

FARM NEWS

Of interest to all cattle producers, beef and dairymen: Leeds County OFA recommends that you give special attention to the advertisement in this issue of the livestock shipping service, which is doing very well under new management. The OFA shipping service offers Leeds farmers a unique opportunity to take advantage of big city markets and to pocket the whole purchase price minus only the cost of shipping. You can ship one or a sizeable number of cattle and have them picked up right on the farm. All shipments are insured.

Past President Earl McCreedy is a satisfied customer of the OFA shipping service. Earl shipped six animals recently and reports he is well satisfied with the way the service is working.

Delegates to the OFA annual convention in Hamilton November 28-29-30 include: OFA President Lloyd Willows, John O'Meara, M.P. Higgins and D. Crowe.

On October 20, 1977, a meeting, consisting of representatives of the Federation of Agriculture, Farmer's Union, Young Farmers, 4 H, Holstein-Friesian, Airshire, Jersey organisations, as well as of the Milk Committee and Soil and Crop Association, was held at the Anglican Church Hall in Athens.

Its purpose was to explore and develop ways for the many varied farm organizations within this county to work together to improve agriculture in general.

Mr. Charles Tanner chaired the meeting. Approx. 22 people attended. Representatives of the different organizations were asked to outline their activities and future goals.

It was then decided that a calendar of events was needed in order to avoid having annual meetings (with interesting guest-speakers), banquets, workshops etc. on the same day or too close together.

A motion was passed that a three member committee be formed, its purpose should be to coordinate various activities, make recommendations as to workshops wanted by individual farmers, program developing etc. Its first

task should be to set up a calendar for the next two months, containing dates of all interesting activities, planned by the individual organizations. This will be passed on to Mr. Charles Tanner, at the Ag. Rep. Office in Brockville, who will make out a calendar of events, to be added to the monthly issue of the Leeds County Crop-Gram newsletter. Hopefully in the future special activities can be planned and advertised as long as 6 months ahead of time. Elected to the committee were: Bob Smith, Elgin
Eric Webster, Lansdowne
Pat Jackson, Gananoque.

Mr. Herb Norry explained that 25 seats are available in a business of Farming course to be held somewhere in Leeds County, close to where most applicants live. It will last 5 weeks, 5 days a week, from approx. 9.30 a.m. till 4.30 p.m. and will start sometime in January. A weekly allowance of \$79.00 for single and \$99.00 for married men will be paid by Canada Manpower. The course may be a general type Farm course or more specialized like "Dairy cattle management", depending on what is preferred by applicants.

Anyone interested in a course may obtain more information by calling Mr. Charles Tanner, at the Ag. Rep. office in Brockville. Tel. 342-2124.

Anyone interested in helping to plan this year's Dairy Seminars is invited to a meeting Thursday, December 1st, at 8:00 P.M. at the old Legion Hall - (now called the Conservation Club) in Lyndhurst.

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