

Excellent Values On Beef

The Meat Packers of Canada feels that consumers may not fully realize that excellent values are now available in beef, because of the continuing influence of the earlier, rather distorted and confusing publicity about beef prices.

While the rise of beef prices during May evoked a great deal of comment, The Meat Packers Council points out that cattle and beef prices declined significantly from mid-June through July, a period when few other consumer goods or foods were decreasing in price.

The present facts show that by the third week of July live cattle prices and wholesale beef prices (official Toronto market quotations) had both declined approximately 7 percent from the peak levels reached during the last week of May.

In the case of wholesale carcass beef, the drop in price since the end of May has been over 4c per pound. While it is more difficult to ascertain precisely how retail prices of various beef cuts have responded to these lower prices for cattle and dressed carcass beef, during July beef steaks and roasts were again being featured by various retailers at attractive prices.

Recently the general supply position for beef has steadied, at a somewhat lower level, compared to the same period a year ago, or during the first part of this year. During June and July the inspected cattle slaughter averaged 47,200 head per week. This was 10% less than in the same period of 1968. It was also significantly less than the average weekly domestic consumption of beef from January through May 1969, which was calculated, in terms of cattle, at 52,400 head per week.

Gypsum Workers Settle

HAGERSVILLE - Hourly rated employees at the Canadian Gypsum Co. have accepted a one-year contract calling for a 27-cent-an-hour wage boost.

A spokesman for Local 2342 of the International Woodworkers of America, which bargains for 200 employees at the plant said the agreement contains a package of between \$600 and \$700 a year.

Included in the agreement are additional fringe benefits and an additional holiday.

The spokesman said that although the union failed to win its major request for check-off of dues, it feels it did well.

"WE ARE NOT exactly satisfied but it's the best we can do under the conditions. It wasn't what we expected, but we thought at the present time we better leave it over," the spokesman said.

The contract, signed Monday, took effect on May 12 when the union accepted the company's proposals, he said.

The Meat Packers Council suggests that what has happened in the beef market since mid April provides a typical example of the way competitive forces of demand and supply operate in the meat industry. Whenever current supplies available on the market begin to lag behind the rate of consumption, prices generally strengthen at all of the three market levels - for livestock, at wholesale and at retail. Prices then remain strong until either supplies increase or consumption slows down.

In any case, the Council concludes beef is currently selling at prices in Canada which are actually very reasonable in relation to production and marketing costs, and in consideration of its favourable image as a tasty and nutritious food.

agreement since it was certified at the plant in 1967.

The spokesman said the union is proud that it has increased the basic wage rate by 52 cents since certification. The new agreement raises the basic rate to \$2.56 from \$2.29.

"Things are getting stronger," he said.

CONTRACT negotiations broke down on April 23 before a provincial conciliator over the check-off stalemate and six days later Labor Minister Dalton Bales released a "no board report." The employees could have struck legally on May 15.

In the meantime, the company sent what it labelled final proposals to the union's negotiating committee, the spokesman said.

The committee presented the proposals to a membership meeting which ratified them by a 2-1 margin, he said.

Seven meetings failed to produce an agreement.

The union was seeking an 85-cent an hour increase in a one-year contract increasing the basic rate of \$2.29 an hour to \$3.14.



Nancy Craddock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Craddock, has received her certificate from Marvel Hairdressing School. She is presently employed at the Klip-N-Kurl Beauty Salon in Jarvis.

Sandusk News

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Werner, Bill, Dale, and Alan and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bray attended a farewell party for Rev. Geo. Simpson who has been the pastor of Cheapside and Nanticoke United Churches for the past three years. Mr. Simpson is retiring from the ministry and moving to the home they have purchased in Thorndale.

Community

Fund Donations

Mr. Garry Tomkins - \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bartlett - 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Murtland - 2.00; Mrs. Edgar Meade - 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Armstrong - 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Atkinson - 5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rolfe - 2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sheppard - 2.00; Mr. and Mrs. H. Schwyer - 5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Blake Hoover - 2.00; Mr. and Mrs. S. Schwyer - 3.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Nie and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Werner attended the wedding of James Nie and Carolyn Held in the Church of Christ, Selkirk on Saturday afternoon.

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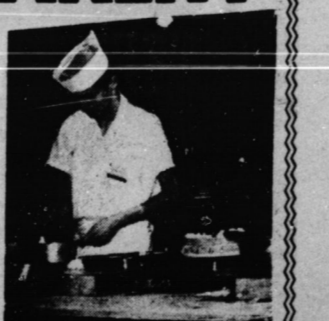
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Editorial Comment

Another Tax Rap?

Ontario's takeover of municipal assessment for land tax and regional governments are still high on the list of priorities it was disclosed at a recent meeting attended by municipal officials from Brant, Elgin, Oxford, Norfolk and Haldimand.

Although some mention was made that county and municipal councils would still have a role to play in the proposed systems but the question of what role was not answered by Premier John Roberts in a question and answer period at the meeting.

It seems that a lot of the proposals being thrown out by the government are being played by ear and are going to be done on a hit and miss basis.

The crux of the situation is that local government officials can't seem to get a clear cut explanation of what will happen to their government under a regional system.

Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough did emphasize the changeover in the assessments from municipal to the Ontario government will cost a "lot of money."

He said, however, the new tax structure will benefit every municipality in the long run. The question is, will it benefit the taxpayer or will it, as in the case of the change in the school board system, cost them a great deal more?

Revenue is essential to operate government or any other organization but from this editor's view the rate payers are paying their share now.

Counter Clockwise

30 years ago
MODERN ETIQUETTE
Is it good taste for women to wear mascara or eye shadow while at the office?

No, if she considers these artificialities to be alluring she should reserve them for her social engagements.

What would be suitable to wear to a club dance for a girl in July and August?

A semi formal frock of organdie, cotton-lace, or print.

County women's institutes have successful picnic Annual event was held at Edsall's Park.

The Haldimand County Women's Institute picnic, which has now become an annual event took place Thursday last.

The following are the winners in the sports contests.

Sack race - Mrs. Clarence Bacher, Cayuga.

Art contest - Miss Bessie Kiefer, Willow Grove.

Honeymoon Race - Miss Evelyn Johnson, Willow Grove, Miss Marjory Laing, Willow Grove.

Local firemen attend convention
A number of the local volunteer fire brigade attended the annual Convention held in Port Colborne over the Civic Holiday. The group included: Fire Chief Bill Elliot, Peter Banks, Jack Mitchell, Harry King, Hugh Montgomery, George Reu and R. J. More.

The Tories won the 1836 election, Mackenzie losing his seat. This seems to have caused him to examine more favourably the American idea of democracy, and, to cut a long story short, he became a republican and even organized a rebellion intended to seize power from the Family Compact and set up a Canadian Republic.

This rebellion was a tragic disaster. Some hundreds of farmers gathered at Montgomery's Tavern, on Yonge St., just north of what is now Eglinton Avenue. They had a few men with muskets, others with pikes, most had no weapons at all. On a cold night in December 1837 this "army" set out. They reached the garden of Mr. Wm. Sharpe "the back of whose farm (was) the site of Maple Leaf Gardens" in later years. Here Sheriff Jarvis had



Wise, Unwise And Otherwise

Haldimand's
Rebel M.P. (II)

In the previous article we have seen William Lyon Mackenzie expelled from the Assembly by the Tory majority. He ran again and was again expelled. This happened four times. Finally he quit and turned to municipal politics, being elected Mayor of the newly created City of Toronto, the first mayor. That same year (1834) he was again elected to represent York in the assembly and was allowed to stay, the Reformers being in the majority. Under their authority he was appointed Chairman of a Committee on Grievances which produced a Report that greatly hastened the adoption of democratic ideals in Canada, including the idea of responsible government - the government being regarded as responsible to the electorate, through their elected representatives.

27 men in ambush. They fired on the rebels, who turned and fled. That was the rebellion. Mackenzie escaped to the States, but Samuel Lount, of Holland Landing was captured and sentenced to be hanged for treason, which was done in Toronto. Recently the memory of Louis Riel has been honourably revived and a monument erected to him. I should do the same for Samuel Lount who literally died as a martyr for Canadian democracy.

Mackenzie lived in the States for 12 years but he died in 1861.

LETTERS EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I'm so tired and angry at this moment I could cry. I just came back from Walker's Creek, where I helped my youngest son, pull two sleeping bags and a large tarp from the dirty water.

A few boys get together and take their sleeping bags and a few odds and ends out to the woods to enjoy a few nights under the stars and away from their parents. They have a great time out there cooking their own meals and enjoying the dip in the creek and the wide open space. They're not hurting anyone and Mr. Walker is kind enough to let them on his property to enjoy an outing and sleep with the cows and all the other creatures.

I'd just like to know why some other children came along when the boys were not present and wrecked their camp site and threw everything else into the creek. Is it jealousy of seeing someone else having fun or just plain meanness?

not like the American style democracy when he experienced it at close hand. When the Canadian Government granted an amnesty for the rebels Mackenzie was glad to be back in Canada again. He at once decided to enter politics again, and as soon as possible. Just then the County of Haldimand became vacant and he entered in the bye-election. The sturdy farmers of Haldimand expressed their admiration for him by electing him over George Brown, the Liberal leader and editor of the Globe. He was re-elected several times after that. His election was in 1851, he died in 1861.

There are other ways of saving money on clothes. Routine care, for example, can keep your family's clothes looking their best longer and hanging and folding clothes properly will preserve them.

Perhaps the most dramatic way of saving money on clothes is the do-it-yourself method - sewing. An investment in a good sewing machine could pay for itself many times over.

If you would like further information about how you can save on clothing and fabrics, just drop me a postcard.

Heat prostration or heat exhaustion is caused by prolonged exposure to heat and humidity, fatigue and excessive loss of body salts and water through perspiration. Buffered salt tablets can be taken to replace lost body salt and to prevent illness caused by excessive heat.

Fay De la Fosse

Clothing Costs

By William J. Martin

This column is a regular weekly feature prepared by the Family Financial Counseling Service of the Avco Delta Corporation, P.O. Box 2820, London, Ontario. All questions submitted to the above address will be answered in print or by return mail. Names will not be used in print. However, all questions should be accompanied by a complete name and address.

Clothes make a good-sized dent in the family expense sheet. According to model budgets prepared by the U.S. Department of Labor this year, clothing accounts for about 20% of the total expenses.

Fortunately for consumers, clothing is probably the easiest item in your budget to save money on. Just by applying the simple techniques of planning and buying, you can save considerably on clothing, linens, and towels, especially during this time of the year when many stores are featuring their "Big White Sales."

The only caution here is to be sure that it is regular merchandise that is being reduced and not specially purchased items of lesser quality.

A cardinal rule of any sale is whether or not you need the item.

You should certainly plan the bulk of your clothes shopping during January and July-August when the big sales take place.

Other opportunities include clearance and anniversary sales. And don't forget end-of-season sales. This merchandise may not offer you the best selection, but you'll find some tremendous buys.

If you follow newspaper ads you can keep up with non-sale prices so that you can readily spot a real bargain when one comes along.

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