either summer or winter feeding. Cost is the only sticker. At 10 to 15 dollars per acre it wouldn't pay its way for anyone with a good smooth working system going in either bales or haylage.

But it could be used profitably where storage space is short, where labour isn't right for baling, or where it's important to save every last pound of feed a field grows.

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Weed control in lawns

A weed-free lawn is the hope and ambition of most homeowners. Proper fertilization and use of a herbicide in spray or granular form will help accomplish this goal, says John Hughes, horticultural specialist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

A small sprayer with a capacity of 2½ to 3 gallons is suitable for treating most lawns. For the spray to be most effective, it is best to wait until the weeds are in a succulent growing condition. The use of 2,4-D to ensure a weed-free lawn has become widely accepted. It is inex-

pensive, readily available, easy to apply and controls most of the common weed species with the exception of mouse-ear chickweed, black medick and creeping charlie. Other chemicals such as mecoprop, dichlorprop, fenoprop and dicamba will kill these plants. When using any of these chemicals, always be sure to follow the instructions on the label.

Granular herbicides are also available. These are generally applied with the fertilizer, a method that is more convenient for the homeowner.

Holstein show

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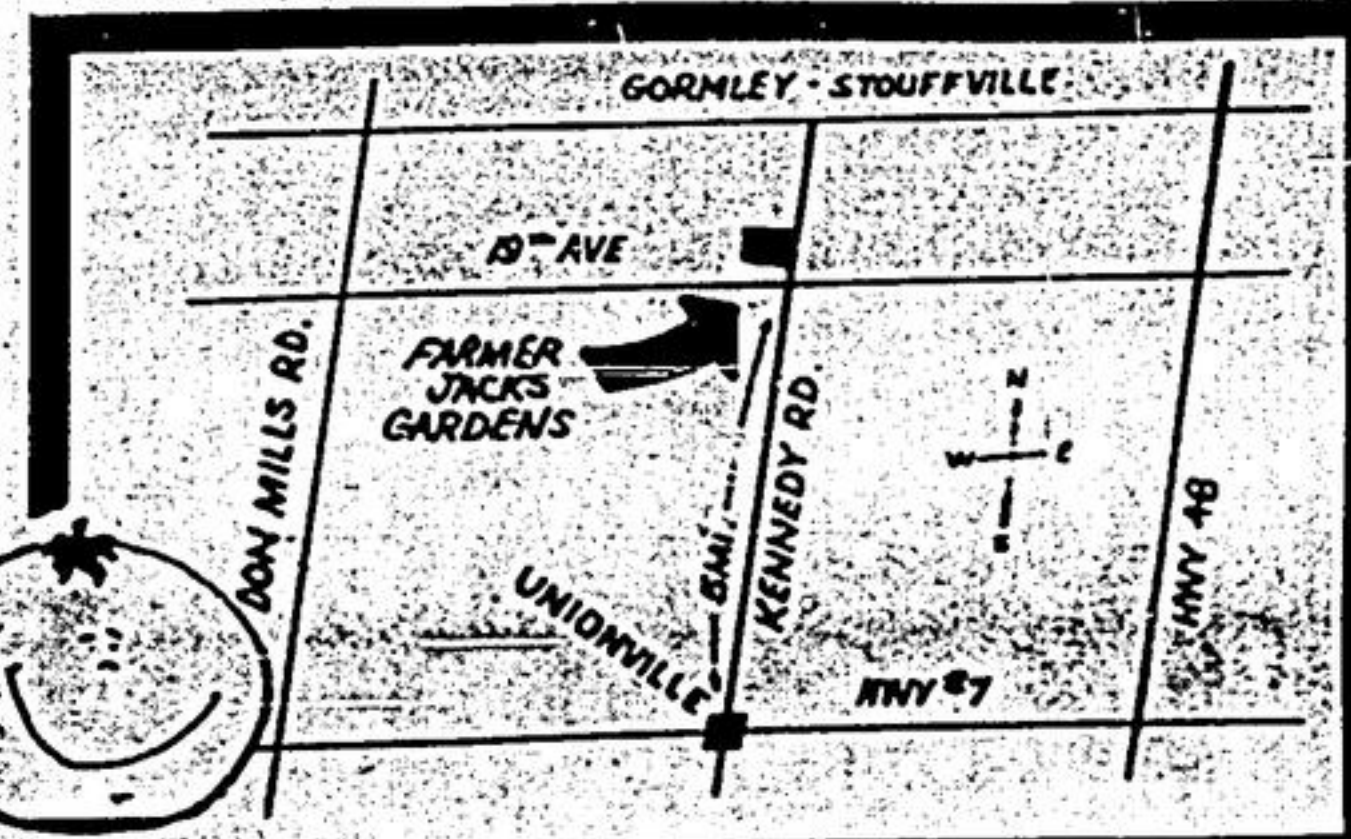
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