

Farm vacations attract many to district farms



FRANK FREEMAN, right assists one of his guests into the punt which skims along the three acre lake on his farm.



THIS FAUCET fits on the cow's faucet, says Frank, as he explains the intricacies of milking a cow to one young city visitor.



NOTHING LIKE climbing trees to get a better look at countryside on the Freeman farm on the 5th line in Erin township.

Vacation on a farm? A farmer might answer like the bus driver asked to go on a bus trip, but Frank and Lucinda Freeman of R.R. 2 Acton, are finding that a farm vacation appeals to more and more people each year. They've been entertaining guests of all ages at their home on Cedar Lake farm just north of Acton on the 5th line since 1969 with a new twist to the tourist business.

Other district farms entertaining guests are Cedarburn Acres also of R. R. 2, Acton with Mrs. Isabel McDonald the host, and Tuckaway Farm, about a mile east of Rockwood, with Ed and Marg Pasmore hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman joined the farm vacation program in 1969 after filling out a questionnaire from the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Their first guest arrived June 22.

Bulk from Toronto

Their 100 acre farm has a three acre pond and rowboat to supplement the home grown pleasures which have attracted families from Florida, New Jersey and other nearby cities. But the bulk of guests mostly are children from the Toronto area.

There's a lady from Dundas at the farm now—Mrs. Boyce—and she is enjoying her stay immensely. And why not? The Freemans have lived on the rolling hills of their farm since 1933 and like many people in Erin township have a friendly manner that is a standing invitation to return.

Two high school boys from Burlington are coming to stay next week and an artist also plans to visit.

Mr. Freeman finds the young people get a kick out of helping with the chores for a few hours, enjoy the little lake and boating, use the haymow for a playground and generally amuse themselves. Visitors get pleasure out of things we would take for granted, the Freemans say.

"We've never had a guest we didn't like," say Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, "and some have kept in touch with us ever since."



WOULD YOU like some assistance, Miss? Farmers throughout the province are taking urban families onto farms and no wonder.

Mrs. Boyce and the Freemans are to be interviewed on CHL radio this Sunday morning at 7 a.m. They've had an abundance of publicity since they went into the program and when the Free Press visited it was the eighth in a series of media reports.

Visitors take a special interest in the original log house on the farm which still stands and there is a stone building which was the dairy that dates back to 1820 when the first settlers were hacking homes out of the primeval forest.

Another thing that delights the Freemans is the eagerness of young people to milk a cow, a chore some farmers might avoid. Most people take a special delight in the meals which Mrs. Freeman cooks herself and the fresh vegetables draw many comments about the quality being so much better than the store variety.

The Freemans are abstainers, which they advertise because they feel it helps their business. They like meeting people from different walks of life and not too long ago they entertained people from Switzerland and Hungary. They don't keep horses on the farm because they feel they constitute a danger for people who are not skilled riders. But there are plenty of other things to watch and do. One big event when a child was visiting was the birth of a calf.

Other attractions

And if the visitors become restless on the farm there are all

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ESQUEQUING COUNCIL BRIEFS

At their regular meeting last night Esquequing Council:

Accepted the tender of Dominion Road Machinery for the purchase of a new road grader, as specifications for the sum of \$27,447 subject to approval of the Department of Highways and to the approval of financing from the O.M.B. to spread the cost over a period of two years 1970 and 1971.

Approved reconstruction of the road between Concessions 3 and 4, Lot 12, in Esquequing, as per specification, which is being done by the Halton Region Conservation Authority, subject to the approval of the Department of Highways and township road superintendent.

Granted permission to Mrs. P. Benjamin, a resident of Lot 18, Concession 11, to sell her home to persons wishing to convert it to a nursing home.

Invited Jim Mitchell to seek the opinion of the township's official planner at a special meeting August 12, regarding the establishment of a sales and service business for moto-skis and snowmobiles in the winter and swimming pools in the summer.

Location of the business would be Lot 26, Concession 1.

Approved road accounts amounting to \$12,849.38 as presented by roads superintendent C. E. Hud Know.

"I'd move heaven and earth to break a hundred," said the golf club as he banged away in a sand trap. "Try heaven," advised his partner. "You've already moved enough earth."

How long can we pay

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pretty liberally to the canvassers for heart, lung, cancer, muscular dystrophy and a dozen other voluntary health organizations. He coughs up vast amounts for education, whether he has children in school or not. And more, more, more.

It is not a question of whether or not the working man is being fairly treated... It is simply a matter of how much he can continue to pay. A guaranteed annual income would be fine for those who cannot do anything to help themselves, but it sounds like a pretty soft life for those who like to take it easy.

—Wingham Advance-Times

Take precautions gas dangerous

By H. J. Stanley

Irritation of nose and throat, sneezing, partial paralysis, then death, are the deadly results of exposure to silage gases.

The gases are nitrous oxide and nitric oxide which are especially dangerous since they are colorless and odorless. Once mixed with air they take on a yellowish brown tinge.

The gases begin to form hours after the silage has been stored, and collect at silage level, as they are heavier than air. Running the silage blower will merely agitate the gases, failing to eliminate the danger.

To remove the gases a number of precautions should be followed: 1—The farmer should never attempt to eliminate the gases alone but should always

Unnecessary injury and possible death can be easily avoided if these steps are followed.

Why aren't plumbers' assistants called drainees?

1—An oxygen supply should be used when climbing the silo and opening the doors to silage level. 2—Once the doors have been opened they should be left open for several hours. 3—If anyone is exposed to the gases a doctor should be contacted immediately even if no ill effects are felt. 4—A warning should be posted on the door of the silo or feed room indicating the potential danger.

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