

The chicken man of Acton

By Jennifer Barr
 "When you live in Acton, you live in Leghorn country." Those are the words of Fred Kentner who breeds some of the finest Leghorns on the continent.
 His list of winnings is formidable. He's won Champion Bird at the C.N.E. for 10 or 11 years (he can't remember exactly) and this year walked off with Grand Champion Bird of the show, Grand Champion Trio, Grand Champion Hen, and Grand Champion Cockerel.
 Included in the long, long list of wins is Reserve Grand Champion at the 100 anniversary of the American Poultry Association celebrated at the world's largest poultry show, Columbus, Ohio. He also won best display in the show.
 In 1972, he "won everything" at the Texas show. He won Grand Champion bird in Maumee, Ohio, in 1969; the same award in '70 at York, Pennsylvania; and again in '71 in Georgia.
 "We eat expensive dinners"

house. He doesn't walk through the pen without picking up a favorite bird and smoothing its feathers as it nestles on his arm.
 The birds are fed chicken feed, skim milk powder, wild bird seed, rolled oats, flax seed, and eggs. Their own eggs are often fed back to them.
 Medication for worms and respiratory diseases is always on hand and Fred keeps in touch with the University of Guelph.
 Fortunately, Fred has his own business, Kent Construction, so he can take the necessary time for travelling and showing.
 The big yellow truck with Kent Construction on its side can often be seen taking off for a show filled with 50 to 70 birds.
 Some of the most important people in the world are chicken fanciers, according to Fred. Men like Dick Irwin and Frank Selke breed birds. As Fred used to play professional hockey, he knows many men who combine the rough and tumble sport with the gentle art of feather fancying.
 Wherever he goes, Fred wins something. He had Champion black Rosecomb at the '75 C.N.E. - a breed invented by the Emperor Nero of Rome.
 His farm on upper Highway 25, where he lives with his wife and two boys, plus several hundred birds, is crowded with the famous Leghorns, wild water fowl, Rosecombs, Polish, Spangled Hamburgs, and even a pet crow called Bill.
 Some of the birds belong to friends. The water fowl are owned by Fred Archibald who left his own farm recently to live in Acton. Many pens are full of other breeders' birds as Fred takes care of them.
 Fred employs the farm system himself and many of his best birds reside with friends. That way, if something happens to his flock at home, his entire breed isn't wiped out, he says.
 Halton boasts winners. He claims there are about 20 of the finest chicken



THE FINEST ROOSTER IN THE WORLD. So Fred Kentner describes this prize Bantam Leghorn cockerel. Fred is one of the country's most successful poultry breeders and showmen.

breeders in the world right here in Halton County.
 "We can beat anyone in the world. If we all showed against them, we'd win across the board," he states.
 Fred is a qualified poultry judge as well.
 He and Pat were invited to visit Bermuda three years

ago to judge. Pat spent the day with the first lady of Bermuda and then the couple were entertained at a Royal luncheon in the chateau.
 Since he was nine years old and started showing at the Acton Fall Fair, Fred has loved his birds. He started with game bantams but

became impressed with fellow breeder, Roy Buttson of Stratford's Leghorns and said to himself, "By golly, if he can win with Leghorns, so can I." And he did.

Fred's birds command prices of \$200 to \$300 each and breeders come from the other side of the continent to buy them. When he doesn't sell them for large prices, Fred gives them away. He's always giving an embryo flock to some youngster with a chicken fancy. He likes to see children with a worthwhile hobby, he says.
 With hundreds of birds around the place, his wife, Pat, is never short of eggs or chicken dinners. Even the champions get eaten if they are not sold.
 "We have some of the most expensive dinners around here," chuckles Fred.
 The Leghorn breeder figures it's his way of fitting and showing that wins him so many prizes. Even back in the days when he and his father were breeding birds together, he says he was the shower and his father was the breeder.
 The beautiful white birds receive their share of kindness; Fred spends about four hours a day in his chicken



BILL, AN OLD crow, shares the Kentner poultry barn. Fred and Bill have conversations.

Halton 4-H horse club has achievement day

by Mark J. Leahy
 The Halton 4-H Horse Club Achievement Day was held on Saturday, Sept. 11 at Milton Fair Grounds. Twenty-four club members completed their project for this year.
 Placings in the classes were as follows:
 Showmanship—first, Debbie McMillan; second tie, Suzanne Corker and Elaine White; third tie, Ross Fish, Bev Wingfield and Kim Wingrove.
 Pony Class—first, Brian Wingfield; second tie,

Suzanne Corker and Sandra McHugh; third, Terry Alkema.
 Horse Class—first, Ross Fish; second tie, Valerie Scott, Bev Wingfield and Debbie McMillan; fifth, Roy Fish.
 In the tack competition—first, Debbie McMillan; second, Valerie Scott; third tie, Susan Rasberry and Ann Marie Corker.
 These classes were followed by a number of games in which competitors competed on horseback.

Belgium, Ireland, U.S., Canada in Royal show

Four-member teams from Belgium and Ireland will join the United States and Canada to compete in over a dozen exciting international jumping events at this year's Royal Horse Show. They will be joined by two individual competitors, one from Australia and another from Holland.
 The Belgium team is making their first visit to the Royal since 1926. They are expected to be represented by the same team members who won the Bronze Medal in the exciting international team jumping at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal last August.
 Ireland's international

jumping team will be the dark horse to spectators at the Royal. With new horses in training they did not enter the '76 Olympics but now feel they are strong contenders.
 The American team will be striving to win their sixth consecutive leading International Team Award and their fourth Prix Des Nations Cup in 6 years. Always a strong international contender they bear close watching.

A neglected heating system can let you down when it is most needed. Have yours checked, before winter sets in.

Field crops at fair show

By Mark J. Leahy
 The Achievement Day for Halton 4-H Field Crop Club was held Oct. 2 at Georgetown Fair. All 4-H club members completed their project.
 Results were: Corn—first, John H. Reid; second, Glen McClure; third, Evelyn Snow; fourth, Erla Snow. Oats—first, Tom Wilson; second, Doug McPhail; third, Jamie Couper. Hay—first, Bill Robinson; second, Jamie Couper; third, Bob Wilson.

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Offer guides for turkey shopping

Every year thousands of Canadians embark on a shopping trip for their Thanksgiving turkeys. "Canadians choose turkey over every other protein source on this occasion for no other reason but that turkey traditionally accompanies Thanksgiving," say food specialists at the Ontario Food Council, Ministry of Agriculture and Food.
 Traditions are fine. But there's more to a turkey than tradition. This year when you shop for your turkey, think about these facts:
 (1) Most Canadian-processed turkeys are graded into the top three grades of federal standards—Canada Grade A, B and Utility.
 (2) Turkeys graded Canada Grade A have top quality flesh and finish. Good flesh means good distribution and a good amount of it on the carcass. Good finish means an even fat covering with no defects on the skin.
 (3) Turkeys graded Canada Grade B have a little less flesh and not quite so nice a finish.
 (4) Turkeys graded Canada Grade Utility may be Grade A or B with one small difference. They have a small portion of the carcass missing, such as a wing. They are usually a good buy.
 (5) If the turkey you buy is fresh (not frozen), it should have its grade marked on a metal tag. The tag is attached to the breast of the turkey. On frozen turkeys, the grade should be printed on the bag.
 (6) Turkey meat is one of the most economical meats found on the market today. Cooked turkey meat has a protein content as high as 30-32 per cent. Its fat content is

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Where we are and where we're going.

- Alter one year, the anti-inflation program is doing what it set out to do.
 The most important achievement has been the drop in the inflation rate. A year ago, consumer prices were rising at a rate of 10.6%. By August 1976, that rate of increase had dropped to 6.2%. This fall some unavoidable increases in energy costs and municipal taxes will affect the rate of inflation. In spite of this, the first year target of an inflation rate of no more than 8% will be met.
 Increases in all forms of income—wages, salaries, fees, profits, dividends—are also being successfully restrained. On the average, prices have gone up less than wages this year. This means that most Canadians can cope a bit better, we have more buying power than we had before the program began.
- The goal of the second year of the anti-inflation program is to bring inflation down even further, to no more than 6%. This can be achieved only if increases in everything slow down together.
 In our kind of market economy, prices have to be able to move up and down to some extent. But the anti-inflation program does put an effective restraint on prices by controlling profit margins. In the second year, the price and profit controls are being changed to make the rules simpler and to apply restraint more fairly among different companies. They also include important incentives to encourage the investments the country needs to make the economy grow and create new jobs for Canadians. New investment credits will make allowances for company profits re-invested to boost production and productivity.
 In the area of wages and salaries, the second year Guidelines limit increases to 6% as a protection against price increases, with 2% more added as a share of national productivity.
- This Guideline is designed to protect and improve the real income of working Canadians, while bringing down the rate of inflation.
 All governments are restraining their expenditures. The federal government is limiting growth in its own spending to keep it in line with the overall growth of the Canadian economy. This means that every day hard choices must be made to limit new programs and trim old ones. These choices are painful. But they have to be made if the government is to restrain its costs and avoid contributing to inflation.
 Nobody likes controls. Not the people whose private decisions are affected by them. And not the governments that have to enforce them. But controls were and are needed, to bring inflation down and to assure a growing economy. The program will be terminated by the end of 1978. Until it is ended, the government is committed to making sure the controls work hard to bring about a continuing reduction in the rate of inflation.
 Inflation has to be cut down to protect our personal buying power, our savings and pensions, and jobs for Canadians. If last year's spiral of rising prices and incomes had continued, Canadian-made products would soon be unable to compete in world markets. Imports could easily undercut goods produced and sold here at home. It's especially important for us to keep our prices and costs competitive with the United States, and on both counts the U.S. is still doing better than we are. Finally, inflation also hurts investment. And when investment goes down, unemployment goes up.
 After a year of controls, inflation has come down. Progress has been made, in protecting Canadian jobs and improving Canada's well-being. The success of the anti-inflation program so far has depended a great deal on the co-operation of many Canadians. With continued co-operation, we can all look forward to sharing a more prosperous and growing economy.

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