



IT'S PLOWING TIME in Halton and farm fields are being turned over to let the sun, rain and weather perform their magic touch on the soil and make it more productive next spring. Fall is also a time for

plowing matches in Halton, when farmers get together to demonstrate their prowess with one of man's oldest tools—the plow.

An editorial

Food for all

By Henry J. Stanley
Halton Agricultural Representative

Will there be enough food in the world at the end of this century to feed everyone? This is a question which is often asked. For thousands of years, man has worked and prayed for enough food to keep himself alive.

In some areas, such as North America, food has nearly always been available to those who would work for it. In other lands food has often, in the past, been lacking. Population increases of over 2.5 per cent per year in developing countries such as Africa and India have put strains on the food reserves. In contrast we look at developed countries, where surpluses often abound but where the population is now climbing at less than 1 per cent.

There are high surpluses of food in the world at present — some 60 million tons of wheat, surpluses of eggs, milk, wheat and rice. The world produces three times the protein and calories it needs, but still suffers widespread protein hunger — why?

Food is wasted at all stages — from production to consumption. India stores over 70 per cent of its food in rural areas. They lose almost 17 million tons of food supplies containing three million tons of protein in storage, handling, milling and because of insects, etc. Considerable effort is now being focused on this problem.

Progress is also being made in population control. The uneducated masses in the developing nations face this issue — more every day. Great progress has been made and must still be made.

During the past few years there have been tremendous strides in world food production. New high-yielding wheat, produced in Mexico, was sent to India and Pakistan and sown on millions of acres. Similarly new rice varieties have greatly increased yields. Surpluses are now appearing in Asian nations forcing a drop in world prices and increased competition to our Canadian exports.

This is the great obstacle to increased world food production — when production goes up, prices go down. Who knows the ceiling if profits were there? Several thousand acres of land in Halton would not be growing weeds if it were profitable to be growing crops on them. Similarly, throughout the world, much more food can be produced, using each acre to its fullest with more fertilizer, irrigation, insect and weed control, etc.

Scientists have only begun to scratch the surface of all the possibilities for increasing food production. Higher yields of higher protein crops will play a big role in years ahead. We have only just skimmed the surface of the oceans for food production. We also have a long way to go in the distribution of food throughout the world in order to prevent starvation.

Man is working hard at this question of adequate food for all. He can succeed, if he wants to!

Dig and store gladiolus bulbs

By D. B. McNeill

Gladiolus bulbs should be dug in October and stored for winter. To dig gladiolus, thrust the digging fork or spade on each side of the row to loosen the bulbs first, then they can easily be pulled out by the tops. As soon as each bulb is dug, cut off the tops flush with the bulb and place the bulb in a box or bag. Five or 10 pound paper bags are excellent for storing glads. Each variety can be placed in a separate bag, properly labeled so that varieties do not become mixed during cleaning and dusting this fall and planting next spring.

After the bulbs are dug, dust each bag with a dust containing Sevin to discourage any thrips, that may be flying around them, from laying their eggs on the bulbs. Place the flats in a light, airy, frost-proof shed or garage for drying. Remember to take the bulbs to the basement in December when serious frosts are likely to occur.

When the roots are easily removed from the new corms it is time to do the cleaning. When cleaning remove the old corms and roots from the bottom of the new corms, cleaning one variety at a time to avoid mix-ups, and

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—Thanksgiving was cottage-closing weekend for many local cottage owners.

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Peonies should be replanted now

By B. McNeill

If you have been planning to rejuvenate the peonies in your garden, now is the time to divide and replant them. Plants that have lost vigor due to old age or encroaching tree roots can be rejuvenated into healthy growing specimens.

The plants should be dried carefully so that the roots are preserved intact. The loose earth should be shaken off and the plants left exposed to sun and air for several hours to soften their roots. The plants are best divided by using a sharp knife which prevents excessive waste. Divisions with not less than three and not more than five "eyes" are the most easily established.

Large Holes

The divisions should be placed in holes large enough to hold the roots without crowding. They should be covered with soil to a depth of 1 to 2 inches above the crown. Too deep a planting may keep the plant from blooming.

It is advisable to mulch the plants for the first winter to prevent damage from alternate thawing and freezing.

Typical blooms will not be produced until the young plants become well established. Flower

—Autumn colors are at their peak this week. The Milton district abounds in scenic beauty,

Champion Farm Page

Trustee defends farmers in fight with province

Halton County Board of Education trustee Ernie Bodnar brought his colleague from North Burlington to the defence of farmers at a board meeting Thursday. Bodnar suggested the province should consider giving the man who has to live on a weekly pay cheque a break instead of the farmers—who, he suggested, are able to deduct a lot from their income tax anyway.

Mr. Bodnar was commenting on the report the province will give some tax concessions to farmers. When Bodnar suggested giving the man with a weekly pay cheque a break trustee George Pelletier snapped, "He gets a 10 per cent raise every year."

"You should read the whole story. They're not giving us anything. If we sell the land we

have to pay back the reductions with interest. That is okay for someone in the boonocks but for anyone in Burlington or Oakville where they might sell someday, it is no good," added the North Burlington trustee.

Mr. Pelletier's rapid and enthusiastic defence for the farmer brought laughter from fellow trustees and administration.

Horse club plans show

The final meeting of the Halton 4-H Horse Club was held Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. at Teri Mountstevens' home. Achievement day was discussed in detail and it was decided to start the program at 1 p.m. sharp on Sunday, Oct. 18 at the home of Jan English, Steeles Ave.

The horses are to be on the grounds at 12 to set up exhibits and the judge for the day will be named later. Plans are for fun and optional games with races to follow. Horses are to be shown on the line and in showmanship classes. Members were reminded to have tack exhibits and special projects ready. Books are to be handed in and the quiz will be written after the classes are completed.

The meeting was adjourned by everyone telling what they had learned from the club. Hostess Teri served lunch.

4-H sheep club achievement day

By H. Cook

The Achievement Day for the Halton 4-H Sheep Club was held on Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Georgetown Agricultural Fair. There were nine of the 10 members enrolled in the club who successfully completed their projects by attending the Achievement Day.

In the Showmanship class Keith Aitken of R.R. 3 Acton placed first, with Doug Garthouse of R.R. 5, Milton and Janet Hunter of R.R. 1, Burlington placing second and third respectively.

The top market lamb was exhibited by Keith Aitken with Keith and Dave McKinnon, both of R.R. 3, Milton, placing a close second and third respectively.

Doug Guardhouse exhibited the top animal in the Breeding Ewe Class; Janet Hunter placed second and Norma Leslie of R.R. 3, Acton placed third.

The judge for the show was Joe Willmott, a former sheep breeder from Milton.

buds formed during the first two years should be removed as soon as they appear.

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