

On The Farm Front

CAYUGA - Over 300 members and friends of the Haldimand-Holstein Club recently joined in the celebration of a most successful 1971 season. The many highlights of the year included a most successful sale and some fantastic production records.

Holstein breeders will recognize that the four figure sale prices and production records of up to 33,000 pounds of milk do not happen in every herd. Most of the breeders who do make these records or sales would suggest however that anyone could have it happen in their herd.

To make the most of high production a testing program like R.O.P. or D.H.I.A. is a must. To reach the high production levels feeding becomes most important. Like the chicken and egg argument there's a question about which comes first - feeding or herd health.

Some breeders will also include the genetic potential of a cow in that argument. For most however the potential for as much as twice the present production is already there. Feeding would help to realize the existing potential.

For high sale prices, herd classification or grading becomes important as well. Congratulations to all of those breeders who have been able to make the most of these programs in 1971.

The 1972 copies of publications 296 and 75-Field Crop Recommendations and Chemical Weed Control are now available. Also popular at this time of year is the Ontario Farm Record Book. Copies are available at the agriculture office, Cayuga.

Directors of the Haldimand Soil and Crop Improvement Association recently expressed interest in promotion of tree planting projects in the county. Trees for farm planting are avail-

Outstanding Performance

A Dual Purpose Shorthorn, owned by Andrew Nelles, R. R. 3 Caledonia recently received an outstanding record of performance award from the Canadian Shorthorn Association, Guelph.

Robin's Red Marina (Mature) yielded 13,539 pounds of milk, 456 pounds of fat; BCA, 191 milk, 161 fat. The sire was Robin's Red Signet.

Modern technology in haymaking has passed by haystacks and pitchforks. In fact, today it might be easier to find a needle in a haystack than finding a haystack itself.

able from the Department of Lands and Forests. Prices for most seedlings is \$10 per thousand.

Sheep herders of the area will be meeting at Caledonia Fairgrounds on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 29. Plans for the 1972 show will be on the agenda. The Ontario Sheep Breeders' Annual Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 31 at the Constellation Hotel, Toronto.

Federation News

by Otto Crone

Last year a large part of Ontario got particularly heavy falls of snow and after roads being plowed a few times, snowplow operators have difficulty determining the road's edge, fences etc. As a result farmers suffered thousands of dollars damages to fences caused by snowplows and very few received any compensation at all.

The September, 1970 issue of Municipal

World magazine, "the councilman's bible" laid responsibility for fence damage by snowplows firmly with the municipalities.

The real problem though is that companies providing liability insurance are reluctant to pay claims unless the farmer sues the municipality in court. People are not keen to sue, as councilors are also neighbors and friends, so as a general rule the

insurance companies get away scot free.

The whole community benefits from snowplowing operations, the whole community pays the insurance premiums and when damage is done to farm fences, it should not be necessary to sue, to receive compensation.

Perhaps municipalities should change insurers, if they find that they don't provide protection.

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