EXCITEMENT AT THE CORNER of Mill and Willow Streets occurred last Friday afternoon when a truck, helping with excavations at the Bank of Montreal addition, suddenly dropped partway back into the deep hole. First aid was

summoned and after herculean efforts watched by dozens of rush hour spectators pulled the truck out of the excavation, - (Staff Photo)

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Farm Page

## Sun shines on farmers report brings new hope

Agriculture looks once again to have some future in Halton County, following the recent announcement by the Ontario Government on the design for development in the Toronto centred region. Although Oakville and Burlington are slated for a well structured urbanized area as part of Zone 1, the farm land in the north of these two municipalities will not be required for some years yet. Nassagaweya and Esquesing are in Zone 2, an area to be retained as much as possible for recreation, agriculture and open space uses.

Farmers who are sincerely interested in farming can look to the future with much more optimism. They can improve their land and buildings. They might even look forward to passing the farm on to a son, an idea that was rapidly transpiring. These thoughts are all based upon the hope that the ideas on land use and development proposed by the government will be carried out. They are also based on a lower valuation of agricultural land with a corresponding reduction in assessment for estate and taxation purposes.

At the start of this new decade in Halton, some sunshine has appeared for farming. Will this be a warm sunny decade of growth and development in agriculture, or will it be a wet, rainy season, resulting in a net loss? Only time and the concern of people will tell.

# Jumbo tomatoes new on the market

Despite the large size, growers

or retailers are not allowed to call these fruit "Beetsteak

Tomatoes" since this term is

reserved for the variety with this

name and well known for its

Jumbo greenhouse tomatoes

are being marketed this year on

a trial basis, but it the consumer

finds this grade to be of high quality and a worthwhile buy, it

is possible that the grade may be

available in future years.

E. Estabrooks Have you noticed any extra large tomatoes in the supermarket lately? This year on a trial basis a grade of tomatoes called Jumbo Commercial Grade is being allowed in Ontario. This grade, as the name implies, will be for large trust having a minimum size of 25 inches in diameter. The fruit must meet other quality grade requirements of being free from insect and disease damage or other defects such as blossom sears which

Field Crop Club members tour local fruit farm

materially affect the appearance

of the tomato.

By J. Hunter

The members in the strawberry division of the Halton 4-H Field Crop Club visited Brobat Farms on Tuesday evening, May 12.

During a tour of the farm, Ed Brown explained various aspects of Brobar's fruit operation, including the purpose and results of their screen house, opposed to the open field. He, along with fruit and vegetable specialist, Evans Estabrooks, and club leader Don Nicholson, discussed with the members plant diseases, fertilizing, crop rotation and

spraying methods. Dr. John Brown demonstrated the operation of his mechanical plant digger, sprayer and other interesting pieces of machinery. Norman Anderson thanked Dr. Brown at the end of the tour

for hosting the meeting.

#### Pesticide not the killer

The Royal Commission report on the supposed diazinon killing of ducks on Toronto Island during the summer, 1969, has now been released. The report rejects the implication that the pesticide diazinon killed the ducks, as has been suggested by some supposedly knowledgeable

The commission found that the death of waterfowl on Toronto Island between April 1 and August 1, 1969, was as a result of the use of alphachloralose, a chemical used as an anaesthetic to aid in the capture of birds,

The full report of the Commission on this subject is available through the Queen's Printer Book Shop at 880 Bay Street, Toronto, and is obtainable at a cost of 50e per

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# Use of pesticides can be dangerous

By D. B. McNeill

It is time again to fight the battle of the bugs and many people will be spraying and dusting many different pesticides around their homes and gardens for this purpose,

Lately we have heard a great deal of controversy about the use of these chemicals both on the farm and in the home, Many of these chemicals are potentially dangerous if not used correctly. All are thoroughly tested before they are registered for use, and manufacturers are required to print any restrictions and/or precautions of their use on the label. This information is put on the label for our protection and not just to be read and ignored.

It was sometimes the practice to read the label on a pesticides container and decide if one spoonful was recommended, and the problem was quite severe, that two would be better. This is not the case at all! If two spoonfuls were required the label would have stated so. The recommended amount, properly applied, is all that is required to do the job.

Systemic pesticides' lahels also advise applicators to wear protective clothing at all times, These types of materials are absorbed by the plant through the stem and on humans they are also absorbed by the skin. The use of these materials does not require gardeners to rush out and purchase rubber suits, etc., but does mean that skirts and shorts are not suitable attire, It also requires long sleeved shirts or blouses and a good pair of

Systemic pesticides as well as all other pesticides should always be sprayed on a calm day

and with the direction of the breeze blowing away from the operator. Spray should be applied by treating the farthest plants first and the closest ones last so that the operator is not rubbing against treated foliage as the operation is being

completed. It is wise to advise and warn your neighbors when applying pesticide to prevent accidents to pets, children, and plants in their gardens. If there are any doubts about your own or other people's safety the best course of action is not to spray until conditions are favorable.

Pesticides can be very useful in controlling unwanted insects and make our homes and gardens more beautiful and pleasant when properly and wisely used. Remember, read the label and follow the instructions exactly. Improper use will only lead to undesirable complications.

Safety Council sponsors poster competition

A safety poster competition is

#### Area Jerseys high producers

Canadian Jersey Cattle Club has released the class leaders for April and they include two high producers from this area.

In the senior three-year-old class, Glen Arnott Whimsey, owned by Delbert Amott, Streetsville, produced at three years 262 days, in 305 days, 11,181 lbs. milk, 562 lbs. fat, 5.03 per cent. She is a daughter of Marlu Commando Milestone,

In the junior three year old class, Rosegate Buttercup, a daughter of Rosegate Milestone, owned by Mac Alexander. Norval, had the highest record

with a production at three years 104 days, in 305 days, of 10,771 lbs. milk, 586 lbs. fat, 544 per

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#### Farm Safety Council. This By Hugh Cook competition is open to any public school student in the being sponsored by the Halton county, and should be based on

the theme "Protect Our Farmers of Tomorrow - Today". The poster is to be on 18" x 24" bristol board, and may be in black and white, water color, oil, or crayon. All posters should be delivered

to the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food office in Milton by August 4. There are prizes of \$10, \$8,

\$6, \$4, and \$2 to all worthy

the L.O.L. hall, Crewsons Corners, Winners are: Ladies' high Mrs. M. Milne, 135; ladies' low Mrs. A. Livingstone, 84; men's high C. Storey, 139; men's low D. Peacock, 69; Ione hands Dave Swackhamer, 7; door prize Edith

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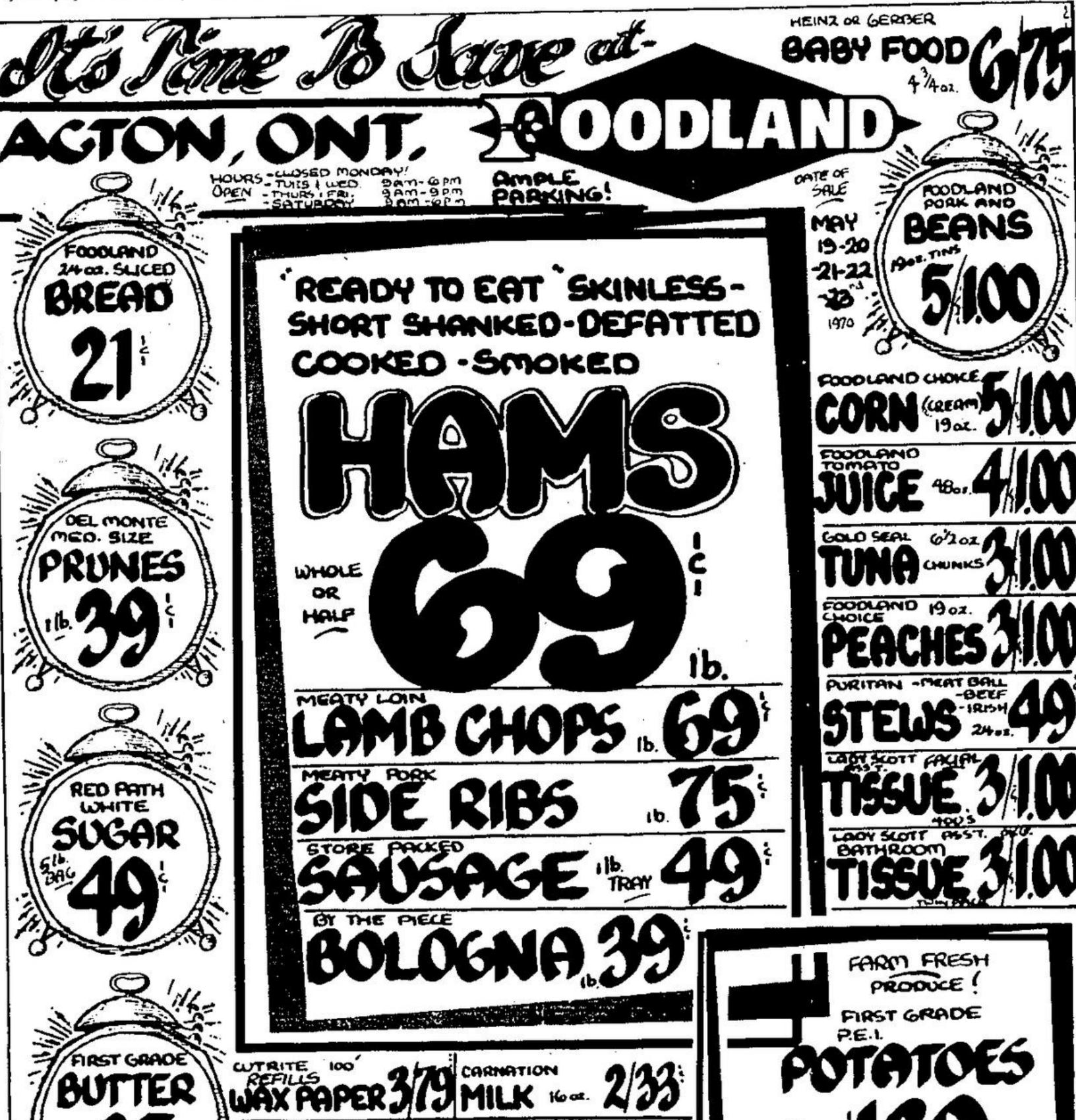
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