

On The Farm Front

CAYUGA-In response to a request, Harold Clapp, dairy cattle specialist, advises "There is no way that the addition of baking soda will prevent shipping fever - it might help to settle the owner down to take some."

Newcastle Disease continues to be a problem for poultrymen of the area. Eighteen infected premises were recently reported in five counties. Oxford is the closest to our area. Poultrymen have always been conscious of disease problems and the need for restricting visitors to their barns. Hog producers have become more conscious of the problem in recent years. Dairymen might be advised to consider the limiting of visitors to their production units.

Norfolk County Farmers' Week will be held Feb. 28 to March 3. All sessions are to be held in the Junior Farmer Building at the fairgrounds, Simcoe. The Haldimand Corn and Forage Show is scheduled for Wednesday and

Thursday, March 15 and 16 at the Haldimand Agricultural Centre, Kohler. Both programs will be worthwhile attending.

A leaf analysis service for greenhouse vegetable growers has been announced by Ian Smith, Extension Horticulturist. Charges for the service range from \$9 to \$15 per sample.

The start of the 1972 4-H Program for Agricultural Clubs is coming up on Tuesday, March 21. All young people from 12 to 20 years of age are invited to enquire about the 1972 program.

Canada could use more homegrown alfalfa seed according to a Canada Department of Agriculture release. The total requirements of nine million pounds annually is now dependent on imports of about seven million pounds. The same report indicates that the alfalfa leaf cutter bee is in surplus supply. The alfalfa leaf cutter bee is an expert at pollination of the crop.

Federation News

by Otto Crone

An egg producers disaster load program is being urged by OFA as many egg producers are having serious financial difficulties, due to extremely low egg prices since March 1970. Average prices received by producers in Ontario for 1971 was 21.6 cents per dozen. This was about four cents below the Canadian average. Producers faced with a sizeable debt must either declare bankruptcy or sell their independence to a feed company or other contractor if no alternate sources of credit is found.

OFA proposes a provincial government guaranteed loan to egg producers of \$2 per bird to genuine producers who have been in production during the past two years. This money not to be used to finance further expansion. Repayment of principal and interest to begin in third year of loan.

This program is suggested so as to keep egg producers in business until the national

marketing agency is operative. Such an agency should be able to stabilize production and prices, thus giving adequate returns from the market place without having to rely on any government assistance.

Stone Church Evening Auxiliary

The February meeting of the Stone Church Evening Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Douglas Nopper with a good attendance.

Mrs. Wilfred Roth presided for the business meeting. Mrs. Douglas Martin had charge of the program. Mrs. Norris Nopper read the Scripture. Mrs. Earl Makey and Mrs. Wilfred Roth gave a report of the Hamilton Presbyterian meeting which they had attended.

During the business meeting it was confirmed that Short's Drapery would be engaged to make drapes for the Church School.

Plans were finalized for the wedding reception Feb. 19 and work meetings to finish the kitchen renovations were planned.

Mrs. Lawson Campbell volunteered to arrange a date for a Luncheon is Served.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction and lunch was served by Mrs. Lawson Campbell and the hostess.

It was decided to hold the March meeting Wednesday March 15 as a pot luck dinner and quilting at the church hall.

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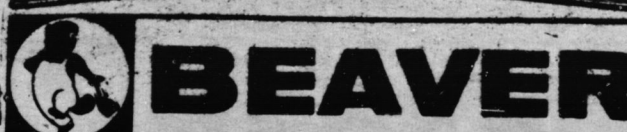
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