

# 'Pick Your Own' Proves Popular for Strawberries

If frequenters of the "pick your own" strawberry farms in the area aren't eating fresh, high quality berries these days they have nobody but themselves to blame.

At such farms in Norval, Huttonville and Milton areas, Mr. and Mrs. Consumer are their own quality controllers and inspectors and the result is boxes of luscious big berries that look like they just rolled out of a seed catalogue.

The pick your own kind of market is beneficial to the consumer in lower and more constant prices, and also benefits the grower by reducing his harvest and marketing costs.

As well as attractive prices

and fresh produce pickers also seem to go for the do-it-yourself approach because of the fresh air and farm atmosphere. It is often an outing for the whole family.

## Army Life Radical Departure

Even the army admits that military life has its disadvantages.

Students taking summer jobs in the militia, for example, will earn only \$49 for a seven day week. They also give up long hair, girl friends, fancy clothes, beads and liquor.

I admit it's not too tempt-

The quality of the berries can be maintained for a number of days by refrigerating the fruit as soon as possible after picking.

ing for the average Canadian student, said Capt. Denis Hogan, an information officer at Ortona Barracks.

The defence department plans to employ about 6,000 students in the militia this summer at a cost of \$4,500,000.

Capt. Hogan said the discipline of army life may shock many students.

# Drugs Expensive, Seeks Retarded Financial Aid

The principal of an Esqueping Township school is seeking financial assistance for parents who must buy expensive, specialized drugs for retarded children.

Gwendolyn Jeffares, principal of Sunshine School for the Mentally Retarded, says that in Ontario many parents of retarded children are faced with "an awful outlay" for drugs.

## A LIFETIME

She said they usually begin buying the drugs when the child is quite young and the expense can continue a lifetime.

Sometimes the drugs are not effective and have to be changed frequently which means there can be much waste involved, she added.

In addition, the drugs are often newly developed and more expensive than medicines which have been on the market for a period of time.

## SHORT TERM

In Esqueping, she said, there have been instances in which parents bought a particular drug which cost from \$6 to \$8 for a short term supply.

Mrs. Jeffares presented the problem to a meeting of Halton board of education's advisory committee on schools for trainable retarded children.

However, she learned that such expenses are not within the scope of the board of education budget and it was suggested she apply to the retarded children's association for information on possible sources of assistance.

## NO PROVISION

W. K. M. Armstrong, secretary to the committee, said that the department of education regulations has no provision for such expenditures by any board.

Peter Gomery, program director for Ontario Association for the Mentally Retarded, said the organization has made no specific effort to obtain financial assistance for parents who must buy expensive drugs.

He said there are other health problems peculiar to retarded children for which the association has been seeking assistance.

## DENTAL EXPENSES

For instance, he cited the case of dental expenses. He said dental health poses a special problem. The association sought, without success the assistance of the Ontario Hospital Services Commission in financing hospital expenses for retarded children who require major dental work. The Department of Health has also been petitioned for assistance.

## SPECIAL DIET

Gomery said the depart-

ment of health recently approved payment of costs involved in providing some retarded children with a special diet. The diet, he said, was costing some parents \$30 a week.

Costs have been reduced on drugs to some degree since general practitioners agreed to issue prescriptions using the generic rather than professional terms for drugs. This enables buyers to compare prices of the same drug produced by various manufacturers.

He said one reason costs are still high is that new drugs still carry the manufacturers' research and development costs.

SORRY . . . .  
WRONG GROOM

The Herald made an unfortunate error in the account of the Couture - McDonald wedding in last week's Herald. The groom's name is Garry

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Norman Couture, not Harry Borman Couture as it read in the wedding write-up.



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Harold Bagg displays the results of only a few minutes' picking at Braeside. Pick-your-own farms save about six cents a box on pickers' fees and another two and a half cents on the quart boxes because pickers bring their own containers.



This is a bumper year for strawberries. Berries like these jumbo and juicy, are being harvested by the customers at Braeside Farms, Norval.

## Mrs. Ole Knutson, 82 Was Native of Norway

A woman who spent most of her married life in western Canada and the states, Mrs. Ole Knutson, 82, died in Georgetown hospital on June 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Knutson had made their home with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fogal, R.R. 1, since 1962. Last year they celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

The former Louise Jordal, she was born in Hardanger, Norway, daughter of Gulbrand and Bertha Jordal. In 1901 she moved to North Dakota, and following her marriage in 1909 Mr. and Mrs. Knutson lived in La Grande, Oregon, Camrose, Alberta, Livelong and Regina, Saskatchewan and for 14 years in Edmonton, Alberta, before coming to Georgetown.

She was a member of the Lutheran Church and Pride of Alberta Lodge, Edmonton.

She leaves her husband three children, Gilman, Cathedral City California, Arthur, Palm Springs, California and Berniece, Mrs. Charles Fogal, three sisters and two brothers, five grandchildren, Gary Knutson, Cathedral City, Mrs. Howard Chaffee, San Diego, Robert, Rick and Ron Fogal, Georgetown and a great-granddaughter Lori Knutson.

## HORNBY NEWS

Anniversary greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smoke who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on Monday, July 13.

Birthday greetings are extended to the following who are celebrating their birthdays - Mrs. Jack Simpson and Ray Plant on July 8, Mrs. Roy Ellis and Judy Saunders on July 12, Mrs. Harry Lee on July 13 and Ian Breck on July 14.

Anniversary greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sharp who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on July 12.

Congratulations to the local winners who participated in the junior farmer field day in Milton recently. Donna Jackson who was the winner of the girl's 75 yard dash, girls shot put and also the girl's softball throw; girl's long jump, Laurie Maxwell; mens mile, Donald Hamilton.

Funeral service took place in the chapel at Glendale Memorial Gardens, Etobicoke, conducted by Rev. Overgaard-Thomson of the Danish Lutheran Church, Toronto. Pallbearers were her four grandsons, George Ironside, R. R. 1, and Barney Normann, Dumont, New Jersey.

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