

# Snow defends boost

Being a provincial member of parliament is not a get-rich-fast scheme according to Jim Snow, MPP for Halton East. Snow was speaking in reference to the

Ontario Government's recent proposals to boost the MPP salaries by 50 per cent. Currently the salary for MPPs is \$8,000 plus \$4,000 for

expenses. They are also allowed to claim for 15 trips to their constituency at the rate of 10 cents per mile.

The proposal would boost the salary to \$12,000, expenses from \$4,000 to \$6,000 and allow for 30 trips rather than 15. There are many reasons for the proposed sizable hike. Mr. Snow explained that the job was no longer a part time vocation but a full time job. Even when the house is not sitting there is work to be done in the riding such as answering and returning phone calls, correspondence and the 101 other constituent problems that have to be dealt with such as being at all the public functions where an MPP is expected.

It has been at least five years since the MPP's salaries have been adjusted. He noted the salary should be adjusted more often and that way the boosts would be more in the line with what might be expected.

Adding that most of the members could earn more in industry than they do in politics, he said only a very few entered for the money. But he said they should be compensated fairly for the job they do.

If a man is doing a conscientious job his 15 paid trips to the riding and \$4,000 allowance are gobbled up before long. In his own case Mr. Snow travels to his home from work each day and about once a week stays in a hotel in Toronto. Others have to set up residence in Toronto and go home weekends while others share apartments.

The house sits longer than they have in the past and it is difficult to run one's own business and hold down the government job as well. He has lost money due to a partial slowdown in his own construction business. In addition to the daily sessions in the house they meet three nights a week from 10.30 to 11 p.m.

This year the legislature sat from late January to June and then sat again in September. The MPP's time is pretty well all spent and for this they feel a pay increase is good order. While the motion has not yet been passed as final it is expected to go through.

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THE FIRST STEP in the manufacture of a decal is establishing the type of design which will best suit the market and the manufacturer. Mr. Hammersley puts the finishing touches onto a pattern which will be used as a design for a decal for dinner plates.



AFTER THE DESIGN has been decided upon, it is then drawn by hand and transferred onto a pre-sensitized sheet of plastic. As many as 30 separate decals of the same design are put on this pre-sensitized sheet, as Mr. Hammersley is doing, and then the sheet is silk-screened.

## Moffat decal factory caters to pottery works

By Brian Ward

Almost fourteen months ago, a man and his family came to Canada from England to start a new life and a new business. Starting out in a "rat-hole", he has built a North American market for his product and has chosen the village of Moffat as the base for his operations.

John Hammersley, originally from Stoke-on-Trent, came to Canada with the idea of continuing his ceramics trade and first landed in Toronto as general manager of a firm which made decals for transfer onto pieces of ceramics which gave them their different patterns. He started out working for this established firm but soon went out on his own and set up shop in the basement of a plumber's store. "It was like working in a rat-hole," he said, recalling his first Canadian business.

Getting fed up with that shop last October, he decided to find a larger building and applied to the Township of Nassagaweya for help. The township, combined with Christie and Woods Real Estate, found him a building in Moffat and he moved in to set up Delwyn Decals.

"One thing you'll probably never believe is that I travelled nearly 35,000 miles in under four months to find out what type of market there is for my ceramic decals," Mr. Hammersley said. Knowing his market, he started to make the decals and now has contracts to sell them to ceramics firms all over Canada and the United States.

Basically, the decal is used by ceramics firms to decorate their pottery in place of the expensive hand-painting. They are applied by hand and when dry, are glazed in a kiln to make them permanent. All kinds of patterns can be made into decals and in Mr. Hammersley's case, most of his designs come from a design house back in Stoke-on-Trent, although he does admit to putting through one a month himself.

The firm at present puts out 3,000 sheets of decals per week which adds up to a phenomenal sum of 100,000 decals per week. Starting off, a design is approved and then pictures are

taken of the design, one for each color and this picture is reduced to the size of the actual decal needed. The designs are then multiplied and placed on a pre-sensitized sheet of thin plastic.

The plastic and combined patterns are then exposed to a bright light and the pattern is transferred to the sheet of plastic. It is taken out, the unsensitized areas washed off with a high-pressure stream of water, and then hardened. From there, the plastic is placed on a silk-screener where the pattern is once again transferred, this time onto a sheet of nylon, then the actual pattern can be transferred onto the decal paper, which is called Thermoform paper. The decal itself is covered by a smelly lacquer to keep the colors together and the whole sheet is taken to special racks to dry.

The paper is gummed and, when it is placed in water, the decals can easily slide off, with the lacquer keeping the different colors together.

Mr. Hammersley's plant is one of two in Canada now producing the decals and he plans to expand his operations by bringing in designers from England to work in the plant in Moffat. He also plans to get into the wallpaper manufacturing end of the business soon.

"You're never still in this business," he said. "You have to go out to find the market since people always want something new. We are putting out new patterns every week."

Crediting his bank manager and a pottery dealer in Hamilton with his success in this country, John Hammersley is well on the way to putting an international industry in Moffat.



THE FINAL TOUCH on a piece of pottery is the addition of the decal. Mr. Hammersley very easily slips a flowered decal on the coffee pot and says that it is made permanent by firing it in a kiln, a process which his plant does not do. — (Staff Photos)

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**MANNING ELECTRIC**

It would probably be OK to lower the voting age to 18. If they're old enough to see those movies, a little politics couldn't hurt.

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SILK SCREENING is still the name applied to this process, although a piece of nylon, instead of silk, is used when the design is transferred from the pre-sensitized sheet onto the nylon for the final printing. Two of Delwyn Decal's five employees, Marjory Bilton and Bertha Matyk, get the silk screener ready to print a sheet of decals.

A FINE ADDITION to the town, the curling club will begin operating next week.

FOUR MINORS were charged with liquor offenses by Acton O.P.P. during the past week.

THE OPPORTUNITY class has been using the arena for skating and hockey. Charlie Thomson is helping teacher Miss Mary Golem with the group.

A SUBSCRIBER phoned this week to say it takes a full week for his Free Press to arrive at his home in Burlington.

LET THE Free Press know of upcoming Christmas events. Write-ups and pictures have special appeal at this time of year.

DRIVING CONDITIONS were bad this week, with ice, rain and blowing snow. Trucks were out sanding highways and the sand pit up highway No. 7 was all ready.

THE UNITED Church women aren't holding their Santa Fair this year. It used to be the only place in town to get pictures of children taken with Santa Claus.

SEEMED VERY strange to the Free Press staff not to be answering the phone constantly till midnight, on election night! The two year term left the town quiet on the usual election night this year.

Y'S MEN, helped out by some young lads, stocked up on Christmas trees by cutting down their own, last Saturday. Truck loads of trees are stacked up behind the Y ready for sale. It's an annual fund-raising project of the club.

TWO OF the top winners in the library essay contest wrote on books from popular series, the Nancy Drew books and the Hardy boy books. Yet the librarians have discovered to their surprise that official recommendations coming in to them don't particularly recommend these books. Others not high in favor with the top people in the library system are the L. M. Montgomery Ann series; yet the dog-eared copies of these books here show just how popular they are. This jibes with a comment made by a children's reviewer, who had found that prize-winning children's books weren't usually enjoyed by children.

Did you know there's an Indian version of Russian Roulette? The Hindu flutist serenades six cobras—but one is deaf.

Recently, a 10-year-old French girl wrote, on the birth of babies, a composition that went like this: "In France baby girls are found in roses and baby boys in cabbages. In England and America babies are brought by the stork. In all other countries, babies are born the normal way."

**ACTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**DECEMBER 1969**

**ACTON CHRISTMAS SHOPPING HOURS**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 9-6 P.M.	9 9-6 P.M.	10 9-6 P.M.	11 9-9 P.M.	12 9-9 P.M.	13 9-6 P.M.
15 9-9 P.M.	16 9-9 P.M.	17 9-9 P.M.	18 9-9 P.M.	19 9-9 P.M.	20 9-6 P.M.
22 9-9 P.M.	23 9-9 P.M.	24 9-6 P.M.	25 CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	26 CLOSED BOXING DAY	27 9-6 P.M.
29 CLOSED	30 9-6 P.M.	31 9-6 P.M.	JAN. 1 CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY	JAN. 2 9-9 P.M.	JAN. 3 9-6 P.M.