

Inmates enjoy Thanksgiving meal

By CHRIS SILMAN
Toronto Bureau
Inmates at Ontario's correctional centres, including Maplehurst in Milton, enjoyed the true spirit of Thanksgiving last weekend.

Hideau Correctional Centre, canned peas, pumpkin pie, tea and rolls and bread baked at Maplehurst at nearby institutions.

800 ACRES
Mr. Walker said this year, inmates farmed 800 acres of land across the province near their correctional centres. This included raising pigs and chickens. Breakfast eggs will come from the centres' poultry farm.

Last year, inmates worked only 27 acres.
In the future, inmates will be totally self-sufficient in the food department. However, this year, although not totally self-sufficient, inmates will "appreciate more the value of

the meal, knowing they have hoed the field, raked the weeds and produced the growth right from the planting of the seed," Mr. Walker said.

Inmates are now eating the food they've produced during the last six months on a regular basis, he said. This year's self-sufficiency program was so successful, they have 200 tons of potatoes left over, Mr. Walker said.

TRADING
"We're trading them with the feds for carrots," he said. The ministry has not gone into turkey production, so this year's turkeys were not raised by the inmates. However, chickens they raised could be used for future Thanksgivings.

Likewise, although the peas are canned, the inmates could move to growing and canning or freezing them in the future, he said.

Because the pumpkin pies require special preparation, canned pumpkin is being used this year, Mr. Walker said.

Approximately ten institutions near Maplehurst will be breaking bread with rolls and bread baked there. The others will be eating store-bought bread.

ARC opening

ARC Industries in Hornby is holding an official opening of its expanded facilities October 17 at 3 p.m. ARC Industries was founded over 15 years ago to provide work and training for mentally handicapped men and women, and has been growing and expanding since it first opened. The latest project has been one of major renovation and expansion. The public is invited to tour the new facility following the opening.

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Inflation the issue: survey

From the Ottawa Bureau of The Herald
Halton constituents don't think much of the federal government's emphasis on the constitution, Halton MP Otto Jelinek says a survey of constituents shows.

Jelinek said in Ottawa that he sent a questionnaire to 35,000 households in the constituency and nearly 10 per cent gave replies.

Asked to list the most important issues in Canada, 47.1 per cent said inflation was the most important; 14.3 per cent said energy; nine per cent said unemployment; 8.1 per cent said law and order; 3.5 per cent said the constitution; 1.2 per cent said interest rates; and 0.2 per cent said bilingualism.

Jelinek said 83.1 per cent of those answering questions about the constitution said the British North America (BNA) Act should be brought to Canada.

Asked about amending the constitution 75.4 per cent said amendments should be made by the federal and provincial governments and 32 per cent by the federal government alone.

On the question of federal and provincial powers 33.6 per cent said they were in favor of the present distribution of federal and provincial powers and 57.3 per cent said they were not in favor.

Of those not in favor of the present distribution, 51.2 per cent thought the federal government should have more power, and 44.4 per cent thought provincial government should have more power.

Jelinek said most who replied to the questionnaire were disturbed or even angered that the constitution is being considered at this time.

Looking for friends

Acton's Friends in Deed, a group for physically handicapped adults, is issuing an invitation for anyone in Georgetown who wishes to attend.

The group meets the last Tuesday of each month at M.Z. Bennett school at 7:30 p.m. There are also swimming sessions each Sunday morning from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at McKenzie-Smith Middle School, at a cost of 50 cents.

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