

Feed grain exports reach lowest peak in 20 years

By H. J. Stanley
Over the heads of all farmers in Canada hangs the huge surplus of western wheat. This amounts to over one billion bushels in excess of domestic requirements.

Canada's exports of all feed grains during the past year were the lowest in some 20 years. Because of this situation, western farmers are switching to livestock production.

More of the feeder calves are being retained in the west and finished on the low cost grain. This will mean a continuance of the high feeder cattle prices. It is anticipated that finished cattle prices will remain fairly stable, although possibly not reaching the height of 1969 prices.

Hog prices have reached the change-over point and will soon switch from import to export prices with the U.S. Gradings for the first six months in 1970 are expected to be some 10 per cent higher than for the same period in 1969.

Dairy cattle numbers have been decreasing slightly in Ontario. However, surpluses are accumulating in butter and skim milk powder—35 and 220 million pounds respectively. The world market outlook is not encouraging. To move surplus dairy products into world markets requires heavy subsidization. Per capita consumption of fluid milk and butter is declining while cheese and ice cream consumption is increasing. Some switch in production is required to give future stability to the dairy industry.

Marketings were down over 20 per cent for sheep and lambs in 1969, however, domestic consumption was up about 7 per cent. Prices are expected to remain good for slaughter lambs next year.

High red meat prices helped poultry meat producers to substantially increase volume at slightly higher prices during 1969. Production of broilers has increased markedly with lower prices. These low prices will likely prevail for some time in 1970. Egg prices could drop considerably in the first half of 1970 because of the increased size of the laying flocks.

Ontario farmers must realize that they are now on a North American economy, producing food in competition with their western and southern neighbors. As such, they must realize that this is serious competition. A business like approach must be used.



1969 Queen's Guinea winner

The Royal Winter Fair is a judging ground for cattle, but it is also a testing ground for members of the 4-H Clubs. Those who are most successful often have beaten the most difficult situations in order to be the proud showmen of calves. An instance in 1969 was the determination of Keith Oliver of Shelburne, winner of the Reserve Champion Aberdeen-Angus Steer in the 1969 Queen's Guinea. Since September, Keith has been driving home from Ridgetown every weekend to groom his calf. He is a student in Agricultural Technology there and the week of the Royal he wrote four examinations on Wednesday in order to be able to show his calf on Friday. His months of grooming and preparing for the show ring, since he got his calf

from a farm in Rosemont, and his determination to do so, won a Reserve ribbon.

In 1968, John Curtis of Belwood with another Craganock calf won the Queen's Guinea over all breeds. In 1965, the honors went to David Gordon of Rockwood whose Craganock calf won Champion Angus and Reserve Grand Champion Queen's Guinea steer.

Bill Laby of R. R. 2 Rockwood won the Queen's Guinea in 1967 with his prize Shorthorn from Scotsdale farm stock.

Council re-affirms stand on regional government

In a resolution passed Monday night, Nassagaweya Council reaffirmed its earlier stand on regional government, stressing regional government for the Halton area only.

Council members also agreed to endorse three other points in the resolution which included

the adoption of the boundary areas proposed in the map which Halton received recently drew up, the stipulation that representation on regional government be determined by population, area and equalized assessment and that the representatives on the regional council be elected directly.

Burlington mayor's claim raises Nass. reeve's ire

Councillor James Watson told members of Nassagaweya Council at Monday night's meeting of a recent newspaper story in which Burlington Mayor George Harrington claimed the northern municipalities which will come into the proposed area of regional government "couldn't look after their own backyard".

Reeve Mrs. Anne MacArthur bristled at the statement and said she wished Mayor Harrington to know Nassagaweya Council has handled its own affairs very well.

She wondered out loud why she had always received good co-operation from Burlington's Reeve Gordon Gallagher and yet the mayor had come out with such a statement.

Name deputy Halton clerk

Appointment of James Gordon McQueen, 26 as the new deputy clerk of the County of Halton was approved by County Council Tuesday.

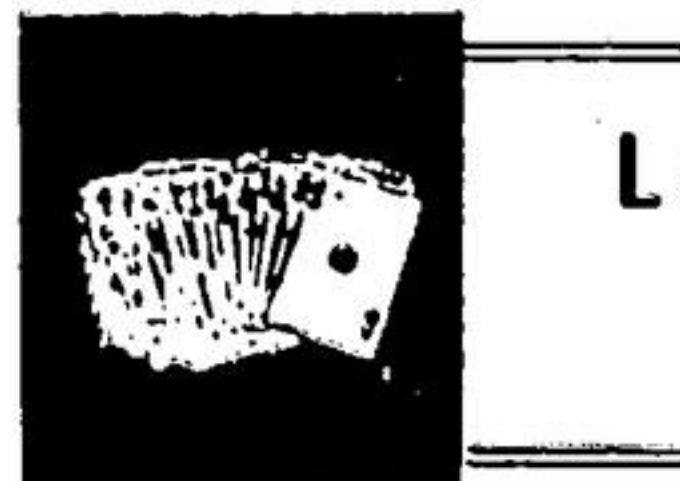
Safe tree

Christmas trees add much to the holiday spirit and the older folks as well as the youngsters enjoy a brightly lit and decorated tree. Remember, though, that when trees are brought into a warm home, that they dry out rapidly and become a dangerous fire hazard. So place your tree in a container of water to help keep it fresh—for your family's sake.

Junior Farmers dance Santa makes big draw

Many Halton Junior Farmers and friends danced to the music of the Youngbeats in Brookville school auditorium on Saturday, December 6. The hall was gaily decorated by the dance committee and even included a sleigh similar to Santa's (less reindeer, of course).

Santa Claus to take time out from his busy schedule to visit Brookville and officially draw the winning ticket on the snowmobile raffled off by the County Association as a fall project.



Lucky winner of the draw was Mrs. Dorothy Wright, a former Actonian, who now resides at 10 Newstead St., Guelph. The dance concluded with lunch served by the ladies.

Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Bridge players are always looking for hands that produce unusual plays or results. One such hand occurred at the Ontario Unit Olympic Trials held recently in Toronto. This hand was played in various contracts with several different results. Considering that the hand was played 39 different times, this is not surprising.

South dealt with both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
S-5-6-2
H-A-J-6-3
D-K-Q-6-4
C-10-8-4-2

EAST
S-K-J-10-9-8
H-K-Q-9-7-5
D-7-5-3
C-VOID

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

R. R. 2, Rockwood

BEWARE QUEEN'S PARK

Dear Sir,
Local councillors across Ontario should step very warily before giving Queen's Park sole jurisdiction over local quarries. We have seen the mish-mash of OHSIP, that simple straightforward legislation that should have been medicare. Just think what Queen's Park could do with carte-blanche quarry legislation, i.e. that local quarry could wind up as a garbage dump for Metro Toronto, Hamilton, or Ottawa, or even as a sewage lagoon with the local residents powerless to do anything about it.

W. A. Johnson.

HARK!
Charles Wesley, brother of John Wesley, wrote the words to "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!" in 1739. In his first version the carol began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings."

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NASSAGAWEYA Township Council MEMOS

At Monday evening's regular meeting, Nassagaweya Township Council:

* Started to make plans for a meeting between townships in Halton and responsible road and gun clubs in the county to discuss the hunting problem.

* Received several petitions from Campbellville area residents asking council to keep Cloverleaf Quarries from starting quarry operations in that area. Council members were reminded of a special Ontario Municipal Board hearing scheduled for today (Wednesday) to decide on the final rezoning of the land owned by Cloverleaf.

* Received another petition from township residents asking them to help clear up the dangerous intersection at the Fifth Line and County Road 15. The matter was to be brought up at the first county roads committee meeting.

* Heard Councillor Allan Ackman express concern at the county road committee's decision to make a speed study of the whole Guelph Line rather than on the short stretch through the middle of the township where he claimed the problem of speeders is greatest. He said the larger study would take too much time to complete. Council members agreed to keep pressing the matter with the roads committee.

Township permits

Building permits for the month of November in the Township of Nassagaweya were slightly down, compared to permits for other months.

Building Inspector Syd Savage reports there were just two residential extensions at a total cost of \$7,000. This brings the year's total to \$1,028,000.

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A disposal program has been arranged by the Municipality of Nassagaweya in co-operation with the Halton County Health Unit and the Ontario Department of Health.

Persons who wish to dispose of D.D.T. may take it to Nassagaweya Township Office at R. R. 1, Campbellville during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 27 and 23, 1969.

Roxy

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BALMY NIGHT (Cartoon)

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VINCENT EDWARDS JUDY GEESON
(Color) **THE BIG GUNDOWN (Adult)**

THURS. - FRI. - SAT. DEC. 25 - 26 - 27
MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN WINNING STRAIN
TEDDY ECCLES THEADORE BIHEL
I WANT MY MUMMY (Cartoon)

SUN. - MON. - TUES. (3 Days) DEC. 28 - 29 - 30
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