

The World Is The Victim

In tackling the United States over Canada's proposed legislation on controlling pollution in the Arctic region, the federal Government is waging a struggle that surely has the backing of all mankind.

History has proved that at certain stages of their development, the greed and ambitions of some nations have known no limits. The most monstrous crimes were committed, by whole peoples and nations, for the sake of personal gain. Today, the global powers are fighting for oil, and this is what the quarrel between the United States and Canada is all about, aall about.

Oil decomposes in warmer climates, but a large oil spill in the frigid Arctic would cause permanent damage with incalculable consequences.

In fighting for pollution control, Canada is in the forefront of a campaign that is gaining pace around the world. Air and Water pollution, the indiscriminate dumping of industrial and household wastes, the carbon monoxide being discharged from hundreds of millions of cars in the world's cities endanger man's total environment.

Already many cities in North America and Europe are covered by a permanent blanket of odious, disease-carrying smog. Now this sickness of the industrialized world is spreading to Japan, and is threatening the bigger cities of Asia.

Man's poisoning of his environment which can only be called a form of self-destruction, must be halted by tighter controls and wiser legislation. Canada's fight for an Arctic

free of pollution may well prove a test case. And this should be a battle that every Canadian must support with both words and concrete actions.

Dairy Herd Records Officially Recognized

Arrangements have been made with the Holstein-Friesian, Jersey, and Guernsey Breeders Associations for records made by purebred cows in supervised herds enrolled in the Ontario Dairy Herd Improvement Program to be considered official. This recognition will apply to all records of such cows that commence their lactation after July 1, 1970. This will mean that Dairy Herd Improvement records will be accepted by breed associations on the same basis as R.O.P. records for registration purposes, showing requirements, and use in export markets, and will be included in official extended pedigrees.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food has agreed to institute the same standards for re-testing heavy-producing cows as presently apply in the R.O.P. Program. Arrangements have also been made for supervisors to be alternated so that inspections will be carried out by several different supervisors in each herd during the year. This official recognition of Dairy Herd Improvement records will enhance the value of cattle in herds enrolled in the Ontario Dairy Herd Improvement Program, and will benefit the whole industry since more records will now be used in evaluating dairy cattle in Ontario.

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(CP) - Diplomas issued by the new University of Lethbridge will be issued in English and French, the general faculty council has decided.

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Lawn Weed Control

An attractive, well-groomed lawn is a prime asset to any home. However, a lawn can become unsightly if weeds gain a foothold. A safe and easy answer to the weed problem is the use of a weed and feed fertilizer-herbicide combination, says Dr. J.L. Eggen, Department of Horticultural Science, University of Guelph.

The weed and feed combination has many advantages for the home owner. It is in granular form and can be spread easily, either by hand or with a fertilizer spreader. No pressurized sprayer is required. This eliminates the danger of injurious drift which might damage ornamental or bedding plants. It also can be spread at any time during the growing season, yet is as effective as herbicides applied in a spray as long as the weeds are in active growth.

The weed and feed combination serves a dual purpose since it supplies the lawn with its nutritional requirements at the same time as it controls the weeds. Almost all turf fertilizers in the ratio of 1:1:1 or 2:1:1, such as 10:5:5 or 5:5:5, can be purchased in this form.

PLANT OPENED
CASCADES, B.C. (CP) - A \$1,500,000 particle board plant has been opened in this Kootenay area community 215 miles east of Vancouver. It employs 72 men. The federal government contributed 25 percent of the cost of the plant under the regional development scheme.



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Economics And Ethics

Can a course of action be both sound economics and bad ethics? The question assaults us from more than one angle at this present time.

To curb inflation, which most economists assure us is a bad thing, we are asked to accept measures which are increasing unemployment, with consequent distress to those in the lowest income brackets.

To improve the market for Canadian wheat, the federal government, presumably on the highest-priced advice, is offering cash incentives to farmers to allow substantial acreages to lie fallow this summer. In Iowa farmers have burned their potato crops to protest the poor prices they are receiving.

Is it right in a hungry world to destroy good food or prevent it being produced?

Economic considerations have obviously over-riden those of ethics in these instances.

Those who hold that moral standards apply as much to groups, industries and governments as to individuals may not have been sufficiently vigorous in asserting their views.

They should speak up now for a moral content in economics, telling the economist to feed other things besides impersonal statistics into his computer; that 'right' means something more than a profit item on a balance sheet, that there are things far more wrong than red figures in a ledger.

Scripture enjoins us to 'seek first ... righteousness' and 'all these things' ... the tangible commodities and services with which economists calculate ... 'shall be added unto you.'

With this priority duly given there might quickly be found to be no real conflict at all between sound economics and good ethics.

Maintain Water Supply—Inspect Wells And Pumps

Summer is the time when water is needed the most, yet it is during summer the most well and pump failures occur most often because these facilities have not been inspected regularly.

The pump, says Professor Ross Irwin, School of Engineering, University of Guelph, seldom gets any maintenance and seldom complains. However, time should be taken to oil and grease the impeller shaft and other moving parts. Dirt and rust can impair a pump's overall efficiency, and should be cleaned away regularly.

Worn valves that cause leakage and loss of pressure must be watched for and replaced.

Wells that periodically run dry, says Professor Irwin, or in which the water level is dropping, probably require some deepening to correct this problem. This will only be possible if the aquifer (water-bearing soil strata) is a suitable depth.

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Alalfa Weevil Parasites Being Released In Ontario

Significant reductions of alfalfa weevil populations and damage to alfalfa were experienced in several of the United States, in 1969. This reduction is being attributed to parasitism resulting from the release of parasites. Quebec also reported a decrease in damage last year and it is thought that the parasites which moved in from the State of Vermont were responsible. Again this year, a further decrease in damage is being reported from the U.S. and Quebec.

In view of these developments, says Mr. Karl Berez, Extension Entomologist, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, three different species of parasites are being released in the more heavily weevil-populated countries in Ontario. To date, releases have been made in Welland, Haldimand, Brant, Norfolk, Elgin, Kent, Lambton, and Edward Counties. The release are being made by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, in cooperation with farmers in selected locations.

The parasites are tiny wasps that originate in Europe. They are a natural enemy of the alfalfa weevil. They have been introduced into North America and reared for distribution where required. Two of the species being released in Ontario destroy the destructive alfalfa weevil larvae, while the third species parasitizes the adult weevil. They require the weevil for food and reproduction.

In distributing the parasites, well-spaced release sites are sought, where a relatively small number of parasites are set free in weevil-populated alfalfa fields. In time, the parasite population increases to a point where an equilibrium with the weevil is reached. Once the parasites get the

upper hand, the weevil population is suppressed to a noneconomic level.

At this time, parasites for the control of the alfalfa weevil can only be considered an experiment in Ontario. It is based on strong circumstantial evidence that it is a practical

control measure. The parasites are harmful only to the weevil.

At present, says Mr. Berez, Ontario farmers are wisely cutting their alfalfa early to minimize weevil damage. With little or no use of insecticides, ideal conditions for parasite buildup is created and it is hoped that within 4 to 6 years the parasites will reach a standoff with the weevil.

"Around & About Town" - Cayuga

By Helen Hobbs

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Marsland spent the weekend in Markdale visiting with Mrs. Teeter and Mr. and Mrs. Allen White.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMullen of Sarnia spent the weekend with the latter's mother Mrs. Elizabeth Bird.

Wendy and Dennis Newcomb of St. Catharines visited on Sunday with Mrs. Florence Stepaniuk.

Mrs. Annie Brownlie spent Sunday in Ancaster with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. George Brownlie.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bamrick accompanied by Mrs. Bamrick's brother and his wife spent the past week at Riverside Lodge on the Trent Canal.

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Recreational Vehicles Can Be Boon To Farmers

Recreational vehicles are big business these days. Skidoos, motorcycles, go-karts and the like can be

seen everywhere, buzzing through the countryside. At the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology, the boom in pleasure machines is seen as an advantage to farmers.

Many farms could supplement their income by laying out routes and paths for these vehicles to follow and could, moreover, offer rental servicing and maintenance facilities for the machines, if farm operators had the training. Consequently the college plans to offer them the necessary training.

A Recreational Vehicle Maintenance and Management Course is being offered at the college for the first time this year, reports Mr. Brian Prescott, Engineering Division. The course will cover all aspects of machine management as well as maintenance and safety. Renting, scheduling, financing, insurance, and equipment replacement are among the management items covered. All major repairs and general maintenance for two and four-stroke cycle engines are dealt with. The safety of the unit, devices for speed limitation, oil pressure and temperature warnings, and similar items are also taught.

The tractor is vital to all farm operations but a recent study by the Royal Commission on Agriculture showed that 78% of farm machinery fatalities involved tractors. Farm equipment accidents in general have been blamed on fatigue and stress on the part of the operator, much of which could easily have been avoided. Farm equipment on public highways is another source of rural death. Tractors, for example, are not designed for highway travel, and yet one-third of tractor deaths occur on highways.

Children are the tragic victims of many farm accidents. An estimated 20% of all fatalities involving farm machinery is made up of children under the age of ten. A constant surveillance of the whereabouts and activities of children is a reliable method of reducing such accidents.

Fires take their share of human life. Defective chimneys, unsafe stoves and furnaces, improper use of electricity and gasoline have caused numerous serious fires and contributed to the growing statistics of farm deaths. Again children head the list of victims.

In the final analysis it is the farmer, says Mr. Wright, who must keep safety in mind whenever and wherever he may be. The purpose of Farm Safety Week is to make the farming population more aware of the dangers on the farm and urge a higher degree of care and caution.

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Tile Drainage Act Benefits Farmers

The Tile Drainage Act is a very valuable piece of legislation in promoting land drainage in Ontario, says Professor Ross Irwin, School of Engineering, University of Guelph.

Under this Act a farmer is able to borrow, at low interest, three quarters of the cost of installing tile drains on his farm. Many people in the past have benefited from this Act, says Professor Irwin.

From 1965 to 1969, the number of loans granted under the Act increased from 864 to 1,491, and the total number of dollars loaned more than doubled from \$1.8 million to over \$4 million per year. This has provided improved drainage on about 75,000 acres of land each year.

The cost of installing tile drainage has increased from

14.1 cents per foot in 1965 to 19.6 cents per foot in 1969. The average loan made last year was \$2,900, which is up from \$2,000 in 1965, and is a reflection of the increased cost of the work.

Farmers in over 150 Ontario townships received assistance under the Tile Drainage Act in 1969.

ATHLETE OF YEAR

Lethbridge (CP) - Leona Voth of Lethbridge was named University of Lethbridge female athlete of the year. She averaged 17 points a game with the basketball team and was winner of the Western Canada Intercollegiate Athletic Association scoring title.

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