

On the last day of the Session, the Minister of Agriculture and Food announced details of the 1976 beef calf income stabilization program. The premiums for this year are to be \$5 per cow and the support price will be 50 cents per pound, the same as last year. Enrolment closes this year on August 16, and only cows in the producer's possession as of June 22 may be registered. All contracts will expire in June, 1980.

According to the Minister, the support price is calculated on 100 per cent of the producer's operating cost. All beef producers and cream shippers in Ontario are eligible. Producers who participated last year will receive enrolment forms in the mail and new participants may obtain forms from their agricultural representatives after July 12.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture has attempted to determine the costs of beef-calf production on Ontario farms in 1975. Twenty-five farms were selected, all reputedly producing at above-average efficiency.

Report from Queen's Park

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The farms were visited by a researcher in mid-summer last year, and again early in 1976. Two producers had ceased or greatly reduced production and the farm records of two others proved insufficiently reliable, so that final calculations included 21 farms only.

An attempt was made to select farms engaged solely in beef calf production, or farms where the costs of enterprises, such as cash crop or hog production, could be accurately excluded from the cow-calf costs. The growing of feed for the animals was also included in calculation of the production costs. Most producers had adjusted to the cow-calf prices in the fall of 1974 by wintering at least some of their 1974

calves in 1975 and carrying some 1975 calves into 1976 for sale this year.

It was not possible to isolate the costs of feeding and caring for these yearling animals, so the O.F.A. survey results included the costs and the pounds gained, of steers and heifers. The average herd size in the group was 74 cows, with an approximate calf yield of 85 per cent.

For the purposes of the O.F.A. survey, land values were established at \$130 an acre for all land in beef production. This figure was based on current sales values modified by revised assessment schedules for the area.

Building values were based on the operators' estimates, often using the insured as a

guide. Machinery and equipment was valued on depreciated value of actual cost, and purchased feed was charged at actual cost with home-grown feed covered under figures for fertilizer machinery, fuel, labour, etc.

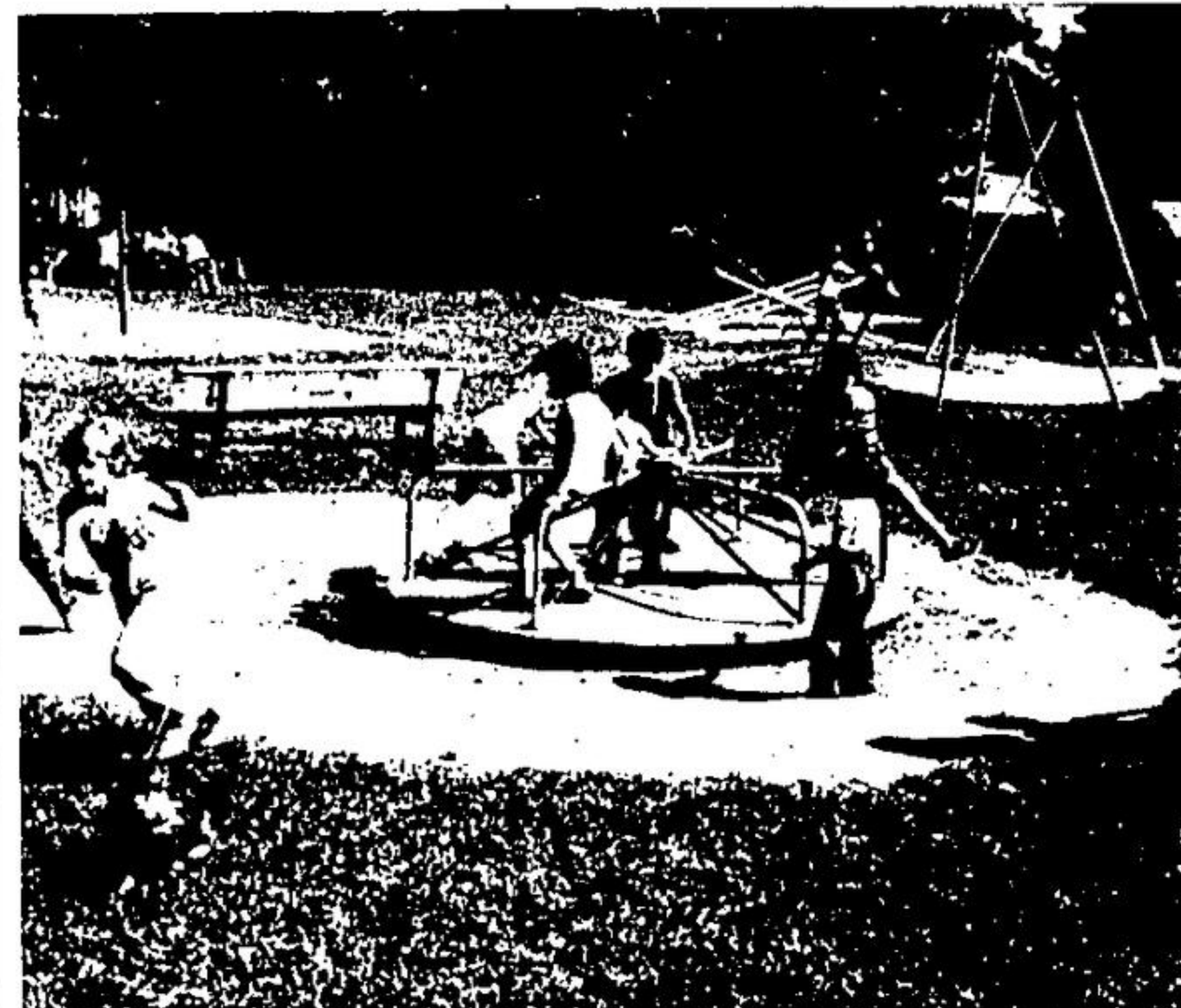
Receipts for cull cows were subtracted from total expenses and from each category pro rata. Where herd replacements were not specifically designated or selected, it was assumed that 15 per cent of the heifers were destined to become brood cows. Their pounds gained were not counted as net pounds produced. Equity in the enterprise was charged at 8 per cent interest, and operators were allotted a full industrial wage of \$10,000 for managing a 150-cow herd,

or any portion thereof on a per cow basis. No management fee was assessed.

The survey by the O.F.A. was carefully carried out, and would seem to be an accurate estimate of the situation. The O.F.A. production cost per pound is 71.7¢—considerably higher than the Minister's 50 cents a pound. This production cost differential is very important when considering the effectiveness or otherwise of the beef calf stabilization program.

As the Minister stated the schedule payment under the program is based on four factors—"The support price for calves, which is 50 cents a pound this year; the weighted average market price for calves, which will be calculated from fall sales; the average number of calves from 100 cows, which when calculated for the whole province is 85; and the average weight of the calves in the fall, which is 450 pounds each."

Please phone the Milton riding office at 878-1729 or the Queen's Park office at 965-7896 for further information.



At park: Summer circles



At Fairy Lake: Last one in's a

Make pool constant joy, not hazard

Acton Y has received a copy of a radio program originated by Kitchener-Waterloo Y which members are happy to share with people in this area. It concerns a neglected area of water safety, the backyard swimming pool.

Here are the hints given on the radio.

Have you got a new backyard swimming pool at your home? If you have I can guarantee it will visibly increase your popularity with your neighborhood's young children.

When it does, you will have to be firm, unbending, yes, even miserable about enforcing the rules of swimming only under adequate supervision. Unless you or another adult can be there, keep your outdoor pool securely locked at all times!

We don't want to frighten you or lessen your enjoyment—but! Is every person in your family over the age of eight years old able to provide mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration?

The lifesaving ability is easy to learn, and tremendously effective. For your peace of mind make sure every one in your family is taught mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration.

Is your installation complete? When you bought your swimming pool and had it installed, did you remember the safety equipment?

Every backyard pool should be equipped with reach poles and / or ringboys, so that

a person on the deck can reach help to a struggling swimmer.

Make sure your pool is equipped completely for safety and for peace of mind.

Any member of your family—teenager or adult—who is supervising the pool this summer, should take a life saving course, as soon as possible. Your recreation department can tell you when and where.

Remember if there is a backyard pool at your home, you should have a household of lifeguards.

Now is the time to check for holes in your fence and loose gate locks. Make sure your backyard swimming pool is not accessible to uninvited guests. Check your pool security especially for very young children from your neighborhood.

Not all of us are lucky enough to own a backyard swimming pool. But even if you don't—if there is one in your neighborhood, you have a responsibility to be concerned and vigilant.

For the sake of innocent children, take positive action if you see an unlocked gate or insecure fence. Better to be accused of being a meddling neighbor than to take the chance of not preventing the death of an innocent child.

Not all of us can afford or even want a backyard pool but that doesn't excuse us from checking our homes for water safety. Three inches of water is enough to drown a

small child. A chilling thought, we know, but just too true.

Even if you can't afford a backyard pool for your family, if you have young children you probably use a little wading pool. Remember, even these wading pools should be supervised at all times. Three inches of water can bring tragedy to a young child.

More and more people every year are installing swimming pools in their own backyards. They are great family fun, but they can become so familiar to young preschoolers that these children don't have a healthy respect for the dangers of deep water.

Now is the time to begin to teach your small children that the backyard pool can be a killer if it is misused. You might even consider putting up a second fence to keep your own children who are already in your backyard, away from the pool, when it is not being supervised.

Your backyard swimming pool can and should be a very good educational tool, as well as a family refresher on these hot summer weekends.

Everyone in your family should now be learning to swim. There are excellent books in the public libraries and stores to help you do the teaching, and the local Recreation Department offers courses all summer long.

If there is a backyard pool at your home, then every family member—no matter what age—must learn to swim.

Dogs must be on leash in parks—committee

Because the town of Halton Hills wants to keep parks in suitable condition for the benefit and pleasure of the public, the recreation department deemed it necessary to institute a parks by-law, outlining the rules and regulations of the parks.

Animals seemed to be the main concern for the Wards one and two recreation advisory committees. Peter Papillon, Acton, had previously requested stringent laws regarding dogs etc. as he said he was tired of loose dogs and the mess they leave behind.

Under the new by-law, animals are not allowed into the park unless on a leash and the owner of the pet must clean up after the animal.

No hitching

No person shall, the by-law states, remove any wood, plants, turf, grass, soil, rock, sand or gravel without written authority of the town. Horses, or any other animal, must not be hitched or fastened in a park, unless in specified areas.

Riding a bicycle or a motorized vehicle over ten miles an hour is not prohibited, as is entering any place with a sign saying "No Admittance". Motor vehicles, whether cars, bikes, or golf carts are not allowed except on roads or driveways.

Persons using the park are not allowed to cause congestion to traffic or parking area. No persons shall "stand in any part of a park for the purpose of hire, and no driver or operator of any vehicle for hire shall solicit passengers in a park."

No manure

No person "shall drive any truck, bike, wagon, car, per-

ambulator, or other traffic vehicle carrying or regularly used or employed in carrying goods, merchandise, lumber, machinery, oil, manure, dirt, sand or soil, or any other article of trade or commerce, or any offensive article or material whatsoever, upon any road except as may be especially provided or designed for such use.

Public meetings or delivery of any public speech as a member or members of any political or other organization are not allowed unless written permission is granted from the town.

No person "shall, indulge in riotous, boisterous, threatening or indecent conduct, expectorate, use profane or indecent language, create a nuisance by loitering, spying, frightening or annoying persons in any other manner or interfere with the peaceable enjoyment of the park by others."

The water fowl are also protected in the by-law. "No person shall disturb, molest, wound, attempt to kill, kill, any bird, fowl, or animal and no person shall remove or injure any bird nest or eggs."

A curfew of 11 p.m. has been set for the parks each night. They will reopen again at seven a.m. If a person is found in the park during closed hours, they are subject to trespassing charges.

No person shall be in possession of or under the influence of any liquors or illicit drugs. The scattering of garbage, refuse, bottles and glass is prohibited in parks of Halton Hills; they must be placed in provided receptacles.

No person shall vandalize or deface in any way any equipment or facilities located therein.

Reasonable clothing is also stipulated in the by-law. "No person must enter or be upon park premises unless sufficiently clad," the by-law states.

Worms may not be picked, gathered, or removed for profit without written consent, and no vehicular maintenance may be performed while in a park.

On the ice

Dealing with skating rinks, speed racing is not allowed unless the skates are protected by toe guards designed to remain affixed to the skates during use. Racing or speeding may not be undertaken if they will endanger or interfere with any other person using the rink, and no person shall carry any equipment that is unrelated to the specifically scheduled ice programs.

Persons found breaking these by-laws are liable to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days. Persons convicted are liable to the town to make good any damage done in the parks.

This by-law applies to all 13 parks in Halton Hills. In Georgetown: Emmerson, Remembrance, Mary Street, Georgetown Fairgrounds, John Street, Cedarvale, Joseph Gibbons and Gordon Alcott.

In Acton, Sir Donald Mann and Prospect and in Esquesing Hornby, Norval and Glen Williams.

Brookville Estates

May change park dedication in 36-lot rural subdivision

Brookville Estates, a 36-lot subdivision planned for a site south and west of the former Nassagaweya Township Hall and Brookville ball park, has been approved in principle by Milton Council.

There are still a few technical details to be cleared up and it was suggested the Nassagaweya area (Ward Three) councillors meet with the developer Windland Associates to iron out any differences, before the final plan comes back to council on Aug. 16.

Originally planned as 63 lots plus a commercial strip along Guelph Line, the subdivision has been on the

drawing boards for over four years. It was first broached to Nassagaweya Township Council, then Milton Council inherited it when regional government was introduced two and a half years ago.

Two acre lots There will be two entrances for traffic to Guelph Line and the six lots on Guelph Line will have reverse frontages, Michael Garbary of Windland explained. All lots are approximately two acres in size. The commercial area was deleted and the lots reduced from 63 to 36 in discussions over the years.

Councillor Jim Watson told council July 12 wanted more discussion on the developers' preferred cash, rather than land, to help pay for recreation facilities. Mr. Garbary said the plans have received approval from the town's planning board and the Ministry and changing the parkland dedication at this point would cost the company a couple of years.

parkland dedication. Plans show a low swampy area plus an area containing a pond are to be donated to the town, as these are important for surface drainage and runoff. The developer will also pay the town a fee, partly in lieu of parkland, which is to be set aside for recreational facilities in the ward.

Councillor Watson asked the developer to give enough land so Brookville ball park can be extended southerly 50 to 100 feet. "I feel that's a must—we need it," he said.

"Tough beans" But Mayor Anne MacArthur said in earlier discussions the town

blocks of low-lying land. In discussions of a similar rural subdivision recently, the town decided to have the developer retain ownership of a drainage area so it would not be a liability to the town.

Lighting

He also felt the street lighting should not be as dense as that in the subdivision recently developed in Campbellville.

A weighty document, the preliminary subdivision agreement which council approved in principle, is 14 pages in length and has a further 14 pages of schedules attached.



Ship to shore: by motor and paddle

Explorers' route when club gets canoe

Hopes of following an explorers' route down the French River and along the Georgian Bay shoreline could materialize by Thanksgiving weekend, according to high school teacher Dr. Paul Tamblin.

Last week, the school's Outers club received a \$1000 Wintario grant to go toward the purchase of a special canoe for such a trip. Another \$1600 is needed, however, which the students plan to

raise themselves. It is not known at this time just how this will be done.

The canoe they wish to purchase is a 26-foot voyager canoe handmade by Huron Recreation in Brussels. The fiberglass craft costs \$100 a foot and is expected to weigh 300 pounds.

Members of the Outers club first saw such a canoe when Greg Cowan displayed one at Hill School a few months ago at the high school.

Rec. department

Representatives of the club approached the then recreation co-ordinator John Cooper who in turn gave the students the application forms for the grant. Mr. Cooper, Dr. Tamblin explained, helped the students make their proposals to the Wintario committee and wrote a letter in support of their cause.

Once the canoe is purchased it will be available to

the recreation department for qualified groups, the teacher said. It might also be used in next summer's water safety program.

The canoe is capable of holding 12 people plus their gear. Dr. Tamblin said that if it is received by Thanksgiving, the Outers will take the explorers' route trip. Mr. Cowan is expected to attend and bring his own 28-foot canoe enabling 24 people to experience the journey.