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OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Meeting of the Peace River Forage Association of British Columbia will be held

December 1, 1994, Thursday

1:00 p.m. til 5:00 p.m.

Taylor Community Hall

Taylor, British Columbia

Bring yourself and other forage enthusiasts. Visitors welcome. For further information contact the director nearest to you.

Agenda Items for Discussion and Action

Holistic Management of Resources Seminar Wrap Up

Report on Summer Forage Technicians (Dana Bentley) Accomplishments

Nominations Committee and Election of New Directors (5)

Variety Trials Forage 1995 - BCMAFF Staff

Guest Speaker - Watch the Newspapers and Listen to Radio for confirmation

Research and Development Committee Reports

Financial Report by Auditors: E.A. Stewart and B. Clarke and Secretary Treasurer

"Forage First" Report

BCFC AGM 95 with Trade Fair plus Quality Forage Seminar

Summer Program Review

Report from B.C. Forage Council (President Bob Tubb)

Advisory Committee Report

Presidents Report (Steve Shipton)

Anything else you as a member or forage enthusiast and guest at the meeting wish to bring to the floor.

We are sure you will find the meeting stimulating and interesting and look forward to seeing you there on December 1, 1994 in Taylor. Coffee and donuts will be served.



Editorial

Your Association has had a busy summer and fall and the directors look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting in Taylor on December 1st.

Our next big Association activity is the B.C. Forage Council 1995 AGM - Trade Fair - Quality Forage Seminar January 26 - 27th in the George Dawson Inn. Lots of help is still required on this one to make it a success so contact the Directors nearest you if you are interested.

Big Thank yous of some number are in order so here they are!! Thank you to:

*Those involved in No Till Forage Plot: **The Fritsche Family, BCMAFF staff, RNC Sales** for use of John Deer Tractor and no till Drill.

* Forage Varietal Trial: **Dana Bentley**, Forage Technician, **Bob Tubb, Glenn Hogberg, Fred Lehmann, PRASPS, BCMAFF Staff.**

* Summer Forage Tours on North Peace: **Tom Pittman of BCMAFF; Donna McColl, P.F.R.A.; Jim Forbes BCMAFF; Butler Farm Equipment, Mel and Ethel Ann Stewart; Bill and Brian Clarke; Otto Wuthrich of Peace Vale Farm, Gordon Ouelette;, Cecil Lake Community pasture; Fred Lehmann; B.C.G.P.A.**

* **Art Funk** of Advantage Agri at Rolla and **Mile Zero Farm** (Centre for Agricultural Diversification) for Fertilizer Comparison Plots.

* **RNC Sales** for Silage Field Day at Tomslake.

* **Peace River Regional District** for helping fund the coming 1995 BCFC AGM Activities.

* **Donna McColl, Jim Forbes, Gerry Gleeson** and others on the Planning committee for 1995 BCFC Program to date.

Mark your calendar now!

June - Father's Day Saturday - The Peace River Forage Association Annual Summer Tour will be held in the Progress, Sunset Prairie and Groundbirch areas. Yours ideas are welcome.

August - Long Weekend - Associations Fund Raiser (Peace River Forage Association of B.C.) - To be held at the Kiskatinaw River Ranch. Your contributions to a farm/yard sale will be appreciated. (

RNC Silage Field Day at Tomslake a Huge Success

Between 100 - 150 people attended the July Silage Field Day at the Farm of Ernie and Sybil Pilz in Tomslake. John Deere Green was on full display there as RNC Sales of Dawson Creek provided the tractor power, the silage cutter, the mower conditioner, the hay rake and the big baler to assist the Pilz's in the demonstration. Ernie had recently purchased an Agri Pac chopped silage bagging system from Alberta Ag Industries in Westlock and the purpose of the field day was to demonstrate this new system of putting up silage. Those in attendance were suitably impressed by this silage harvesting and bagging system.

A silage bale bagging system, RamPak/Hurst was also demonstrated with mixed results.

RNC Sales also sponsored a tasty lunch for those in attendance at the field day.

For further information on John Deere silage making machinery please contact Bryan Hunter at 782-4141.

Tube O Lator Bale Bagging Demos Held at Four Locations

Late August and early September saw silage bale bagging demonstrations conducted at the following locations: Carl Rose, Groundbirch; Jerry Kruezingler, Kreuzinger Dairy Farm, Tomslake; Chris Lefferson, Gundy.

Approximately 500 tonnes of silage were put up using a 640 New Holland Silage Special Hay Baler provided by Kenver Equipment of Dawson Creek. An 80 - 85 horse power tractor with Front Wheel assist satisfactory as the power unit to make the 1500 pound bales.

Three locations were harvesting second cut alfalfa and one oats green feed. Two locations had the baler just a few hours behind the haybine doing this cutting whilst the other two cut one day and baled the next.

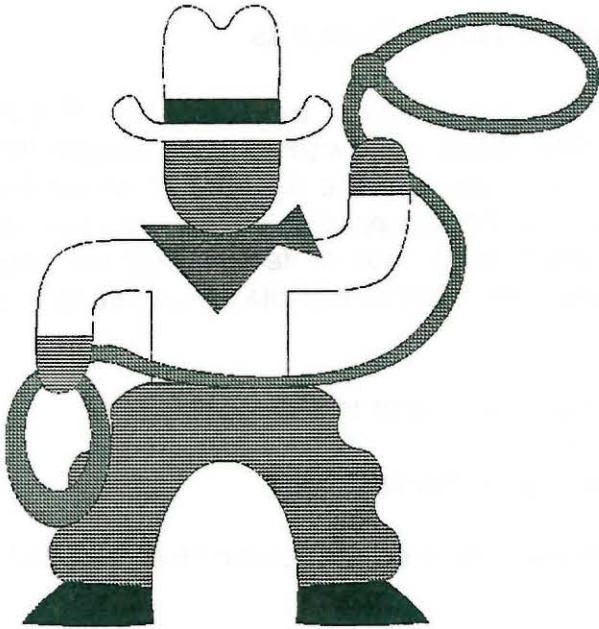
The 640 Silage Special is build sturdier than regular belt balers to handle the extra weight of the wet hay and also has special equipment to clear the wet material off the belts to ensure continuous, uninterrupted baling.

Regular belt balers usually clog up with wet hay after 25 - 35 bales are made and then a lengthy down time is involved to become operational again.

For further information please contact Ken Haverland or Dan Milligan at 782-5281.

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In the Next Issue

This will be a joint effort between your local association and the BCFC and will go to over 500 members and supporters of the B.C. Forage Council around the Province. Mailing date will be very early December 1994.

Features: Complete program of activities for 1995 B.C.F.C. AGM and Associated activities (Trade Fair and Quality Forage Seminar).....Highlights of Forage Technician Dana Bentley valuable work last summer..... News from 3rd annual Peace River Forage Association annual meeting.....A review of Andre Voisin's work the father of Intensive Grazing Management.....and much much more!

Annual General Meeting of B.C. Forage Council will be held in George Dawson Inn.

On Thursday, January 26th the AGM of the BCFC will be held in the George Dawson Inn in Dawson Creek at 7:00 p.m. Preceding the AGM will be a buffet supper and a guest speaker Bruce Johnson, Range Management Section B.C. Forest Service, Prince George.

The BCFC Annual Trade Fair opens at 12 noon

Noon, January 26th, Thursday the annual Trade Fair of the B.C. Forage Council will open. It will remain open for the rest of that afternoon and be open all day on the 27th (Friday).

Two guest speakers will assist in opening the Trade Fair on the 26th: Dr. Daphe T. Fairey, Agriculture Canada, Beaverlodge and a guest speaker from New Holland Corporation.

Quality Forage Seminar slated for all day Friday.

A top slate of speakers and activities have been arranged for Friday January 27th for the quality Forage Seminar in the George Dawson Inn.

- 9:45 am. Myron Bjorge, Provincial Forage Specialist, Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development, Lacombe, Alberta
- 10:30 am. Roger Baldwin, Director, Land Management Services, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration, Regina, Saskatchewan
- 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Buffet Lunch and Visit Trade Fair
- 1:30 p.m. Guest Speaker New Holland Corporation
- 2:15 p.m. Dr. Nigel A. Fairey, Agriculture Canada, Beaverlodge
- 3:00 p.m. Bear Pit Session " The Audiences opportunity to question all the speakers and make their own Forage observations.

Farm Host Families Required

At approximately 8:45 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 1995 we plan to send out of Peace Convention participants out to the country to spend the night with a local farm or ranch family. If you can assist the Association in this regard please contact one of the following: Walter or Pamela Fritsche 782-5187. Bob or Joan Tubb 786-5634, Glenn Hogberg 843-7653.