

For Farmers Only

Lloyd Honsberger, Dunnville, spoke at the recent Drainage Night about good surface drainage. He still feels the shovel, applied where water may lie in the spring, is a must for good drainage. Lloyd would definitely consider tile drainage now to help improve the good drainage that he has been able to achieve in the past. But he would still consider the shovel most important.

with the producers of the larger number of hogs and lowest where fewer hogs were marketed.

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The 1975 program for 4-H agricultural clubs is now started. There is still time for several new members to join many of the clubs. Members are from 12 to 20 years of age. They enjoy learning to do by doing.

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A total of 395 Haldimand Pork Producers marketed 38,556 hogs in 1974. One of those producers marketed 2570. One fifth of the producers marketed 87 per cent of the hogs produced in 1974. The average index was highest

Haldimand dairymen in the 1974 Niagara Dairy Herd Analysis had slightly fewer cows, produced a bit less milk per cow, had less quota and operated more acres per cow than the average for the whole

Niagara area. In spite of the larger acreage the Haldimand dairymen spent more for purchased feed. Because of lower costs for crops, machinery expenses and labour the total costs per cow were lower than the Niagara average. The lower gross income per cow, however, still left the Haldimand dairymen with

less net income per cow on the average.

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Tom Lane of the O.A.C. Land Resource Science Department points out that some Ontario farmers have produced large acreages of corn using manure without commercial fertilizer over the past four to seven years

without reduction in yield. Liquid manure provides the added opportunity to use this resource as a side-dressing or as an injection between the rows. This application method can be used until the corn is at least a foot high. Delay in planting for manure application is avoided using one of these methods.

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Some corn seed could have a lower germination this year. The germination information on the tag should be checked. Where lower than usual a slightly higher planting rate is needed this spring to get the desired plant population.

Junior Farmers attend conference

By Cathie McSorley

The weekend of March 21, 22 and 23 was a busy one for eight Haldimand Junior Farmers as they attended the 1975 Provincial Conference at The Prince Hotel in Willowdale.

Carol Bedini, Cathie McSorley, Allan Hedley, Ralph Hedley, Vern Schaeffer, Roy Jude, Dave Murray and Rodney Fox were our Association's delegates to this Conference which was presented on the theme of "How To Communicate Effectively". Everyone was split up into groups of approximately 10 people — and no one from the same organization was put in the same group as another person from the same area. This procedure was to facilitate the sharing of county activities on a wider scale.

Friday night we attended a delegate meeting where resolutions for the upcoming year were put forth. Zone Four of which Haldimand is a part, resolved that, pertaining to trips, there should be no discrimination on a marital basis, and that Zone Chairman, even if they are not Zone Directors, should receive information from the Provincial Office in reference to Junior Farmer activities.

Ralph Hedley, Haldimand's President, had

been asked to attend the Conference to lead in Social Recreation, and on Friday night, he and two others, were given the task of co-ordinating approximately 375 people in social rec. It didn't seem to pose too much of a problem though — Ralph and his cohorts soon had us all acquainted and laughing together, — as a group!

Saturday was devoted to seminars and lectures from 8:30 until 3:00 Saturday afternoon, with group discussions interspersed. The topic of "How To Communicate Effectively" was dealt with very effectively in this method, and the opportunity to learn many new things was always in front of us.

At 6:00 p.m. we attended the Annual Banquet and Dance where we were feted. Here, we listened to our 1974 President, Glenn Ruegg, as he expounded on the past year of his office. He spoke of its successes with memberships and ACTIVE members increasing. On another note, his speech referred to the regretted demise of Talent Festival, but with hope for the future because "we have a strong

organization." After this, the Association recognized retiring Provincial Directors (Haldimand's Rodney Fox), and then introduced the 1975 Officers and Directors (Haldimand's Dave Murray). Dave was also the recipient of a much sought-after Travel Opportunity Award which will see the Junior Farmer Association sponsor a two-week summer-time trip to the Province of Alberta. Congratulations Dave! Following this, we "danced the night away" (at least until 1:30) with music by "The Milestones" which was enjoyed by all. The Official program for the night ended after that.

Sunday morning, the Conference was wrapped up with some folk hymns presented by the "Galileans". By Sunday afternoon, most of us had trundled home.

The Conference was a worthwhile experience for all, inasmuch as it provided an insight into the workings of our Association at the Provincial level, while still enabling us to meet many new people and learn from the prepared material on the Conference theme of "How To Communicate Effectively". It is to be hoped that other members will take the chance to volunteer to participate in the next Conference such as this, because it is a GREAT opportunity!

On a local level — don't forget our Team Haldimand Dance at the Agricultural Centre in Kohler on April 5th. The Box Social, on April 19th, is being organized now.

MEMBERSHIPS must be purchased no later than April 19th and, once again, Junior Farmers' welcomes everyone, — not only rural teenagers! ANYONE between the ages of 14 and 30 is invited to join. For information, telephone Carol at 772-5523.

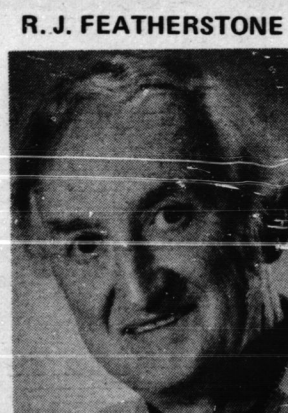
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Not your ordinary girl

by Trisha Banks

Jeannette DeBoer is not your ordinary good-looking blue-eyed blond. Far from it — she is the 1974-75 Haldimand Dairy Princess and very proud of the crown she won last September at Caledonia Fair.

Miss DeBoer, 17, of Rainham Centre, is so proud in fact, that in September 1975, she may find it "a bit of a wrench" to give up her crown. "I don't know whether I'm really going to want to give it up," she smiles, "I've been thinking of entering the contest again."

It was more persuasion than a genuine desire to enter, that made Miss DeBoer interested in the Dairy Princess contest.

"I worked all that summer in Alberta, and when I came home one of my neighbours suggested that I enter. My parents said I should because they were afraid life on the farm would be a little dull after all the excitement in Alberta. They thought coming home might be a bit of a drag, so I finally entered."

By the time the contest rolled around, however, the story had changed. "I was just as thrilled as the other two girls and just as eager to win too."

In order to win her crown, Miss DeBoer spoke on some topic related to the milk industry and was interviewed by the judges. The girls were also marked

on poise, personality, general appearance, and how well they milked a cow.

"When we had to milk a cow it was more for show than anything. My brother showed me everything to do and what would look most professional, and I practiced a lot beforehand."

The main objective of the Dairy Princess Program is to improve communications between the milk producer and the consumer. The dairy princess is expected to fill the role of a good will ambassador, who represents the dairymen of her area at various functions.

Miss DeBoer keeps her co-ordinator, Marion Cherry, (Hagersville 768-5244) busy as well. "She sets up where I have to go and who I have to speak to," Miss DeBoer does not see her activities as duties, however. "I really enjoy most of them and it doesn't really interfere with my school work, although sometimes it gets in the way of my personal life."

As representative for the Haldimand Milk Committee, I am really just available if anyone wants me. If they have somewhere they want me to go or some function I should speak at, then I go."

Miss DeBoer has spoken at several banquets and schools, and appears in most of the local parades. She also attended the Milk Convention in Toronto

January 8 and 9, when all the Dairy Princesses were present.

In August Miss DeBoer will compete against 42 other county Dairy Princesses for the title of Ontario Dairy Princess. The contest will be held at the Canadian National Exhibition in August.

"I've been thinking about it a lot," says Miss DeBoer. "If I won at the CNE I'd have to skip grade 12 and wait for one year." The Ontario Dairy Princess is required to live in Toronto and must postpone her education.

"The Milk Committee really wants me to win and I will try my very best to win for the sake of the county," says Miss DeBoer. "To have your Dairy Princess chosen to represent Ontario is really prestigious."

At present Miss DeBoer is not sure what she will do if she wins the Ontario Dairy Princess title. "Probably by the time August and the CNE roll

around I'll be just like all the other girls and really want to win," says Miss DeBoer.

The Western Ontario Dairy Princesses will be attending a workshop in Guelph July 24, 25, and 26. The girls will be taught how to speak, fashion tips, and how to use a microphone. Their duties at the CNE will also be explained to them.

At the CNE the girls will be divided into four groups of 10 girls. Two girls from each group will be chosen, to make a total of eight girls. From the remaining 34 girls the two with the highest marks will be included in the semi-finals. The contest is then narrowed down to five finalists and Miss Ontario Dairy Princess is picked from that group.

"I would never enter a beauty contest," says Miss DeBoer. "Being Haldimand Dairy Princess is a challenge — you're expected to do something. A beauty queen is just a showpiece."



Jeannette DeBoer

Facts for farmers

75th anniversary of Canada's first credit union

Credit unions have played an important role in rural Canada, says Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan.

Arm-in-arm with the cooperative movement, credit unions have helped Canada agriculture to prosper, he says.

Mr. Whelan comments on the 75th anniversary of the founding of Canada's first credit union. In 1900, Alphonse Desjardins started a 'caisse populaire' in Levis, Que. That credit union, still in operation, was the first in North America.

Cost of raising hogs

The cost of raising hogs in the Maritimes has more

than doubled in the last three years.

In updating a 1972 publication on costs of swine production, Agriculture Canada economists say that feed for nursing sows has jumped from \$4 a hundredweight to \$8.58 a hundredweight.

Feed for young piglets has gone from \$9 a hundredweight in 1972 to 18.44 a hundredweight today.

Real estate investment, interest rates and labor costs have also risen.

Land resources

Every time the population of Canada increases by 1,000, hundreds of acres of agricultural land are lost to urban development.

Agriculture Canada is involved in a federal-provincial effort to accurately assess the prime farmland losses and evaluate these losses in terms of food production.

cultivation, instead of the present 24 million.

Heed the wording

Alfalfa leafcutter bees promise to revive the lagging alfalfa seed industry in western Canada. But unless instructions on hive-making are followed to the letter, bee losses from parasite invasion of the hives may be considerable. Beekeepers should carefully follow the recommendations in Agriculture Canada publications, says a Lethbridge Research Station entomologist.

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