

# World's markets, not weather 1985s albatross for farmers

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Clint Nesbitt's opinion, offered with regret, is that 1985 will not be a good year for agriculture.

The Ministry of Agriculture representative in North Simcoe says that the problem is not the weather but the markets. Across the board—"You name it: pork, beef, corn, soy beans"—the demand for animals raised and food grown in North Simcoe is not good. "It's very discouraging to our farmers."

The demand for food exists around the world but the people in need of food do not have the money to buy it. "It's the old story. Farmers produce the food but they can't sell it." The amount of available is not unusually great, relative to a normal year.

At least one element in the weather is always less than ideal, when farmers are concerned. So far in 1985 the temperature has been lower than some area farmers, especially corn growers, would wish.

"The weather has not been all that conducive to good growing conditions." On the other hand spring-grains and rape seed have not been adversely affected. And the higher temperatures of last week were "encouraging."

Rainfall has been intermittent but sufficient when it has occurred.

A typical North Simcoe farmer owns 300 to 400 acres, raises one kind of livestock, grows crops to feed that livestock, and might or

might not grow a cash crop.

Nesbitt says a trend of area farmers growing a cash crop is emerging. Soy beans and rape seed are being grown more. Specialty crops in general are getting more interest. Pick your own crops are spreading. White beans, present in the past, are increasing in volume.

The hay crop is "pretty good." Some farmers have taken their first cut.

## Boating and drinking don't mix, says CSC

The theme for the Canada Safety Council's Safe Boating Week, which started yesterday

and runs to Sunday, July 7, is "Boating and Drinking Don't Mix." The Canadian Coast

Guard claims that 50 percent of boating accidents in Canada are alcohol-related. Recent

figures show that 44 percent of boating deaths were alcohol-related. 72 percent of

the fatalities in which alcohol was a factor had blood/alcohol levels above .08, the legal

definition of impairment.

Impaired boating is also a criminal offense.

The Safety Council also sends along some tips for safer boating:

Leave word with someone on shore where you plan to go and what time you expect to be home.

Head for shore immediately if a storm threatens.

Carry the prescribed number of A, B, C, or D flares in case of emergency.

Never stand up in a small boat. If you must change seats, crouch low, keep your weight on the centre line, and hold on to both gunwales.

When sailing, keep an

eye out for overhead wires especially when entering or leaving marinas or clubs.

Never cruise fast enough to create a dangerous swell near other boats, marinas, an anchorage, or swimmers.

If your boat capsizes, don't attempt to swim ashore; instead, hang on to the boat until you are picked up.

Join a boat club, if possible, to keep up-to-date with changes in regulations and other safe boating information.

Learn mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Call your local St. John Ambulance for instruction.

### Grand night at ESPSS for students

It was not sports, but rather a purely academic event that filled the huge gymnasium at Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School Thursday evening.

One hundred and forty students, wearing traditional caps and gowns, were assembled for their official graduation ceremonies, before an audience of proud parents and teachers.

Nine Certificates of Training, 100 Graduation Diplomas (Grade 12), and 39 Honours Graduation Diplomas (Grade 13) were awarded over the course of the evening.

Forty six students among the graduating class, who maintained an average of 75 percent or better during the academic year, were recognized as Honour Students. In addition, Principal Giles Cinq-Mars was pleased to count nine Ontario Scholars among the 1985 grade 13 graduating class.

A few Ontario high schools could boast of a graduating class receiving a total of \$13,375 in scholarships.

Among the primary recipients of scholarships, for further study at university, are David Bayfield (McMaster), Dan Buttineau (Brock), Giles Cinq-Mars Jr. (Western), Robert Gauthier (Brock), and Kevin Wagg (McMaster).

An additional 46 high achieving students were honoured, during the ceremonies with Departmental Academic Awards and Physical Education Department Athletic Letters.



### Long local career

Isobel Heels, right, retiring after many years of nursing locally, first in St. Andrew's Hospital, and now in Huronia District Hospital, received a number of presents during a dinner in her honour

held in the Midland Legion Thursday. Beside her is Marie Radcliffe, HDH continuing care unit head nurse.



### Presbyterians add their contribution

Midland's Knox Presbyterian Church has donated \$1,000 to Huronia Transition Homes, which plans on opening its first transition home in Midland in September. From left are Rev. Paul Brown

Huronia Transition Homes co-ordinator Gayle Leroux, church Mission and Outreach sub-committee chairman Ruth Weldon, and committee chairman Ken Ellis.

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When accurate information is needed to fill out forms and announcements, it is often hard to locate or remember. You need all sorts of information when you marry, buy insurance, apply for credit or a job, and yes, even when death occurs.

It is wise to prepare such a total record now and keep it in a safe place...not in a safety deposit box because they are usually locked until after the funeral, but rather in a locked drawer of your desk. Do, however, inform your spouse of where this information may be found.

Information most often needed includes: 1) full name, address, Social Insurance number, armed forces serial number, 2) birthdate and place, 3) blood type, 4) employer records, 5) name of father's and mother's birthplace and date, 6) names of organizations and publications to be notified, 7) location of important documents, 8) any special funeral preferences or pre-arrangements, 9) pre-arranged donation of eyes or body organs, 10) names and addresses of all persons to be notified of your death.

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