

## Anything Goes ....

by Don Fooks

### TODAY'S FARMER

The farmers of today are a courageous, determined and hard working group of individuals, who are at times, facing a brick wall in trying to make the Canadian farming business profitable.

I use the term "FARMING BUSINESS" because today's farmer has to run his farm as an individual business, or else he will find himself looking at an early retirement.

There is an old saying which holds a lot of truth, "The way the farmer goes, so goes the country". When you look back over the years you will find that this held true because when the farmers were making good, back ten to fifteen years ago, the country as a whole was in proper balance and everyone was living comfortably. During the past five years the farmers have been having serious problems and the country as a whole is certainly faced with serious problems also.

The biggest change in farming in the last twenty years is the disappearance of the small family farm. These

farms were large enough to maintain a good living for each farmer's individual needs, with a small amount of production going on the countries' markets.

In the last few years the government has encouraged, and in many cases, forced the small farmer to either quit farming or make the necessary arrangements to go big. I feel that this change has had detrimental results to the farming community because many small farmers who decided to stay with it and increase their operations just didn't have the knowledge for making the adjustment. As a result, instead of having small farms falling by the way side, we now have large farms failing and disappearing.

This is most apparent in the Dairy farming operation. The decrease of Dairy herds has been so great lately that we now hear predictions of a possible shortage of milk in the next ten years.

The government has both helped and hindered the farmer. On the plus side, the governments of both Canada and Ontario have spent millions of dollars in research and experimental work. Through your local Agricultural representative, you can get professional up-to-date answers to your farming problems. The Information Branch of the Department of Agriculture publishes hundreds of helpful pamphlets and Fact Sheets, which are mostly free for the asking. The government also gives grants and farm credit loans to those who qualify.

I say the government has been detrimental at times because the sub-

sidies they give are only temporary measures and do not solve the problems forever. Instead of a subsidized program, the farmer needs a profitable and positive means of marketing his product, both domestically and abroad. Government regulations that are sometimes set to benefit society, can have a bad consequence in the end. The small milk farmer, for instance, had to spend thousands of dollars in order to have his milk classified in the top grade. Many of the older farmers found that they couldn't afford the extra expense and because of their age wouldn't think of expanding. So they either changed to cash cropping or sold the entire farm and retired.

The young farm generation is attaining a higher education level than their parents and with the university degrees they acquire, they don't see any reason why they should work from dawn to dusk, just to make an average income on a large capital investment.

These graduates can make higher than average wages, working from nine to five, five days a week, without any financial investment. There are a few farm bred young men who don't seek a higher education and are more satisfied with the hard long hours. They enjoy the more relaxed working conditions which are found in farming.

There are marketing boards for the various segments of agriculture but on the whole, these boards are not as effective as required because they can't get the majority of farmers to join together and fight their problems as a large unit. The only marketing board that has been successful in this regard is the Ontario Flue Cured Marketing Board. This board has taken the initiative to force every tobacco farmer in Ontario to be a member, and this is the only way

that an organization has a chance to bargain for what they want. This marketing board is speaking for approximately four thousand farms, wanting the same thing.

I strongly believe that we are going to see a trend back to the smaller type farms. This time around these smaller farms are going to be run in a different manner than the small farms of thirty years ago. They could run very profitably with the knowledge and experience gained since that time. The farms who specialize in one type of farming will survive because Canadians will start to change their ways as soon as they get hungry enough. When this time comes, the consumer will leave out the middle man and start looking for neighboring farmers to sell directly on a one to one basis.

Keep your head above water for a little longer - Canadian Farmers. In a short time the little guy who works with dirt, sweat, and tears will be looked up to as the big man this country can't do without.

**LOOK OUT FOR BIKES**  
With the summer weather more bicycles are on the road, says the Ontario Safety League. Traffic accidents take the lives of many bicycle riders every year and injure thousands of others in Canada. Many of these accidents involve a violation by the bike rider, but that doesn't excuse the driver. Be on the lookout for bicycle riders -- especially at dusk -- and give them a break.

## Thousand Dollar Lot Levy

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services would have to be paid by the taxpayers.

"Somebody has to pay," said Councillor Judd. "Either we're going to assess the people who are causing the growth or assess the costs to present residents who have already paid for their own services."

Director of Planning and Development Roger E.

## District Wedding



### SMITH - BARR

On May 25th, Janet Alexis Barr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Barr, and W. Bryan Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Smith, exchanged wedding vows at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Hagersville. Rev. A. Thomson officiated.

The bride wore a floor length organza and quipure lace gown, featuring a full skirt with an apron front, bordered in accordion pleated flounce and ending in a chapel train.

Maid of honour, Miss Eileen Heaton wore a white, blue and gold floral print gown. Similar gowns were worn by the bride's sisters, Mrs. Gail Phibbs and Mrs. Joyce Craddock. The men wore pale blue tuxedos with navy blue lapels and trousers.

Greg Hodgson was best man. Guests were ushered by Kevin Smith and David Barr. The bride's nephew Michael Phibbs was ring bearer. Paul Smith sang and played the guitar, while Mrs. Betty Ann Gagnon played the organ.

Welcoming guests at a wedding dance and buffet dinner held at Jarvis Community Centre, the bride's mother wore an apricot - coloured gown, and the groom's mother wore a lime - green gown.

For a motor trip to Winnipeg, the bride wore a pale blue pant suit, and the groom wore a smoky - blue suit. The bride was honored at showers arranged by Miss Beatrice Kindree of Toronto, Mrs. Thomas Tongue of St. Thomas and by the bridal attendants.

Roberts said that a lower lot levy would not change the cost of housing.

"You're not doing anybody any favour by not charging capital costs. People are going to pay the market price anyway. You

## Nanticoke News

BY Mrs. Harry Evans  
Mrs. Bob Elliott and children of Williamsford spent a few days with her parents,

Mrs. Gerald Donaldson has returned home from hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The Service of the Nanticoke United Church on Sunday last was conducted by the U.C.W. with the President, Mrs. Robert Doughty, in charge. The speaker for the service was Mrs. Camille Lambert of Lyndock Immediate Past Chairman of Erie Presbytery.

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## O.P.P. Report -- Many Bills Make Up Regional Budget

Provincial Constable W.L. Eves investigated a report of a theft of an outboard motor valued at approximately \$350.00 from a boat on the shore of the Grand River at Port Maitland between July 30th and 31st, 1974.

On July 30th a Break, Enter and Theft was investigated by Prov. Constable W.L. Eves. One eight track stereo tape player and one tape amounting to \$55.00 were stolen.

A call advising unknown parties were stealing a number of signs from the roadside was answered by Prov. Constable P.R. Wood on the 1st of August 1974. Signs were valued at \$65.00.

A rifle was found in

the Grand River at York by parties fishing on August 1st, 1974. The rifle is presently being stored at Cayuga Detachment until the owner's identity is established. Anyone having information regarding this please contact Cayuga O.P.P.

While on patrol Prov. Constable D. Ziegler was advised by the owner of a local Service Station of a theft of approximately \$150. from his cash register on the 2nd of August.

Cayuga Detachment investigated its twelfth fatality for 1974 on August 3rd, 1974 involving a bicycle and a motor vehicle on the Sandusky

Road, City of Nanticoke. Patrick Joseph Devine, R.R. # 1, Jarvis, age 12 years, operating the bicycle was fatally injured. Provincial Constable T. C. Monforton investigated including by Corporal C. Weikman.

During the past week six charges were laid under the Liquor Control Act, four charges of Impaired Driving, one charge of Refuse Breach Test, one charge of Drive Under Suspension and one charge of Take Vehicle Without Owner's Consent. Two complaints of Wilful Damage, five complaints of trespassing, one Break, Enter and Theft and one hundred and twenty - six General Occurrences were investigated by members of Cayuga Detachment.

## Regional Budget

Expenses which make up the \$8,795,858 total expenditures in the Haldimand - Norfolk regional budget include everything from \$877,892 in police salaries to \$200 for books and periodicals in the regional chairman's office.

The Haldimand-Norfolk regional engineering department will be spending the greatest amount with total expenditures of \$2,070,350. Subsidies and revenues in the engineering department of \$970,623 will bring down the amount for taxpayers to \$1,099,727.

The construction budget estimate for the

engineering department is \$703,000 and safety device maintenance will total \$44,300.

Roadside maintenance totalling \$53,300 includes tree removal, tractor mowing, brush cutting and \$4,200 for litter pickup.

Total expenditures for solid waste disposal will be \$496,630.

The Haldimand-Norfolk regional police will cost the taxpayers \$1,192,358 after subsidies and revenues of \$34,750 are taken from the total expenditures of \$1,227,108.

The police budget includes everything from \$51,517 for the purchase of police cruisers, \$55,080 for the cars maintenance, \$1,494 for decals for the cruisers to \$500 for flashlight batteries.

The two Haldimand-Norfolk Homes for the Aged will almost balance their budgets. Although Norview will spend \$749,914, subsidies and revenues of \$682,800 will bring the net cost to the taxpayer to \$67,114.

Grandview, which has total revenues of \$766,200, will spend \$782,900. Only \$16,700 will be needed from regional council to balance the budget.

The lowest expenditure on the regional budget is \$1,000 for a fire co-ordinator.

Contingency provisions of \$250,000 are available to provide for salary negotiations due to union negotiations and adjustments to fringe benefits.

Twelve thousand dollars of the \$17,700 budget for the Haldimand - Norfolk museums will be used for alterations to the Haldimand County Museum and Log Cabin. A grant of \$6,000 will be given to Norfolk Historical Society.

Members of council cost the taxpayers \$143,000. The main portion of this, \$124,600 is for salaries, wages and fringe benefits and the rest is divided to \$6,400 for conferences and \$12,000 for mileage and meals.

The Regional Chairman's office, excluding the Chairman's salary, totals \$28,050. Many small expenditures add themselves up in the administration of a regional government as shown by the \$2,000 expenditure for bank charges.

## Selkirk Library News

The following books are available at the Selkirk Branch, City of Nanticoke Library.

Adult non-fiction: The Best Of Broadway (songs); Carden, The New Feminist Movement; Critchley, A Step By Step Guide To Making Artificial Flowers; Freeman, A Concise Dictionary Of English Idioms.

Fiction: Hilliard, The Witchfinder.

Non-fiction: Doherty, Not Bloody Likely (story of the Shaw Festival); Moodie, Roughing It In The Bush; Donna, Peanut craft.

Junior non-fiction: Coombs, Be A Winner In Ice Hockey; Schmady-Bessarat, Archaeology.

Is anyone interested in large print books? We can get these through interlibrary loan, and if there is a demand, could build up our stock through purchases. Please let us know.

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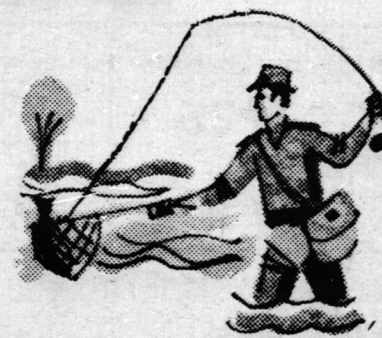
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