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North Simcoe agricultural news

March promises to be a busier than usual month

by Alan W. Scott
 Agricultural Representative

North Simcoe
 March promises to be a busier than usual month on the farm scene with a number of scheduled activities.

Weed Control Course
 A Weed Control Course started last Monday, March 15th. There will be a second session on

March 22nd and a concluding Sprayer Information night at Richards International on March 29th.

This course is now filled with 40 enrolments. Dairy Farm Management Program

The dairy farm management program got underway the first week of March with approximately 60 par-

ticipants turning out to the four meetings. This program is designed to carry on over the summer months with discussions on dairy production, crop production, and farm business management. Dairy Specialist Harold Clapp will be a guest at the next program at Elmvalle on Friday, March 19th at 10:30 a.m., and at Orillia

Fairgrounds on Thursday, March 25th, at 10:30 a.m. The topic for these programs will concern the feeding of the dairy cow.

Swine Workshop
 The North and South Simcoe Pork Producers have organized a workshop on the environmental conditions in swine buildings and swine health. The workshop is

scheduled for Tuesday, March 23rd, at the Roof Garden Room of the Continental Inn at Barrie. The time is 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Environmental Specialist Roger Hacker and Veterinarian Pete Oliver and John Martin of Guelph will be the specialists in charge of the program. All Simcoe County Pork producers are invited to the meeting.

Other Meetings of Interest to the Dairy Industry

Thursday, March 18th — Holstein Club Tour
 Monday, March 22nd, 8:15 p.m. — Annual Meeting of the Simcoe County Milk Committee at Guthrie Hall.

Wednesday, March 24th — Huronia D.H.I.A. Meeting at the farms of Doug Giffen and Bill VanderWielen, Minesing. Farm Management Specialist Dan Rose will be speaking on father-son operating agreements and Royal Bank Manager Gord Bishop will be speaking on financing.

The East Simcoe D.H.I. Association has scheduled a meeting on milking equipment and pipelines in conjunction with a tour to the Phepston farms of Gerry Moran and Albert Vancasteren. Agricultural Engineer George Garland will be the guest speaker. The date for this meeting will be announced shortly.

Friday, April 2nd — Holstein Club Banquet and Dance at the Legion Hall in Barrie.

4-H clubs are holding organizational meetings

by Chris Goody
 Assistant Agricultural Representative
 North Simcoe

If you live on a farm or in a rural community, you should know about 4-H! 4-H is — for rural boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 20

— belonging to a club in your local community
 — having fun at regular get-togethers with other 4-H'ers
 — making new friends — taking part in demonstrations and project activities, sports and games, tours, and gain appreciation for the agricultural industry

— gaining confidence in yourself and your abilities as you participate

— having a volunteer adult leader to help you learn new skills

— learn to do by doing

— working on a project

which you choose

What Might You Expect To Happen?
 — 4-H Agricultural Clubs will be starting their 1976 Club year with an Organizational Meeting and Registration in March.

— You will choose a private project to work with and keep records on it.

— You may be fortunate enough to hold an executive position in your club — all positions require responsible and dedicated people.

— You will be involved in the following events during the year: —

- a) Regular Monthly Meetings
- b) Club tours
- c) 4-H Sports Day
- d) 4-H Judging and Evaluation Day
- e) 4-H Demonstration Competition

f) C.N.E. Judging Competition

g) 4-H Achievement Days at Local Fall Fairs

h) 4-H Awards Banquet

— You will also be involved with club planning and organization of meetings, dates, programs, parents' nights, committee work, displays at fairs, parade floats, and any other activities you may wish to do as a 4-H Agricultural Club.

— You may have the opportunity to participate in many intercounty, regional and provincial activities.

If you are thinking of joining as a new member, contact the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food office in Elmvalle, and come out to the organizational meeting in your community.

Consumers to see new "Best Before" label

by Susan Stanbury
 Home Economist
 North Simcoe

In an attempt to insure freshness of products reaching the consumer, a new regulation has been put in to effect under the Food and Drugs Act. As of March 1, all processor-prepacked consumer packages of meat and other perishable food products began carrying a "Best Before" date.

If you found in the meat counter the notation "Best before Mr 31" on a package, you would regard this as the date for "durable life" of the product. The month is abbreviated to two letters. March will be listed as Mr, April as Al and June as Jn, etc.

It is important to understand what "durable life" represents. It simply means that it is the date up to which the product can be expected to retain, without appreciable deterioration, its normal wholesomeness, palatability, nutritional value or any other qualities claimed for it by the processor. But this is

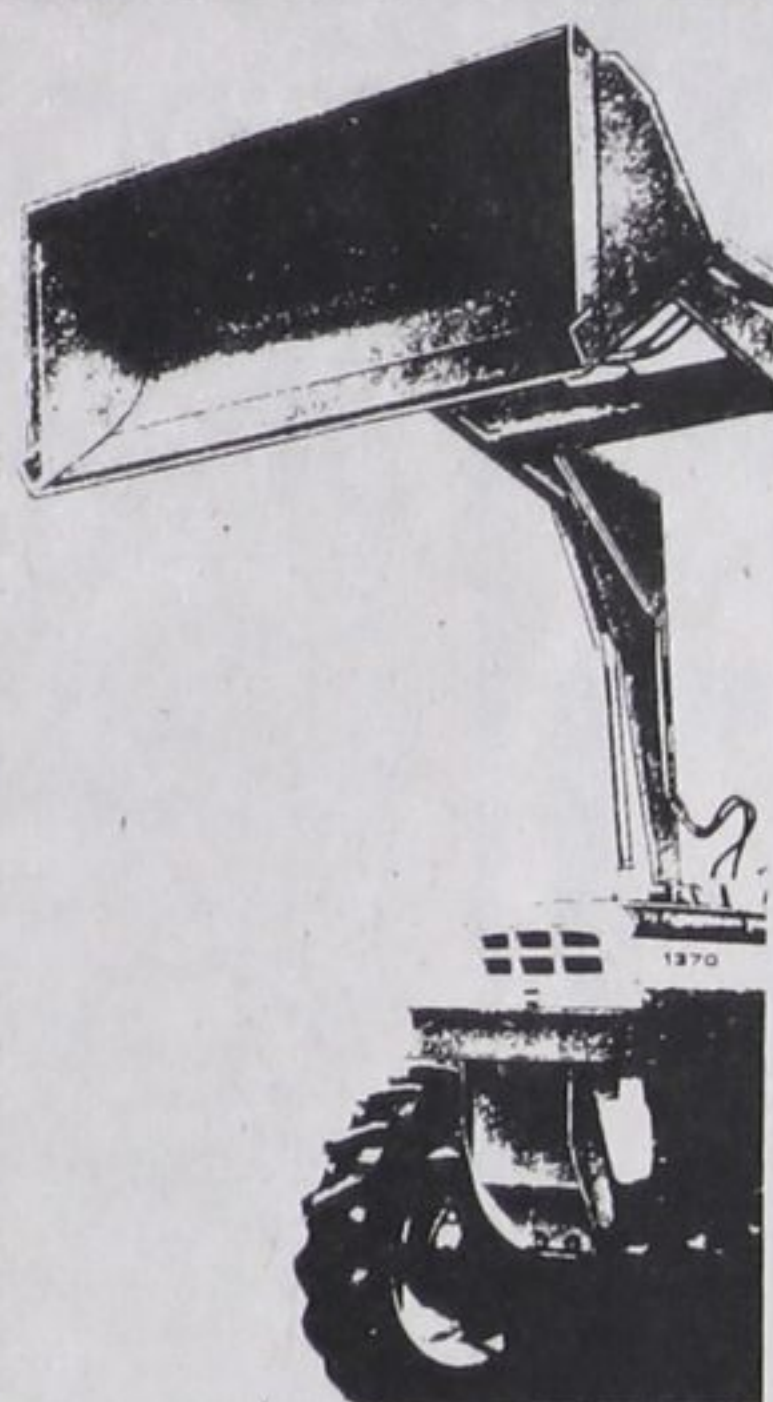
providing the product has been shipped and stored under continuous, adequate refrigeration. It does not mean that the product cannot or should not be used after the date shown. Nor does it mean that up to that date, regardless of the way the product has been kept and stored before or after purchase, there is complete assurance of quality and freshness.

If the "Best Before" date is close at hand, the package should be consumed in the near future, especially when opened. The "durable life" of unopened packages can be extended by immediate freezing.

For the next year meat, poultry and fish products packaged and sold in stores by retailers will carry a packaging date rather than a "durable life" date. But placards at point of sale will indicate for each type of such in-store packaged products, what durable life can be expected.

Consumers can now continue to comparison shop, using the date as an extra check on freshness.

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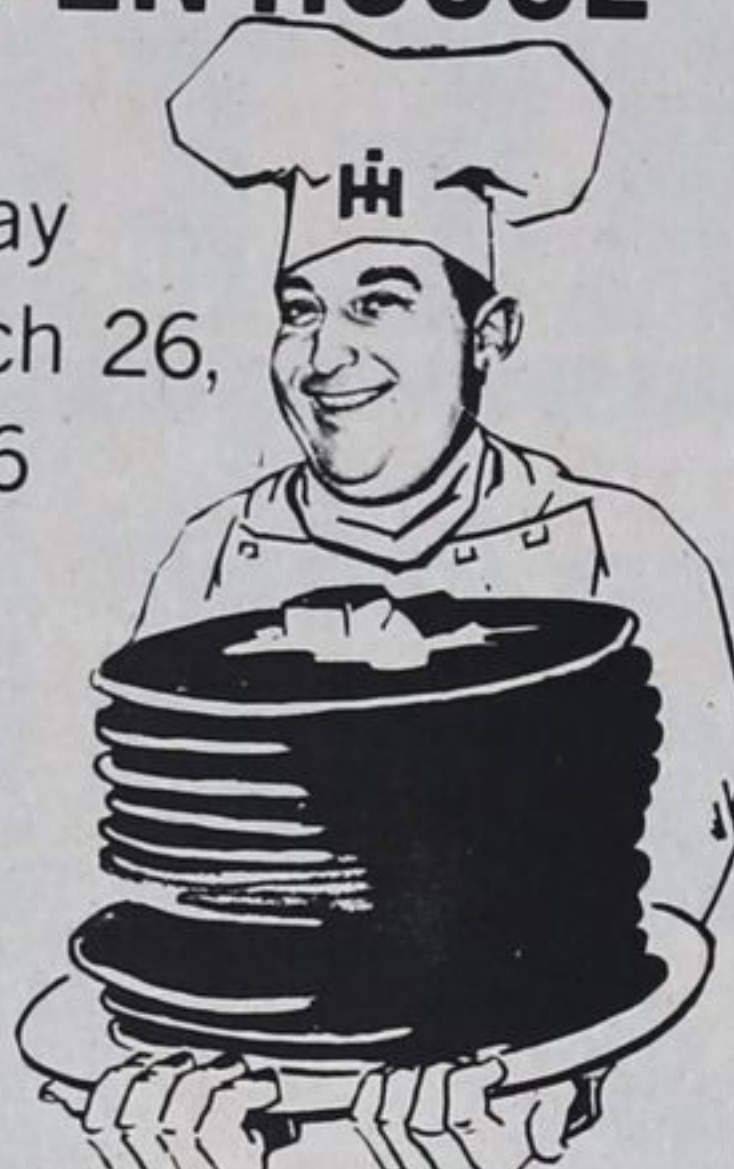
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The Minimum Wage rates for Ontario went up on Monday, March 15th. If you are presently earning minimum wage, read the following schedule to find out what your new rate will be.

New minimum rates

General minimum, hourly	\$ 2.65
General learner rate, hourly (during first month of employment)	2.55
Construction rate, hourly	2.90
Guard on construction projects, hourly	2.90
Student rate, hourly (applies to students under 18, who work 28 hours or less per week, or during school holidays)	2.15
Ambulance industry rate:	
a) weekly	127.20
b) hourly (less than 48 hrs. a week)	2.65

NEW: Minimum hourly rate for an employee who serves liquor directly to a customer, guest, member or patron in any place operating under license or permit issued under Liquor License Act. . . . \$ 2.50

New room and board rates

The following maximum rates apply when room and board are used in calculating minimum wage.

a) room	(weekly) 11.00
b) meals	(each) 1.15 OR (weekly) 24.00
c) both room and meals	(weekly) 35.00

You can get more information about the new Minimum Wage rates and the Employment Standards Act by writing or phoning:

Employment Standards Branch, Ontario Ministry of Labour, 400 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M7A 1V2 965-5251



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