

For Farmers Only

Soybeans are subject of Kohler discussion



Left to right, Clarence Persall, Larry Brenzil, Allan Augustine, and John Hauna, sat on a panel answering questions about how they handled all aspects of growing their soybean crops, and the results they had with these methods. (Photo by Richard Houghton)

By Richard Houghton

Because of a severe ice and wind storm, turnout was small last Wednesday night, when Haldimand Soil and Crop Improvement Association presented a program to help local farmers plant, harvest, and market their 1975 Soybean crop.

A panel of experienced soybean farmers: John Hanna, Dunnville, Allan Augustine, Port Colborne, Larry Brenzil, York, and Clarence Persall, Boston, were present to answer questions.

Each farmer talked about all the aspects of his own soybean production, the methods he used, and the success he had with them.

They discussed how many heat units they have in their land, what variety of soybean was planted, how they mixed inoculant and how much was used.

Also seed bed preparation was discussed, how much seed was planted, weed problems, harvesting equipment, and crop insurance.

Of the four panel members, two had purchased crop insurance and two had not. One panel member said he didn't buy it because he had never had a crop loss. The other member who had not bought insurance felt the cost was so high that unless you had a total loss it was more money than it is worth.

Of the two that did buy insurance, the first said that yields weren't high enough yet, and he has had to make a couple of claims. The other panel member said he has to borrow money in order to plant, and he buys insurance because the bank will take this as collateral.

All the panel members were wondering if the soybean prices had bottomed. The price is currently \$6.05 a bushel.

Paul Glennie, agent for Canadian Vegetable Oil Ltd., said he thought

soybean prices might stabilize at about 50 cents per bushel lower than at present. He said prices will go lower because the oil his company produces is being undercut by rapeseed oil which is grown on the prairies cheaper than we can grow soybeans here.

The general consensus among farmers who had planted soybeans was that their best yields were obtained from the full season varieties. Seed beds must be as firm and as level as possible, and seeds should be planted two inches deep. They also felt that to harvest soybeans efficiently a harvester with a floating cutter bar is needed.

Bob Stone, agricultural engineer for the Federation of Agriculture, presented a study he conducted on the performance of combine header attachments in reducing soybean harvesting losses.

Mr. Stone showed slides of a number of combine heads. He has done tests on four of the most popular types. He tested the floating cutterbar head, the finger sensing control, the spring loaded skid-plate, and the regular type of combine head.

The floating cutter bar head operated with a loss of 30 per cent less than its closest rival which was the spring loaded skid-plate. It has the least losses because it follows the ground better than other types.

According to Mr. Stone, if you have 75 acres of soybeans this year, your saving in crop loss will pay for the cost of a floating cutter bar header for your combine.

Mr. Glennie of Canadian Vegetable Oils Ltd., is known as the soybean trader in this area. He explained the terms and legal options available to the farmer in order that he can take the best advantage of the market or protect himself against a loss depending how the market behaves.

Food publication designed to help with weed control decisions. Problems with printing this publication have been encountered. Copies should soon be available at the Agriculture office, Cayuga. (phone 772-3381).

Haldimand Holstein Club's sale committee will be on the road April 14, 15 and 16. Each year the committee calls on breeders who may have a consignment for the annual Club sale. Sale date is Wednesday, October 22. Bill Waldbrook, committee chairman, would welcome a call from Holstein breeders that would like to have the committee stop in while they are making their rounds.

What to do about 1975 crop plans is still a question on the mind of many producers. They are certain that costs will be increased but are uncertain about the price prospect for crops next fall. Producer concern about cost control is reflected in the increased number of soil samples processed. It is expected that those with soil sampled are anxious to get the right amount of fertility added - but no more than is required.

Chemicals for weed control could be another item worth the same consideration. Getting the right chemical applied at the right time in the right amount could pay off handsomely. Publication 75 - Guide to Chemical Weed Control is an Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and

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the times and tasks of an average housewife. The duties of the average "Domestic Engineer" are, nursemaid, dietician, food buyer, cook, dishwasher, housekeeper, laundress, seamstress, practical nurse, maintenance woman, gardener, and chauffeur. The duties add up to about 99.6 hours or \$209.25 per week at the current minimum wage.

"These figures do not include a price for sexual activity, nor do they include a fee for the substantial executive talent involved in juggling a dozen or so jobs simultaneously," said Mrs. Bell.

"Many of you will probably be quite affected by the two proposed satellite cities of South Cayuga and Townsend," Mrs. Bell told her audience.

"Innumerable jobs will be created in these new developing cities. Many of you will be interested in employment there, or have husbands, sons or daughters seeking positions in the new cities.

Local women and men will be competing with newcomers for the positions. Your daughter may be considering a career that may have previously been dominated by men? What will your reaction be? It is illegal to discriminate on the basis of sex in employment."

Mrs. Bell was greeted with cheers when she commented, "Many of you may have already lost your farm to these cities so you will HAVE to go out and work."

"Canadians have not only wasted the physical resources of our country," said Mrs. Bell, "we have also wasted the intelligence, the talent and the skill of half our population - the potential of the women in our country."

"In the last 30 years," she went on, "Canada has moved very rapidly from a physical to a cerebral society - a society where work requiring brute force, human physical strength, can now be done by machinery which requires skill rather than muscles to operate. Today the training needed to speak the computer language is cerebral and it requires the sort of aptitude which many women have."

Mrs. Bell told the ladies, "The low incomes of women are largely accounted for by the fact that when they work for a living they are employed in the so-called traditional 'women's jobs'. They are waitresses, clerical workers, stenographers, and salespeople. They take those comparatively badly paid jobs even though the majority of them have more formal education than men. In 1971, 64 per cent of the women in the labour force, compared with 49 per cent of the men, had full secondary education."

The media is partly to blame for preconceived attitudes towards women, said Mrs. Bell. "Television portrays young women as creatures entirely obsessed with their hair, their brassieres, their bubble baths and the smell of their

breath - all part of life's ambition to get a man."

"The young matron seems to be obsessed with waxing floors and acting as a salesperson for detergents with different names made by the same industry. Older women are usually freaks or sad-sacks - forever making instant coffee to please a fussy, elderly husband."

Schools have perpetuated the image of women as dependent unexciting people, said Mrs. Bell. "The Commission found that brain-washing begins in school. In text books and readers, the mother is the stay-at-home, the person who disciplines the children and says, 'Eat your spinach'. The father is the versatile, interesting person who takes the children, usually the boys, on expeditions or hockey games."

"It was recently brought to my attention that Women's Institute members across the country were effective in gaining the right for women to vote. I was told that women's institute members refused to have anything to do with men until women received the vote," said Mrs. Bell.

In closing, Mrs. Bell said she was hopeful "that each and every one of you will find a new satisfaction in determining your goals and will systematically leap over any hurdles to achieve higher and greater accomplishments to the men and women of our area."

The guests were welcomed by Mrs. Kenneth Anderson who also proposed the toast to the Queen. Mrs. J.C. Yule

introduced the guests at the head table. Mrs. William Vandenburg, secretary of the Federation of Agriculture, brought greetings to the luncheon.

Mrs. Don Cole, accompanied by Mrs. Ben Martindale on the piano, entertained with three songs which were warmly received by the audience.

Mrs. Robert Doughty, who introduced the guests speaker, Mrs. Bell, informed the audience that Mrs. Bell was a graduate of Western University with her B.A. in Psychology and French. "Born near Montreal, Mrs. Bell is also one of those fortunate people who are bilingual," said Mrs. Doughty.

Mrs. Donald Booker thanked Mrs. Bell for her presentation which was greeted enthusiastically by all the guests. Mrs. Grace Hedley gave the courtesy remarks on behalf of Mrs. Otter, Crone, who had laryngitis.

The luncheon, catered by the Faith Centennial U.C.W. of Selkirk, consisted of fruit punch, cheese, rolled turkey and ham, potato salad, devilled eggs, cole slaw, assorted jellies, rolls, relishes, pineapple delight, and beverage. The cheese was courtesy of the Haldimand Milk Committee, ably represented by Miss Jeannette DeBoer, Haldimand Dairy Princess. Mrs. Sharon Fox, Queen of the Furrow, was also present.

Fifteen floral prizes were given away courtesy of the Co-operators Insurance Association, Guelph.

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N.D.P.'s hold convention

The Haldimand-Norfolk NDP will hold a nominating convention on Tuesday April 15, 1975, at 8:00 p.m. at the Army-Navy Hall, 53 Water St., Simcoe.

Michael Cassidy (MPP Ottawa Centre) NDP parliamentary critic on regional government and urban affairs will be the guest speaker.

Mr. Cassidy, a former teacher of journalism at Carleton University, served as a member of Ottawa City Council from 1970 to 1972. He is an active opposition spokesman on regional government and has served on the select committee of

the legislature on the Ontario Municipal Board. The public is cordially invited to hear Mr. Cassidy speak on Regional Government in Ontario.

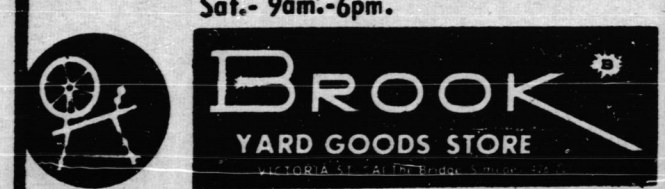
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Paul Fodor to speak

From Hitler's Hell to the Joy of Jesus will be the topic of the special speaker at the Hagersville (Pentecostal) Revival Centre Sunday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Paul Fodor, a well-known Jewish Christian, will tell of his thrilling World War II experience of Salvation and protection.

Note: Coming April 20 (Sunday) at 7:30 the Hisey Family heard over channel 13 on Sundays over Kitchener.

People of all faiths welcomed.

News of 1974 corn crop

Basically corn is grown as a valuable energy source for livestock feeds. But if farmers are feeding corn from the 1974 crop year, chances are that it's not as good a source of energy as in previous years.

"The 1974 corn samples show a three to five per cent lower energy value than normal," says Professor J.D. Summers, of the Department of Animal and Poultry Science, Ontario Agricultural College. "On the other hand, the corn produced last year has a higher protein content than

is normally found. Usually corn runs eight and one-half to nine per cent protein; the 1974 samples showed that the immature corn harvested has a slightly higher percentage."

To a farmer feeding his own corn, it means that poultry and hogs are eating more corn to meet their needs for energy. But the extra feed required for energy purposes results in a higher intake of protein since the protein is at an increased level in the corn.

"Thus if farmers know the protein level in their corn is high, they can reduce the amount of supplemental protein added to their feeds," Professor Summers points out. Farmers can therefore effectively save money by

taking advantage of the slightly higher protein content of their corn. The lighter bushel weights of much of the corn harvested in 1974 will also have an effect on feeding. In many cases, livestock are fed by volume. "Where such a practice is followed, the farmer should weigh a bucket of feed, as a

12-pound bucket last year may now only hold 10 pounds of feed," Professor Summers recommends.

All volume measures should be checked, since the lighter weight means farmers may have to feed a higher volume of feed if they are to maintain animals at an optimum level of nutrient intake.

Drive with care

Two fools had cars they thought perfection, They met one day at an intersection; Tooted their horns, and made a connection, A police car came and made an inspection, An ambulance came and made a collection, And all that's left is a recollection, Two voters less in the next election.

He was a very cautious man who never romped or played; He never smoked, he never drank, nor kissed a pretty maid; And when he stopped and passed away, insurance was denied, For since he hadn't ever lived; they claimed he never died.

Marion I. McKenzie

4-H MEETS

The sixth meeting of the Lamb's Corners 4-H club was held April 5 at 9 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Leona Fess. The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge and the secretary's report was given by Sheryl Nunn. The roll call "Name one way in which bread is used in your meals," was answered by all.

Mrs. Fess then gave us a quiz to test our knowledge.

Later we judged three slices of bread from three different loaves as to colour, shape, texture, etc.

Nancy Verboom gave us a report from the party committee and Diana Smuck gave a report on our exhibit for Achievement Day. Nancy also gave us the design for our book covers.

Refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned.

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