



Pick wild berries

Picking fruit out of season is not always unusual but how about wild raspberries in October?

Mrs. Ella Harding of R. R. 2 Acton, said she picked enough wild raspberries to make a meal last week, near her home. She had enough left over to furnish the Free Press with proof that there were genuine berries on the bushes, as the picture shows.

OUR READERS WRITE:

Dear Sir;

The time is now for municipal councils across the Province of Ontario to accept the advice the Ontario Federation of Agriculture gave to its members. I. E. Withhold that portion of taxes levied by the provincial government for education. The present system of taxation is discrimination.

People who own property are taxed to educate those who don't pay property taxes, therefore people living two or three families to a single dwelling are not taxed.

Even apartment dwellers escape a portion of education taxes, for instance the owner of an apartment block housing a hundred families pays taxes on his building but nothing like the taxes levied on a hundred families living in a hundred houses on a hundred lots.

The Provincial Government has seen the writing on the wall. When farmers took the advice of the O.F.A. legislation was quickly passed allowing municipalities to seize properties in arrears of the year's taxes (it used to be three years). The farmers refused to be intimidated, so the Government's next move was divide and conquer, therefore the farmers and the aged were given special status leaving the homeowner to bear the brunt of education costs.

Education taxes must be levied at the pay-check level. This is the only way it is equitable and far less discriminatory.

If Municipal Councils withhold education taxes, the Provincial government will be forced to act and I can't see them putting

every township in Ontario under trustee-ship.

Wm. A. Johnson

Rebate is termed a triumph for farmers

The provincial government rebate of \$20 million to farm property owners is a triumph for farmers and their organizations, according to Ontario Federation of Agriculture President, Gordon Hill.

"Never before in the history of Ontario agriculture have organized farmers succeeded in winning such large concessions for property owners," Mr. Hill said today.

12 per cent

"Farmers by withholding their education taxes dramatically told the government of their hard-pressed situation — a situation in which farmers pay 12 per cent of their net incomes in the form of property taxes, whereas others pay only 4.5 per cent — and the government responded by granting farmers a 25 per cent rebate on their property taxes."

A poll by mail of all O.F.A. members found that a conclusive majority were prepared to accept the property tax rebate as the first step towards a solution of the education tax problem.

Said Mr. Hill, "Our members have given us a clear directive on this issue. They want us to reduce

Local plowmen do well at International Match

By H. J. Stanley

Several from Halton competed in the International Plowing Match held at Lindsay, October 13-17. Despite the wet, muddy conditions, this annual event was as successful as usual.

Mrs. Mary Picket, Halton's Furrow Queen, made a very creditable showing by placing third in the Ontario Furrow Queen Competition. Winner was Mary Dolson of Peel County.

Jean Wilson, R. R. 1, Norval,

Halton 4-H awards night

By H. Cook

The 4-H year is again drawing to a close. Achievement Days are over, calves have been fitted and shown, field crops have been harvested and exhibited and all reports and record books have been finalized. The final event in the 1970 4-H program is the presentation of awards for outstanding achievements in the various clubs. The 4-H Awards Night will be held in St. Paul's United Church, Milton, on Friday, Oct. 23rd at 8.00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be entertainment provided throughout the program by Earl Burt. Lunch will be served following the program.

one of the few girls competing in the match, had several high placings. In the Eaton's Junior Championship Class, Jean placed Fifth out of 23 contestants. She also placed 6th and 8th in other classes and along with Harley Pickering of R. R. 1, Oakville placed 6th in the Inter-County class.

Places third

Harley Pickering also placed 3rd in the Junior Championship Inter-Branch competition with 13 competitors taking part. Stan

May, Hornby plowed with a team of horses each of the four days and placed as high as fourth. Other competitors from Halton were Bryan Marshall, Milton fourth; Larry Picket, Georgetown two; Carl Sinclair, Limehouse; Bert Robertson, Acton; Dwight May, Hornby; and Murray Brecken, Burlington two.

These plowmen will be in action once again at the Halton Plowing Match to be held at the farm of Biggar Bros., Oakville on Saturday, November 7.

Bennett heads Shorthorn contest at Erin Fair

An excellent Shorthorn show at Erin Fair saw seven exhibitors with 85 head of cattle.

S. G. Bennett of Georgetown took top honors with Reserve Junior Champion Bull, Senior Champion Bull and Grand Champion Bull as well as Junior and Reserve Junior Champion Female, Senior Champion Female and Grand Champion Female. Mr. Bennett was also winner of the Ontario Shorthorn Club Banner for his Supreme Champion Scotsdale Caesar.

K. Hall of Ayr took the reserve Senior and Grand Champion Bull awards and the Junior Champion Bull. J. McKinnon of Milton had the Reserve Senior Champion Female and Reserve Grand Champion Female.

Four animals

In the group of four animals bred and owned by the exhibitor, Bennett again took top honors

with Hall in second place. In third was S. E. Griffin and Son of Acton; fourth R. W. Gardhouse of Milton and fifth, F. Falconer, Clinton.

The only other exhibitor was Rosemary Booth of Milton. Awards were as follows:

Bull, May 1, 1969 to Dec. 31, 1969; Bennett, Bennett, McKinnon, Gardhouse, Hall, Bull, Jan. 1, 1969 to April 30, 1969; Hall, Bennett, Gardhouse, Griffin, Gardhouse, Bull born 1968; Bennett, Hall, Gardhouse, Griffin, Falconer.

Female, May 1, 1969 to Dec. 31, 1969; Bennett, Griffin, Griffin, Booth, Gardhouse, Female, Jan. 1, 1969 to April 30, 1969; Bennett, Hall, Gardhouse, Hall, Gardhouse, Hall, McKinnon, Female born 1968; McKinnon, Bennett, Hall, Griffin, Gardhouse, Female with calf at foot; Bennett, Griffin, Gardhouse, Hall, McKinnon.

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An editorial

Food for all

By Henry J. Stanley  
Halton Agricultural Representative

Will there be enough food in the world at the end of this century to feed everyone? This is a question which is often asked.

For thousands of years, man has worked and prayed for enough food to keep himself alive.

In some areas, such as North America, food has nearly always been available to those who would work for it. In other lands food has often, in the past, been lacking. Population increases of over 2.5 per cent per year in developing countries such as Africa and India have put strains on the food reserves. In contrast we look at developed countries, where surpluses often abound but where the population is now climbing at less than 1 per cent.

There are high surpluses of food in the world at present — some 60 million tons of wheat, surpluses of eggs, milk, wheat and rice. The world produces three times the protein and calories it needs, but still suffers widespread protein hunger — why?

Food is wasted at all stages — from production to consumption. India stores over 70 per cent of its food in rural areas. They lose almost 17 million tons of food supplies containing three million tons of protein in storage, handling, milling and because of insects, etc. Considerable effort is now being focused on this problem.

Progress is also being made in population control. The uneducated masses in the developing nations face this issue — more every day. Great progress has been made and must still be made.

During the past few years there have been tremendous strides in world food production. New high-yielding wheat, produced in Mexico, was sent to India and Pakistan and sown on millions of acres. Similarly new rice varieties have greatly increased yields. Surpluses are now appearing in Asian nations forcing a drop in world prices and increased competition to our Canadian exports.

This is the great obstacle to increased world food production — when production goes up, prices go down. Who knows the ceiling if profits were there? Several thousand acres of land in Halton would not be growing weeds if it were profitable to be growing crops on them. Similarly, throughout the world, much more food can be produced, using each acre to its fullest with more fertilizer, irrigation, insect and weed control, etc.

Scientists have only begun to scratch the surface of all the possibilities for increasing food production. Higher yields of higher protein crops will play a big role in years ahead. We have only just skimmed the surface of the oceans for food production. We also have a long way to go in the distribution of food throughout the world in order to prevent starvation.

Man is working hard at this question of adequate food for all. He can succeed, if he wants to!

Save leaves for garden

By B. McNeill

At this time of year the chore of raking leaves is uppermost in many homeowners plans. There is not much trick to gathering the leaves but in areas where burning is prohibited disposal becomes a bit of a problem. One excellent possibility is to collect and save the leaves for future use. Organic matter, which is wonderful for the garden, is often hard to come by as well as being expensive so that every effort should be made to acquire it for the garden.

Stack leaves

A small corner of the garden is all that is needed for a compost pile. To make compost pile stack and pack the leaves in nine inch deep layers; between each layer place an inch or two of good top soil sprinkled with 10-6-4 fertilizer (10-6-4 fertilizer is suggested but any grade will do). Each layer of leaves, soil and fertilizer should be well soaked before adding the next. To assist decay turn the outside of the pile to the inside in the spring.

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