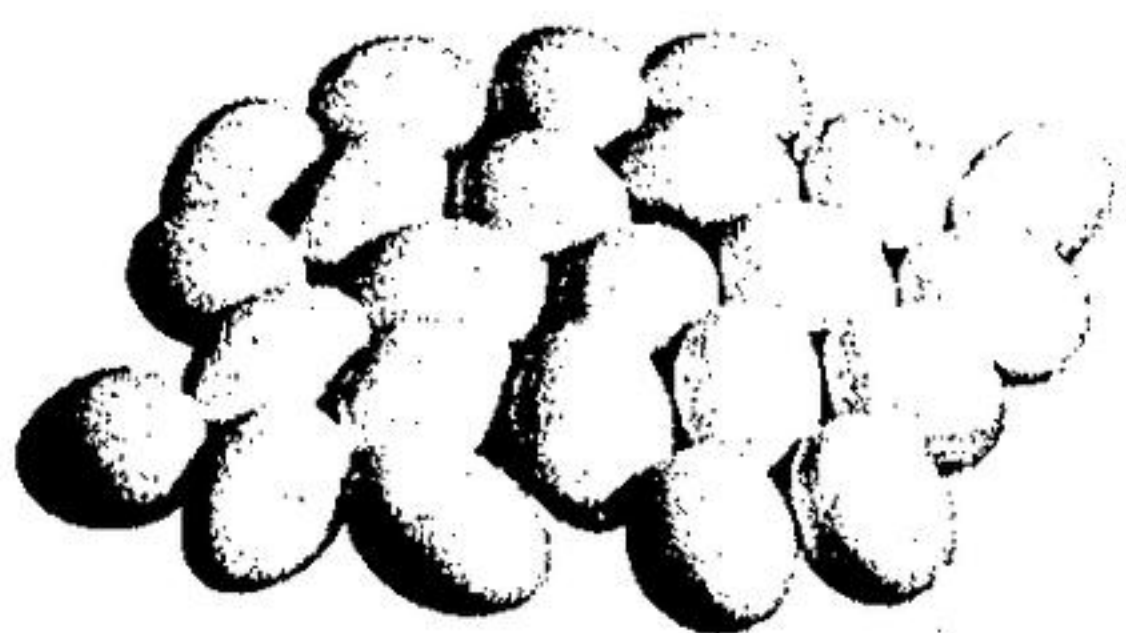


Egg Marketing Board:

Can't tell hens to lay off

Controversy is still raging about the discovery of large amounts of eggs turning bad while stored as surplus and the Egg Marketing Board's Regional Director for Zone 5 (which includes Halton and Wellington Counties), George Lindblad thinks the board's story is getting across to the public.



He attributed the 2 and one third million dozen egg loss to an influx of U.S. eggs imported by users of industrial eggs and put into storage. Surplus Canadian eggs added to the problem causing the wastage, he said.

"This country's ability to produce far exceeds our ability to consume," according to Lindblad. "The demand for eggs is inelastic. The housewife will buy virtually the same amount of eggs each week, yet hens will often over-produce. You can't tell the hens to 'lay off,'" he grins.

Fair Return
The Egg Marketing Board, inaugurated some three years ago, was formed to supply the consumer with a quality product at a reasonable price and to assure the producer a fair return for his investment and labor.

consists of nine producers elected as per the Farm Products Marketing Act, although representatives of egg producers are subject to government intervention and regulation when necessary.

Quotas were set anticipating market demand and keyed to production at the onset of the board. A levy was issued, originally a few cents per dozen eggs, to pay for handling surplus eggs.

The producer receives a lesser price for eggs marketed in excess of his quota in order to restrict production to quota limits. However, even eggs within quota become surplus when they are in excess of

demand. The producer receives full price for these eggs which are stored and sold as "breakers" for the industrial market (bakers, restaurants, etc.) for considerably less. The levy pays the cost of disposing of these eggs and acts as insurance for the farmer.

Small farmer benefits
Lindblad feels the board actually benefits the small producer indirectly. Small flock farmers - under 500 hens - are not subjected to the board's regulations, nor the levy, and yet may demand market price for their eggs. Consequently, more small farmers are getting back into the

egg business, he says. Some producers with flocks of a few thousand complain about levies and quotas, blaming the monopoly of large producers. Lindblad describes the board as "a bargaining committee for the egg producers' union."

"Would they really like to be back in the position they were in three years ago when producers were operating at a loss?", he asks.

Complaints about recent quota cuts to 75 per cent and levy increases, to 9 cents a dozen, are countered by the director.

"We over estimated the market and find we have more surplus than we can handle, hence the restrictions," he explains. "This will soon even itself out."

One area producer interviewed was most upset by recent quota cuts, accusing the board of failing to sympathize with the plight of the smaller farmer.

"I'd like to see Mrs. Plumtree or our regional director soiling their hands by cleaning out pens. I'm a dirt farmer just trying to make ends meet," was the cry.

This reporter had a few minutes wait to interview Lindblad, a 50,000 plus flock farmer - while he cleaned out a chicken pen.

Churchill

First trip to Holland enjoyed by residents

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur Morning worship and Sunday School at Churchill Community Church on Sept. 15 was very well attended. Rev. Fosbury's sermon subject was *Why Go To Church?* Each Sunday service and church school is held at 11 a.m.

Sunday visitors with Rev. A. W. and Mrs. Fosbury were their daughter and grand-daughter Mrs. Cross and Carolyn of Brampton. They all attended the golden wedding anniversary with Mr. and Mrs. Orwell Johnston old friends of years back.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kockx and daughter Helen are home after spending one month visiting relatives in Holland. They did lots of travelling and sight seeing all over the country as it was Mrs. Kockx's and Helen's first trip there. They said flowers over there are most beautiful and it was a most enjoyable trip meeting relatives and visiting at their homes.

Wedding
Congratulations and best wishes are extended to the bride and groom Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cooper (nee Elizabeth Stokov) one of our senior girls who so ably assisted in choir, Sunday School and piano. The wedding was held in Churchill Community Church with Rev. A. W. Fosbury officiating. The recep-

tion was held in the church hall.

Visitors
Stephanie Smith of Ballinac and Mark Hamilton of Georgetown spent the weekend with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cooper, Doug and Holly visited with Mr. and Mrs. Holmes in Toronto for a party in honor of Michael's 1st birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bin-

nie spent last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. William Maynard in Brampton.

Guests on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur were Mrs. Mabel Baldwin, also Mr. and Mrs. James Lawn and four boys of Scarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Patz enjoyed a trip to Vancouver B.C., visiting at their son's home with Ken and Heather and children Kim and Debbie.

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Centennial renovations for Y will start soon

A breakdown in communications has resulted in a hold-up of one important centennial project for Acton. A meeting of the Y's Men last week, however, had ironed out problems and, by end of this month, new quotes should be established and overall renovations of the Y building, originally planned for summer completion, will begin.

According to Gary Bateman, heading up the renovations committee, the washrooms will be the first item tackled. "We're not certain how much work is required or how expensive it will be," he said. He explained those facilities must be first priority on what has to be done to bring the building back to its original shape.

The committee had submitted a plan earlier to the Y board in which they outlined what they hoped would be a complete overhaul and restoration of the building. Included in the draft were new washrooms, plastered walls and painted ceiling in the gymnasium, with carpeting planned for the foyer and a general overall facelift.

organization that's functioning as an organized Y.M.C.A.

Asked if he felt the Y.M.C.A. still has a function in the community inasmuch as many of the Y's original programs are being duplicated in other buildings, Mr. Bateman said, "absolutely! The needs must be searched and requirements met."

He explained that many community programs being conducted in other areas of Acton originated at the Y. "That is part of the Y function," he said and added that, when such a program becomes self-supporting and moves out, it leaves room again for another project to begin.

Members of the Y board list many activities conducted last year at the Y.M.C.A. which included a sewing program, ladies' take a break, arts and craft instruction for kids, Y dances and Thursday afternoon child-watching for mothers bowling.

Confident
Ross Ribey said he is confident the Y can be restored as an important

community function. He listed swimming classes as one other program being sponsored. Members of the board had hoped to see the renovations completed in time for the fall programs.

Both the board and project chairman see the need to tighten security of the building as vandalism is becoming a regular occurrence. In the meantime it is expected the project will soon be under way.

Members of the Y board include Ross Ribey, Bonnie Bottomley, Helen Van Sicker, Rev. Len Ewing, Hillary James, David Hunter, Cathy Smith, Marg Wallace, Marilyn Ottaway, Sally Leatherland, Gail Malby, Pat McGreener, Doreen Gibb and Lloyd Broostad.

Last week a board meeting was held to discuss projects and aims. The board feels the most important issue and program that must get off the ground is that of the renovation. "Getting the building into workable shape should stimulate more interest in the programs we hope to offer," said Bonnie Bottomley, spokesman who attended the meeting.



AGNES MCGINNIS of R.R. 2, Rockwood shows Topaz the trophy and ribbon he won at the Waterloo Endurance Trail Ride for coming first in the Middleweight Division. The gruelling 41 1/2 mile ride didn't dismay the sturdy palomino who has already won many such awards for his owner. Other Rockwood prize-winners in the event were Di Lindblad who won the horsemanship trophy and third place in Middleweight; Greg Dales who was 6th in Junior; and Kaz Lewandowski (actually of Acton) who was third in Heavyweight.

Music Teachers elect new executive

On Sunday, September 8, the new executive of the Georgetown Trinity Music Teacher's Association (G.T.T.A.), took their places to open the first meeting of the 1974-75 teaching season. Following elections at the June 1974 meeting, the executive stands as follows:

President, Norinne Noble of Limehouse; vice-president, Judi Petherick of Acton; honorary president, D. R. Scull of Ballinac; secretary, Faye Pink of Acton; treasurer, Ruth Wightnaer of Guelph; public relations, Anne Melcombe of Georgetown; auxiliary member, Debra Bousfield of Acton.

Plans for the coming season were discussed in general, for the fall term in more detail. December 10 was set as the tentative date for the annual Christmas recital, to be held again at Knox Church in Georgetown.

Teachers were asked to have names of participants submitted at the November

meeting. Awards will be presented at the recital to qualifying students who received honors marks in the June sitting of the music theory examinations of Trinity College of London.

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Liberals will split into two associations

Halton Liberals will hold their annual meeting on Sept. 18 in the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hall at the corner of Trafalgar Road and 5 Highway, Oakville, at 8 p.m.

President Elizabeth Robson of Georgetown announced that the association will create two separate groups out of the present joint association. One will be a federal riding association which will provide back-up assistance to newly elected Liberal MP, Dr. Frank Philbrook. The other will be a provincial association for Halton East which will prepare for next year's provincial election, expected in either June or September.

Redistribution
Albert Roy, Liberal member of the provincial parliament for Ottawa East, will be a featured guest speaker at the annual meeting. He will discuss the impending redistribution of provincial ridings. The

provincial riding of Halton East is slated to be split into two with Oakville becoming one riding and north Halton becoming another.

Dr. Frank Philbrook, MP, will also speak at the meeting. This will be his first opportunity to speak to local Liberals since winning the July 8 federal election. The new MP is expected to bring his audience up to date on government planning for the next few months.

Fall starts means news

News items are springing back into place again as clubs and groups start up again after summer lay-off.

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