



In an effort to "get back to the land", we purchased a half dozen laying hens last year. Very sensible idea. Most of the horses requiring great maintenance were gone. The few we had left needed only rough care and the cattle took care of themselves very nicely. A few chickens would scratch around and produce lovely big healthy eggs and save all that money. An excellent idea.

A pax on excellent ideas!
Chickens the thing
 The chickens were such a success originally that a couple of Bantams were added, "just for fun". They had babies, and the kids were hooked on raising chicks. It was all so easy, you see. No one stopped to figure out we were spending quite a large amount of money for chicken feed.

Then young Erica decided chickens were her thing. She'd been sat on ponies all her life and given hours of patient riding lessons. She'd suffered the pain necessary to learn how to post the trot or pick up a hoof. She didn't LIKE riding and could now safely say it. She liked chickens.

So, eight fine laying pullets were purchased, guaranteed to lay brown eggs. This was a must in order to keep her hens' eggs separate from the household white eggs. She could then sell her eggs and make seeds of money, eventually supporting her entire family.

I was now taking the truck to the feed mill when we needed chicken feed.

Showing bugs
 When Erica got her first pair of show chickens and caught the showing bug, all hell broke loose. A trio of prize Buff Orpingtons were presented to her and she was in heaven.

By now, four of the new laying pullets had decided to become roosters. The other four, although female, were taking their own sweet time about starting to lay. The original household hens had gone into moult and weren't laying either.

The Silkie mama was setting, so was one of the Buffs. The banty hen was looking for a nest. Four more pullets were added to replace the roosters quietly nesting in the freezer. I spent most of my days stapling garlands of poultry wire around horse stalls as more and more hens required separate, private quarters. When I wasn't reading books on "Producing Eggs for Table", and figuring what to do with the hen who ate her sister's eggs, or the hen who insisted she was broody, too, thank you very much; I was filling miriads of little water dishes and feed pots. Green had to be pulled for the confined hens; special feeders had to be built.

I was now taking the tractor-trailer to the feed mill for chicken feed.

Pearl of an egg
 However, it all becomes worth while when I find the pearl in the oyster - the occasional egg sitting like a treasure hunt prize precariously balanced on the edge of a bale of hay (never in the beautiful new nest boxes). I carry it carefully to the house and admire it for a long time.
 That egg cost at least five dollars to produce!

Correction. In last week's column about the fair's pony classes, the phrase "A shiny plump pony will be eliminated by the judge." should have read "A stumpy plump pony will catch the judge's eye. A lame one will be eliminated by the judge, so will a saddle-galled one."
 Continue shining up your ponies!

Halton needs industry

Since the formation of regional government there has been virtually no consideration of industry when water treatment plants have been built in the region. Halton Hills Councillor Ric Morrow told the Region's Planning Committee Wednesday night.

He told the committee there was a trend in the region to allocate all of the sewage treatment capacity to residential accommodation and rely on industrial development elsewhere.

Mr. Morrow claimed that allocating all of the plant capacity to residential development would throw the ratio of residential and industrial assessment out of whack. Without the industrial assessment, homeowners would have to pick up a greater share of the tax burden, he predicted.

Error
 He told the committee the region had made an error when it decided not to go for a full-fledged industrial development branch. "It is the only department of government that could have the positive financial impact that it should."

Mr. Morrow suggested that if Halton's role was to provide a bedroom community for people working in Toronto, the region should get special consideration from the province.

He said perhaps communities within the commuter-shed should share the industrial tax base of the Toronto area. "We provide the (housing) service for the people but the assessment is there (Toronto)."

Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid told the committee that the region should look at sharing the tax base within the region, prior to asking the province to share the Toronto tax base.

Acton area Councillor Pat McKenzie noted that if the region was to encourage development, it would mean sacrificing the preservation of prime agricultural land.

"There are ranges that can be considered. It's a matter of saying how much of this do you prefer or how much of

Special training courses for Halton's constables

Every police constable in Halton will be taking a week long course sometime in the next few months, acquiring skills they didn't pick up at Ontario Police College.

Chief Ken Sterrett outlined the special in-service training program for the officers. Thursday, at a meeting of Halton Police Commission. He said all constables will take the course except for those who are nearing retirement.

Skerrett explained in the past all sergeants and staff-sergeants have received in-

service training and already this year all the non-commissioned officers have received some in-service training.

He told the commission the first class of 25 men will take a course this month and chairman Glenn Magnuson, Georgetown, said seven or eight one week courses will be needed so all of the force's constables will be able to take the course.

Skerrett said in-service programs are always hard to run because of holidays, shift changes and the need for

officers to appear in court.

He said a lot of the material the officers will cover wasn't included in their training at Police College. Other aspects of the week long course will take the form of brush-up exercises in areas in which constables have already been trained.

Among the subjects the constables will study are public relations, courts, family and youth services and improved accident reporting.

Morrow says

Region could have stopped bad planning

Had regional government been formed in Halton 20 years ago the rural townships could have been spared from what one councillor called "an ungody mess of planning."

Halton Hills Councillor Ric Morrow was speaking to a motion that would allow a 4.2 acre parcel of land to be severed and a second home built on the parcel.

He told the Regional Planning Committee that townships had allowed many separations on the grounds of economics not good planning. "When are we going to stop it," he asked.

Supports appeal
 Mr. Morrow was speaking in support of an appeal lodged by the planning staff against a severance application by William Johnson of Nassagaweya.

Milton Councillor Marjorie

Powys asked the committee at its meeting Wednesday night to remove the objection on compassionate grounds, if not for planning considerations.

She said Mr. Johnson wanted the separation so his daughter could live near him and his wife. She explained the wife was in need of nursing care and the daughter being a registered nurse could provide that care.

Councillor Pat McKenzie supported the severance, suggesting nothing could be grown on the land and he could see no good reason for the appeal.

Oakville Councillor Archie Donaghey argued that by allowing separations of this nature the committee would create a demand for services.

He compared the individual severance applications to a subdivision application and noted the subdivisions had to pay for roads and other services that have to be provided.

Contravenes plan
 Planner F. Crann told the committee that the severance application was in contravention of provisions in the Nassagaweya Official Plan.

He said the Nassagaweya Official Plan encouraged development in and near the villages and hamlets and discouraged it in the area where Mr. Johnson lives. He claimed the separation, if granted, would contribute to ribbon development on a major road in the township.

Steam-Era

Blessed with fine weather, a great exhibit and a near-record crowd, Steam-Era 1976 faded into history Monday night, closing out a fun-filled weekend of nostalgia and entertainment at Milton Fair Grounds.

"Great, just great," beamed a smiling Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association president Dennis Webb, a steam buff from Hemmville. "It's a terrific show, we had good weather and a grand crowd, what more could we ask for?"

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Sunday, Sept. 12, 1976

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 11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
 7.00 p.m.—Evening Fellowship at Pastor's Apartment

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Sunday, Sept. 12, 1976

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
 6.30 p.m.—Evening Fellowship

Thought—Peace rules the day when Christ rules the mind.



TOWN MEN ALLIN BOWEN (right) of Acton and Dave Majury of Georgetown smooth over freshly-poured cement on Mill Street West last Thursday. The new sidewalk is about three feet closer to the lake.

Get complete report—Munro says

Halton Regional Council wants a comprehensive report prepared that will serve as a basis for comparison before a landfill site is chosen.

Burlington Councillor Mary Munro told council she would like to see a report that costed all of the sites that are seriously under consideration.

She called for a report that would provide a fair comparison and one that investigates the possibility of dry waste landfill sites as well as a major site adjacent to the Bronte Provincial Park Property.

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