

Average Halton Family Spends \$734 Buying Food

With changes taking place in the way the average family is handling its household dollars, questions arise as to "How much are Halton county families spending per year?" and "Where are they spending it and for what?"

The answers are provided by Sales Management in its annual buying power survey, a voluminous market data report that covers all of Canada. In it, each community is examined with respect to its purchases of food, merchandise, automobile, furniture and other items.

Most for Food, Car

In Halton county, it appears, much of the money that was spent in retail stores during 1960 went to those selling food and automotive equipment. These two attracted 45 per cent of all retail business locally. It

was more than they accounted for in most parts of Canada, 39 per cent. They also averaged 39 per cent in Ontario.

The breakdown shows that total food purchases last year in the county's bakeries, grocery stores, supermarkets, butcher shops and the like came to \$20,481,000, a rise from the previous year's \$19,124,000.

\$734 Per Family

This amount, which represented 29 per cent of all retail sales, was for food bought for home consumption. Not included was money spent for outside eating and drinking. Food buying in Halton county was equivalent to \$734 per local family, determined by dividing the total purchases by the number of households.

Outlets for cars and other automotive equipment such as

motorcycles, boats, batteries and tires, accounted for \$11,074,000. They garnered 16 per cent of the retail dollar.

Sturdy sales volumes were recorded by other retail lines as well, despite the sag during part of the year due to the recession. Department stores and variety shops selling general merchandise grossed \$3,570,000, which amounted to five per cent of the retail dollar locally.

Sales in apparel shops, including those selling hats, shoes, underwear and other clothing, came to \$2,819,000, or four per cent. Home furnishings stores had a sales volume of \$1,806,000, equal to nearly three per cent.

But for the mood of caution that prevailed last year among consumers in most parts of Canada, retail trade would have been many millions bigger than it was.



Notes on Nature

By WES FOUNTAIN

WOODLAND POND (Part 8)

Plants like cattails, sedges, bulrushes, arrowweeds, burreed, pickerel weed and water plantain grow in shallow parts of the woodland pond. Where they grow and die year after year, there remains help to fill the pond, eventually building up soil until it rises above the water level.

Small shallow ponds eventually disappear as they are transformed first into marsh and then into dry land. Even plants growing in deeper water contribute to this slow but relentless system of destruction.

Perhaps later, on the surface of the pond, can be seen mats of dying algae and other debris. Bacteria, too, helps transform dead plants and animals into new chemical combinations which plants can utilize.

Can Be Overwhelmed

These useful "decay" organisms can, however, be overwhelmed if too much organic or chemical wastes are dumped in the water. Under such circumstances, the oxygen dissolved in the water is soon used up and all living things will die.

The largest plant-eaters that may be found in a woodland pond are muskrats and perhaps beavers. Beavers are partial to running water but muskrats live in the quiet waters of ponds.

Two kinds of houses are built by muskrats. One is a tunnel into a clay bank, the entrance below water level, the living quarters above. This type of den often extends into a system of tunnels.

Like Beaver Lodge

Much like the beaver lodge is the second home built by muskrats. This is done by piling rushes and cattails on an island in the pond. Then the muskrat tunnels up into it from below the water's surface, excavating a den about a foot across.

The muskrat is rather clumsy

and slow on land but often speeds up his tracks by digging canals through the mud and water weeds. These permit him to swim effortlessly in six to eight inches of water.

Then, some night after day-long rains have drenched the earth and temperatures have dropped, the creatures of the woodland pond will begin to sense that a change is soon to take place. They prepare themselves for the time when the pond will freeze over and the snow will lie deep.

Conclusion

Now that these weekly "Notes on Nature" have come to an end, it is hoped that they have provided the reader with a glimpse of the literally unbelievable world of nature. It is further hoped that with many a door has been opened and they will continue where these notes have stopped.

Everyone has the basic requirements needed to enter and enjoy the world of nature. Even to see her secret workshop, ears to hear her multitude of sounds and an inquiring mind for understanding. Investigation is the building block to the enjoyable study of nature and her ways.

It is not hard to take the first and easiest step. The opening of one's eyes and ears is all it takes. The opening will take you into a world within a world and once the first step has been taken the second step will perhaps be not too far distant. The second step is a step closer to God and a deeper understanding of His ways.

TWO-COUNTY REP.

An Orangeville girl, Miss Ann Trimble, has been chosen to represent Dufferin and Halton Counties in the Short-horn Lassie Competition to be held at the time of the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. A Honeywood girl was runner-up.

Six Representatives At Municipal Annual

Halton County municipalities had a strong representation at the Ontario Municipal Association's annual convention in Windsor last week.

County clerk Garfield Brown, Warden F. A. Phillips, Trafalgar clerk Sheldon Featherstone, Burlington clerk William Sims, Oakville Reeve Fred Tilley and Oakville town manager Ken Needham attended from Halton.

Weed Control News

V. E. McARTHUR
County Weed Inspector

IS SOW THISTLE COMING BACK?

Warm weather and a generous supply of moisture have produced some very healthy weeds this season. I feel sure that every little weed seed has capitalized on the favorable weather in this area. There is considerable evidence that our old enemy, "Sow Thistle" may be making a comeback.

Many of us will remember what a troublesome weed sow thistle used to be in this county. Fields became infested and had to be plowed in June and then summer followed for effective control. If you years are of sufficient number, you will recall that the field cultivation had to be done with horses and chemical weed control was almost an unheard-of practice.

Tractors Chase It

Around about the time when tractors became popular on the farms, the sow thistle menace seemed to disappear. No one is sure exactly what happened although there are several theories offered. Some farmers believe tractor tillage chased it away. Others say it must have been a 2, 4-D spray. Whatever the reason, it matters not because every farmer was quite happy that this yellow intruder was no longer a menace.

This year, however, I have noticed numerous new infestations of sow thistle here and there throughout the county. It being one of the weeds where seeds spread with a parachute, it should be given special attention. Property owners who notice small patches this year are well advised to be ready next season to attack sow thistle with 2, 4-D.

GAD About . . .

Continued from Page Eight at the corner of the street on which I lived and the thrashing outfits every summer pulled up at the shop for mid-season repairs. I recall Jack and Alex, Crawford and Fred Smith and others and sometimes they would let us boys ride a little way, then they were steamed up and ready to start on another trip. Of course you had to be ready just at the right moment.

The old cars also brought back many memories. The first car I ever drove was a 490 Chevrolet. It was not new by any standard but I carefully supplied a coat of stovepipe black enamel and outside of the fact that the brakes were faulty and the second gear was non-operative and lacked power on the hills and the tires took a good deal of attention, it proved to me that I was in no financial position to assume ownership of any car at that time and in fact the actual purchase of a new car was deferred for some years as a result of that first experience.

I enjoyed that review on Saturday of old vehicles on the road again but I failed to understand the enthusiasm of the folks who get pleasure in keeping them there.

I have been down to the park and the back wall of the building is gradually going up. There also seems to be activity around the telephone building but it is all on the inside now. The fall fair is just at hand, the children are back at school and the new provincial sales tax is not any more popular than any other tax. That is the way it is.

THIS SUNDAY'S Church Calendar

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR
ANGELICAN
Corner Willow and Bower
Rev. Donald A. West
185 Jeffrey Avenue

The 15th Sunday after Trinity
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1961
8:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
9:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
11:00 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
All Are Welcome!

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
33 Churchill Road
P.A.O.C.
Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor
75 Cook St., phone 649W

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1961
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic.

Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
You Are Always Welcome

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie,
B.A., B.D., Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A.,
Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1961
9:45 a.m.—Church School. Classes for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Sermon theme, "Something More Than Prudence."
Junior congregation (ages 3-7) will meet during sermon.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario

Minister:
The Rev. Dwight I. Engel,
B.A., B.D.
Organist:
Mr. George Elliott, M.A.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1961
Divine Service
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Infants' Nursery during 11 a.m. service).

The Church School
Children and young people in the congregation are asked to register in the Church School this coming Sunday at the appropriate hour.
Children up to grade 4—11 a.m.
Grade 5 and higher—9:30 a.m.


CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Rev. J. Nutma, B.A., B.D.,
Minister
301 Queen St., Box 46, Phone 698

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1961
8:30 a.m.—Tune in to the Back-to-God-Hour radio program.
Dial CKKW-1320

10:00 a.m.—English Service.
2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.
All Are Welcome

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Pastor: James M. Rudd
39 Nelson Court, phone 206

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1961
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
Wednesday, 7:30—Prayer, Praise and Bible Study.
All Are Welcome



INFORMATION

about the

ONTARIO RETAIL SALES TAX

The following basic information about the 3% Retail Sales Tax, that went into effect September 1st, will be of interest to every resident of Ontario.

Why the Sales Tax was introduced

Ontario is experiencing the most dynamic growth in its history.

As a result, the demands on the provincial treasury continue to grow at an unprecedented rate. For example, during the next five years we must build the equivalent of one thousand schools large enough for 500 pupils each. This means that provincial grants to schools must be greatly increased in the years immediately ahead, or municipalities will be faced with crippling mill rates to provide basic educational facilities. Hospitals, highways and other public works must also be greatly expanded to meet the needs of our rapidly increasing population.

Your Province must increase its revenues by about \$150 million annually to pay for these vital projects.

After considering every method available to the Province, of raising money, your representatives at Queen's Park decided that our vast financial needs could not be met out of present sources of revenue. It was agreed that the Retail Sales Tax Act was the fairest and most practical way for residents of Ontario to contribute to the cost of their schools, hospitals and other essential services.

Before drawing up the Ontario Retail Sales Tax Act, your government closely studied the retail sales taxes of seven other Canadian provinces and many states of the U.S.A. The Ontario Retail Sales Tax Act has the broadest exemptions of any of these retail sales taxes. Only two other provinces have a tax rate as low as Ontario.

Collection of Tax

Those who regularly sell goods as a normal part of their business must apply to be registered as vendors. Those who have applied are now receiving their permits.

They will collect 3% tax on the price of goods sold to the ultimate consumer. The tax will be collected only once. Thus, a registered wholesaler will purchase goods for resale tax free from the manufacturer. He in turn will sell to the retailer, on a tax free basis. Then the retailer will collect the tax when he sells to the consumer.

Major Consumer Exemptions

Most of the day-to-day necessities of life are free of sales tax. Food, prescribed drugs and medical supplies, and children's clothing are all tax exempt. Heating fuel, electricity and gasoline are exempt. Newspapers, magazines and books are exempt. No tax applies on restaurant meals charged separately at \$1.50 or less. Each sale of less than 17c is exempt. These and many other exemptions are discussed in detail on special cards that are now being mailed to retailers and other vendors.

Homes Not Taxable

Houses and other buildings are real property and are not subject to tax under this Act. The building contractor pays tax on materials incorporated into the home or other structure but no tax is payable on the labour that constitutes a large part of the total price of a home.

Registered vendors are receiving special cards that list exempt and taxable goods. Each explains how the Retail Sales Tax applies to each particular type of business. Additional information is available from the District Sales Tax Office serving your community.

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serving Halton, Peel and Wentworth Counties
363 KING STREET W. TEL. JA 7-2786
District Tax Administrator, J. W. Krawchuk

PHILIP T. CLARK, Comptroller of Revenue