

Poor cherry crop at Braeside farm



THE BRAESIDE FARM on Bell School Line of John and Laura Hughes attracted visitors from Toronto on the weekend as the Pick Your Own season came to a close. Hilary Wear of Toronto is one example of the scenery.

Predictions of a good cherry crop, made in the spring by John Hughes of Braeside Farm on Bell School Line have turned out to be wrong. The farm has a crop about 10 per cent of last year's yield, and it is almost as bad as the very poor year in 1976. The reason for the low yield was damaged pistils on the cherry blossoms caused by the weather. Mrs. Hughes

said it is disappointing. Last year's picking season lasted three to four weeks but "Pick-your-own" only operated for 10 days this summer. It opened July 8 and closed to the public Sunday. Students will be hired to harvest the remainder of the crop. Mrs. Hughes noted there will not be as many students hired as there were last year. Aside from the poor crop,

the Hughes opened their barn to the public offering honey, coffee, cherry juice, cherry pies and sweet eating cherries for sale. The addition of a cherry pitter saved pickers hours of hand pitting at home. Pitting was offered at 10 cents a pound. Raspberries can be picked at the farm but pickers are asked to call in advance.



THE CHERRY PITTER is demonstrated by Laura Hughes. The machine was installed in the barn at Braeside Farms for the convenience of Pick Your Own customers at the cherry farm, at 10 cents per pound. It saves pie makers hours of pitting time.

Ontario sweet cherries ripe

They're here! Ontario sweet cherries are here! Enjoy them fresh. Food specialists at the Ontario Food Council, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, suggest that since the season is short, freeze some for the winter. The Vista variety of sweet cherries should be ready soon. Most sweet cherries grown in Ontario are of the Hedelfingen variety. They are ready around mid-July. The majority of all sweet cherries grown in Ontario come from the Niagara-Wentworth area. For eating or freezing, choose firm, ripe cherries, free from major blemishes. Wash well and pit, then place them in desired amounts in rigid containers. For superb flavor and color, freeze cherries in syrup mixed with ascorbic acid. Combine two cups sugar with three cups water. Dissolve one-quarter teaspoon of ascorbic acid for better color

retention in every four cups of syrup. Pour syrup over cherries and leave at least one inch headspace to allow for expansion during freezing. To keep fruit submerged in the syrup, place a small piece of crumpled, moisture-proof paper, such as aluminum foil, between the cherries and the lid. Seal and label the container with name of contents, amount and date and freeze immediately. Following the tour they enjoyed a bountiful picnic lunch on the grounds. The president, Mrs. C.W. Wrigglesworth held a short business meeting. Reports were given by the ladies who had been at the W.I. house at the Agricultural Museum Hornby W.I. sent two ladies for three days. Following the meeting all journeyed to Dundas and visited the Veldhuis Greenhouses.

Hornby women visit Lee home

On Wednesday, July 12, Hornby Women's Institute spent a pleasant day before closing for the summer holidays. At 10 o'clock three carloads with 11 members and three visitors left for Stoney Creek to visit the Erland Lee home. This home is where the first Institute meeting was held and it is being restored to its original setting. The ladies enjoyed very much the hospitality of the caretakers and viewing the

lovely old things. Following the tour they enjoyed a bountiful picnic lunch on the grounds. The president, Mrs. C.W. Wrigglesworth held a short business meeting. Reports were given by the ladies who had been at the W.I. house at the Agricultural Museum Hornby W.I. sent two ladies for three days. Following the meeting all journeyed to Dundas and visited the Veldhuis Greenhouses.

Hazardous weather

Extremely dry weather conditions are making it very hazardous for outdoor barbecues and campfires, warns Milton Fire Chief Jim Coulson. Mr. Coulson advises all area residents to restrict picnic barbecues and campfires to patio or gravel surfaces.

The Milton Fire Department has answered several grass fire calls recently, he

said, the majority due to extreme dryness. "I also recommend no smoking in areas where there is a lot of dry brush and grass, such as on the Bruce Trail."



SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH-CARE FINANCING AND COSTS

A Select Committee of the Legislature has been established to review health-care costs and alternative methods of financing health care. Interested individuals, groups or organizations should obtain the precise terms of reference from the Clerk of the Committee and should present written briefs to him by July 27, 1978. Requests for oral presentation of briefs should be made to the Clerk of the Committee for consideration by the Committee. It is intended that oral presentations will be heard between Monday, July 31, 1978 and Tuesday, August 22, 1978 subject to revision by the Committee as may be required.

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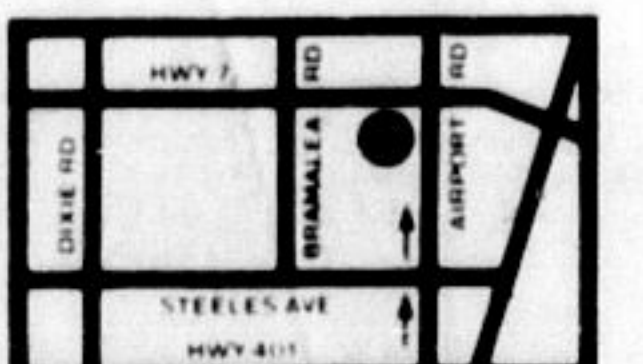
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