

MANY FARM OWNERS

According to the latest decennial census taken in 1942, there were 752,715 farms in Canada of which 75.1 per cent were owner operated and a further 11.6 per cent were operated by owners who rented additional parcels of land. Only 12.7 per cent of farms in Canada are operated by tenants.

Care Needed When Freezing Produce

It will soon be time to give attention to filling the pantry or home cold storage with preserved fruits and vegetables. Now that frozen products have been developed to such a high standard more of them are being put up.

Every year there is a growing appreciation of the high quality and fresh flavour of properly prepared frozen fruits and vegetables, says W. R. Phillips, Division of Horticulture, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa Ont.

Home Canning involves longer cooking, more precise sterilizing and other procedures not required in freezing, says Mr. Phillips, but he warns "as simple as the freezing process is, however, many mistakes are being made which result in failure."

One common error is that the blanching of vegetables is not done properly. The blanching process consists of immersing the vegetables in boiling water or exposing them to steam for a short interval.

Under-blanching results in objectionable flavour and over-blanching produces a cooked product which may also be objectionable. Different vegetables require different blanching times, hence the instructions should be carefully studied.

Freshness of the raw product is also important. If fruits, and particularly vegetables, are held too long before freezing much of the original fresh flavour is lost. Freezing as soon as possible after harvest results in better tasting food accompanied with higher nutritional value.

When the fruits and vegetables are in the freezer they are inclined to lose moisture and become dry or shrivelled. The best means of controlling this is to use packages which will prevent moisture loss. Heavy wax, cellophane rubber-like compounds and other materials are usually found adequate.

Having taken the precautions mentioned the only important precaution is to freeze promptly and hold at zero, or lower, temperatures. It is frequently thought that just holding the product in the frozen state is sufficient. Dividends in the form of high quality and better appearance will result from zero or lower holding temperatures.

The Division of Horticulture, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, and the Consumer Section, Marketing Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, have publications available which will assist in making household freezing a success. Information for constructing household freezers is also available.

ENCOURAGING PEACE

The major lack of any despair, whether an individual or a system, is that of a sense of humor. The latest indication is that the Soviet forces in their occupied zone in Germany are busy tearing down historical medieval castles. And why? Because they encourage the militaristic spirit.—J.L.R.

Gadgets to Make Machine Age Smoother

A leading shirtmaker in the United States, says that buttons that laundries cannot tear off shirts (if they do) have already been invented. We had not noticed! Anyway we can suggest a number of other gadgets that would make this machine age a smoother one in which to live. Such as:

Telephones that cannot ring while you are in the bath. Doorbells with electric eyes and speaker systems to say, "No we don't want any more magazines until we have worked our own way through college."

Radio that get loud enough for their owners before getting too loud for the neighbors. Auto horns that will not too good-bye as guests leave a house in the early morning hours — or honk to scare the living daylight out of a pedestrian.

Garbage cans that will not bounce, thereby reducing the collector's pleasure to one bang per throw.

Theatre seats that will not remain empty in the middle of the row after the picture starts—and a remover to lift the lady's hat off, in front of you.

Typewriters that will not write. Shoes that cannot be moved by chronic jay-walkers, who refuse to observe traffic regulations.

Can-openers that could only be operated by husbands. Telephones that would shut off the garrulous talker, gossipers, and bores, after three minutes had expired.

Automobiles that could control crazy drivers. (You add your list to the above).

INDUSTRY

In these days of forty hour week agitations, and holidays with pay, it is correcting to observe the hen. The average hen, and that includes all the barn yard loafers, averaged 159 eggs per year. But the real workers are expected to produce about 56 eggs per 100 days or a little better than 180 eggs per year. What with scratching around for a living, that doesn't leave much time to worry about working hours.

UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE IN NASSAGAWEYA TWP.

TRACTOR EQUIPMENTS, LIVE STOCK, ETC.

The undersigned have received instructions from

WM. DODDS to sell by Public Auction at his farm, lot 29, Con. 7, situated on the 7th line of Nassagaweya, just 1 lot south of Blue Springs Park on

TUESDAY, JUNE 1 Commencing at One o'clock, D. S. T. the following: TRACTOR and POWER MACHINERY—Cockshutt 70 Tractor on rubber with lights and starter, tires loaded, belt, pulley power take-off; Tractor Two-furrow Flow, 8A, pick-up on rubber; 100 gal. Fuel Tank; Cockshutt 6 Blade One Way Disc; Cockshutt Power Drive Corn Binder on rubber; 2 Section Drag Cultivator; Cockshutt Hammermill with 4 screens; 50 ft. 6" Endless Belt; 30 ft. 5" Belt; Tractor Chain and Heavy Clevis; Fuel Pump, Funnels, 5 gal. Cans, etc.; Gilson 1 1/2 horse Engine on 4 wheel truck, suitable for repairs; Power Emery.

HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES—Lester Cream Separator; Cabinet Ice Box; 3 Burner Coal Oil Stove.

HORSES and HARNESS—Black Percheron Mare, 10 years; Gray Mare, aged; Set of Breeding Harness, Collars, Blankets, Etc.

HOGS 3 Young Sows, due before sale date; Young Sow, bred April 10th; Sow, bred April 2; Sow bred April 23; Young York Boar; 16 Chunks.

CATTLE—Shorthorn Bull 11 months, Reg.; 10 Choice Cows—Red Cow, fresh in March; Red Cow, should fresh in Sept.; Red Cow, fresh in March; Red Heifer, fresh in March; Red Cow to fresh in July; Red Cow, fresh in April; 2nd calf; Red Cow, bred in February; Red Cow, 2 yrs. fresh in April; Spotted Cow, due before sale; 6 Good Shorthorn Calves from above cows; 1st Calf. These are a real good type of Shorthorn Cow with excellent udders, all raised on the farm. We think you will like these cows.

YOUNG CATTLE—4 Yearlings, 3 rising 2 years. TERMS—Cash. No Reserve as the Farm is rented for pasture and the proprietor is giving up farming. The date, Tuesday, June 1st: the place, just south of No. 7 Highway, midway between Acton and Rockwood. HINDLEY & ELLIOTT, Auctioneers 50-2-B



BY H. COLES

Enough Acton fans were in evidence at Milton on Monday to make a considerable amount of hubbalooboo as the Milton County loop opened his portals for 1948 A.F. All agreed that the caliber of baseball in the county hasn't diminished since last year's championship orgy — a few were of the opinion it had literally risen from the depths. The final score wasn't an accurate measure to gauge play by. Except for a four run rally by a much more youthful Milton nine during the third frame it was anybody's game, with Milton capitalizing on every perceptible loophole in triple A strength and clinching the affair 8-3.

Conserving their battling punch although with not the potential it had last term, the locals belatedly fought with three hits and threatened to sew the fixture up in the 7th inning. But a slack piece of base running enabled the Red Caps to squelch an otherwise dangerous rally. Lindsay, picking up a three for four average, set a blistering 750 pace. Reminiscent of last year's Duke? The sorry part of the thing was that he was tagged twice attempting to steal extra bases.

Once at home plate, at the particular point where the triple A were threatening to gaffe Marshall's offerings, the Milton head replaced him with "owboy" Grenke. Grenke symbolized another Acton attempt to garner a hit. Both Marshall and Grenke are acquisitions from last year's juvenile championships. Eight bingles were touched from Marshall in seven frames and coach Stan Fay deemed it safer to replace him when the triple A made a strong bid for runs.

The two youthful Milton hurlers are an indication of this year's entry from the County Town. In decided contrast to last semester's Int. ergy they are fast, aggressive and exuberant. Five players have been elevated from juvenile ranks and comprise a major threat to the complacency of any team.

Acton displayed a revamped ball club on opening day, even to management. We aren't going to guess who pilots "Tunny" Masales and Bob Anderson intend to nominate against Georgetown here on Saturday. Apparently they have a long list to choose from. Lapiere, hurling his initial game in an Acton uniform is a valuable addition to the mound staff. Only eight hits were touched from his slants and ten batters whiffed at his circumference curve. With tighter infield play, the number of hits could have been less. Lindsay is back behind the plate and "Babe" Allan controlled the first sack. Sam Snyder played second and Owen Masales romped the short stop lane. Diminutive Lorne Masters held the hot corner down with Bob Feottit in centre field. On either side of him were Lloyd Robinson and Normie Morton. Carrot-topped Jack Stewart replaced Morton in the fifth frame.

It was an unfortunate day for both defending, Ontario champs. Georgetown came to life and wall-topped Oakville on the latter's home diamond, turning the tables on what usually is a field day for port town sluggers.

STEADY WORK

Labor thinks it wants a steady 52 weeks' work a year (including holidays with pay). In one sense this is a reasonable demand, in another, just as unreasonable. No one can make production keep the ordered pace of the office or managerial jobs. In the office there is always planning for the future, to take up what might otherwise be a slack in the office routine.

But people don't generally keep up a constant demand even for the products they want, else why the long lines for liquor and driving licenses after months of urgent suggestions to purchase, or why do people rush to secure unneeded goods at the first hint of scarcity?

The truth is that human demand is, as unpredictable as the human conscience. No one knows what he will think or do, and the best surveys can only set up a series of averages. How then are you going to assure a steady year-round flow? The consumer may decide that of goods from producer to consumer he doesn't want to buy just at the moment when production is at its height. The only answer to that would be a prodigal, unprofitable and highly hazardous warehousing of goods during the non-buying periods. About the best that can be assured is the equivalent of 52 full weeks' work, but it may sometimes involve overtime and sometimes idleness but, if the full work time is assured considerations for overtime or idleness lack a sound reason or justification.

PREPARING FOR TOMORROWS

By Joseph Lister Rutledge The cloth buyer, returned from the Old Land, was speaking of the scarcity of English and Scottish cloth. "When it was available," he said, "it often lacked its former quality, and even then it was too seldom available."

"Is that another thing to lay at the door of a Socialist government?" he was asked.

"It depends," he answered, "on whom you ask. There are people who will tell you that the mill owners have adopted a won't play their way. The owners themselves say that the cause is worn-out machines that they have no money to replace. You have to take your choice between the two. I can hardly believe that the owners would be so cruelly, so criminally short-sighted. A lost reputation for quality is something you don't quickly recover, and lost markets are equally difficult. The English businessman is keenly alive to this fact. He also knows that a breakdown in his own administrative practices is the perfect justification for socialism."

"It would be idle to argue that a man who sees every dollar of profit taken from him, might have an underlying sense that there was no purpose in investing huge sums, that must be borrowed on adverse terms, that more profits might be made to be attached by government. That might be a natural reaction, but not one that a shrewd and far-sighted businessman would permit himself. He is bound to be the first and heaviest loser. Remember too that machines were exploited dangerously during the war years, doing often four years work in one. I have seen them actually tied up with wire. It was not to make profits for shareholders but to provide a country's needs."

Here is where labor's prejudice against setting up funds for reserves and depreciation shows its short-sightedness. Business is going out the window because there are no funds to restore a

begged plant. Such reserves would have assured both the quality and the productiveness that in turn, are a protection against the fear of lost markets and lost capital and lost jobs that are the inevitable results of machines that are kept together with wire.

A lion's average life in captivity is 25 years.

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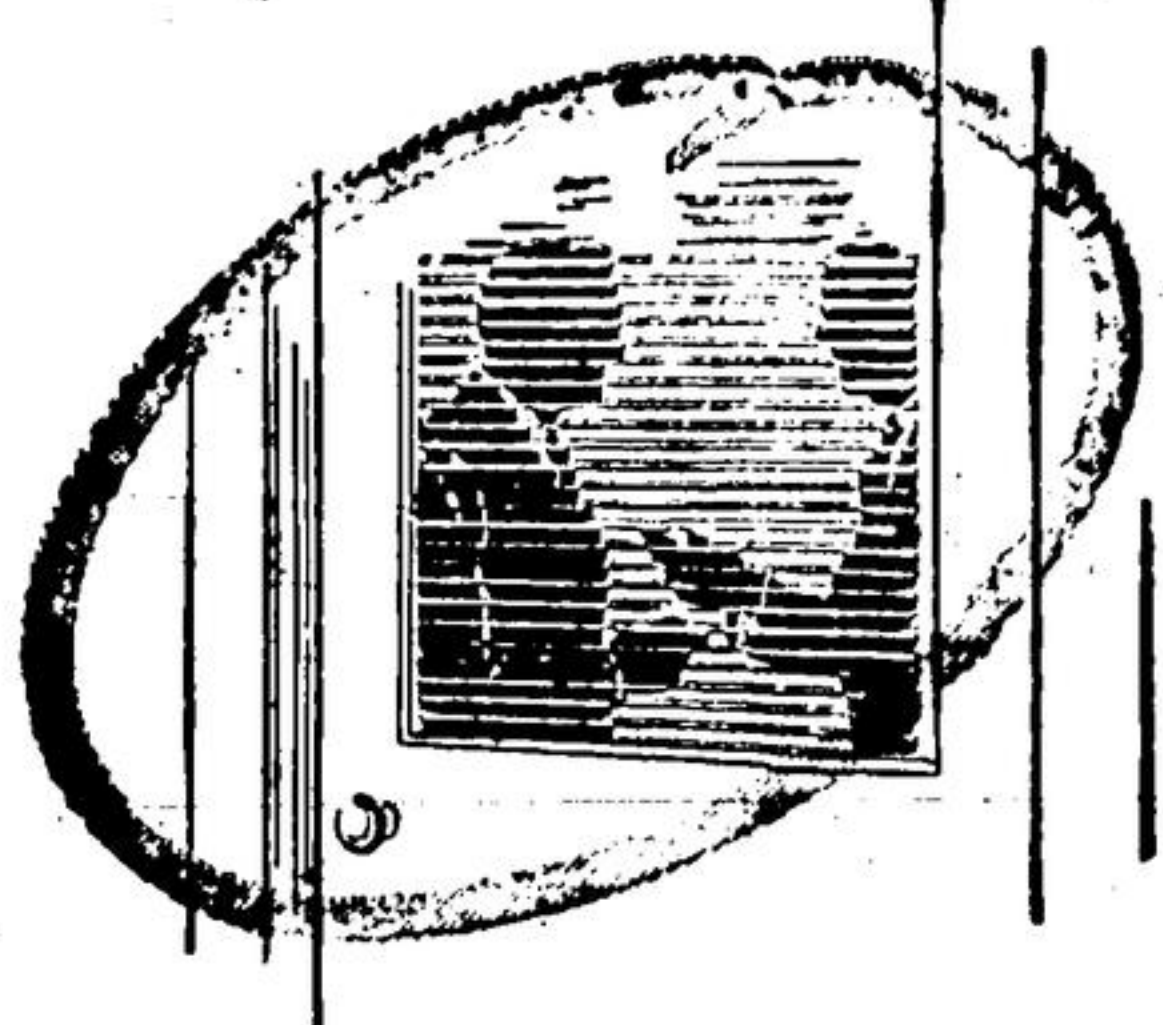
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