

Whiting favors changes in White Paper

Halton M. P. Rud Whiting made it clear to almost half a hundred constituents gathered at Erin Saturday afternoon to discuss finance minister Edgar Benson's controversial White Paper that he favored several amendments to suggested tax reforms before he could fully support it.

He defended the government's intentions with the White Paper, pointing out that the Trudeau government could easily have implemented the proposals without consulting the people, but preferred to do it the democratic way. He predicted that good legislation would emerge from the welter of controversy and suggested amendments which have been proposed.

Mr. Whiting admitted he had received more mail over the White Paper on Tax Reform than on any issue since he has been elected to represent Halton in the Commons. However, he urged his constituents to continue writing him with their questions and he would attempt to get the answers and reply.

Bulk of the two and a half hour meeting at the Erin Masonic Hall was a question and answer period, with Rud Whiting fielding the questions, assisted by the chairman.

There were several questions, among them George Jackson of Milton, who militantly opposed the White Paper.

Mr. Jackson, a stockbroker with Bongard Leslie and Co. of Hamilton, asked why anyone should be penalized for their ability to save money. He disagreed strongly with one suggestion in the White Paper that stated those with stocks and bonds had a greater ability to pay than those without.

He posed a hypothetical situation where two men each earned \$10,000 a year. One man spent his entire \$10,000. The other spent only \$8,000 of the \$10,000 and presumably saved \$2,000 for investment. Why should the man be penalized for not having spent his entire salary? Mr. Jackson asked.

Where is the greater ability to pay? he queried, since both men started out equally.

Mr. Whiting replied that the White Paper was trying to re-structure society to help the lower income groups and was a means not an end toward achieving that goal. He felt a consensus was forming in Canada which commended the government on its approach to equalizing the social structure. In fact, some people charged the government was not going far enough with their measures.

Others say we are going too far," he stated, "but very few people complain they don't want to help the poor people."

He admitted there were some who took advantage of welfare to get out of work but felt the majority of people in Canada wanted to work for a living.

A wage earner with a wife and two children making \$3,500 a year pays \$118 a year income tax but under the White Paper he would not pay anything, Whiting said.

Welfare is fine, said John Reid, an Erin township farmer, but he couldn't see a man making \$400 a month on welfare while another man works for \$500 a month and has to pay income tax on it. He challenged the government's thinking on welfare.

The Halton M. P. said there was another White Paper coming on the whole welfare scheme. He allayed Mr. Reid's fears that passing his farm on to his son would affect the capital gains part of the White Paper.

"The only time there would be a capital gains tax on the farm is when it is sold," he told Mr. Reid.

It doesn't matter what you paid for the farm or what it is worth; that has no bearing on the White Paper, he declared. The government will announce a valuation day and values will be set then. When he transfers the

farm to his son he won't pay capital gains on it.

One man charged it didn't matter whether the government was Liberal or Conservative, the country was creeping towards socialism. Others charged there were too many loopholes in the White Paper so people could invest money in oil paintings or antiques to aid tax evasion.

Mr. Whiting said that one area of the White Paper which bothered him and which he hoped to see changed was the

\$500 for personal exemptions. He thought it should be upgraded to several thousands of dollars.

He was also perturbed about the effect the White Paper would have on small businesses. He said Mr. Benson had ordered his department to take another look at this area. "Small businesses have difficulties corporations don't have," Whiting declared. "Billie" Smith of the Erin Liberal Association thanked Mr. Whiting for coming, remarking

that Erin was blessed with a good riding and a good member interested in his constituents and their problems.

Chairman for the meeting was the president of the Halton Liberal Association who also answered some of the many questions.

The Halton M. P. said he was interested in setting up meetings on the White Paper throughout the county and welcomed invitations to speak or answer questions on it.



MAKING A POINT during debate at Saturday's public meeting in Erin Agricultural Hall, M.P. Rud Whiting (right) gesticulates past Billie Smith (left) and chairman Bob Blake. Main topic was the White Paper. — (Staff Photo)

BALLINAFAD

Mrs. Swackhamer Day of Prayer speaker two 4-H groups select commentators

By Mrs. R. Shortill
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nichols of Oshawa, Mr. and Mrs. J. J.

May introduce dog control in villages

Esqueusing township may introduce dog control into its four villages, as a result of a complaint lodged at Monday night's council meeting by Glen Williams resident Jack Norton.

Mr. Norton complained about dogs running at large in the Glen and said "he was sick and tired of gathering up garbage".

Deputy-reeve Tom Hill also reported many of the dogs owners are not known.

The deputy-reeve said he had contacted Georgetown dog catcher George Herrington and Mr. Herrington had offered to make two patrols per week in each village for a fee of \$200 a month.

Mr. Herrington is to attend a future meeting of council to discuss the proposal.

Council also received a letter complaining about dogs on the loose in the township, from Mrs. Henry McLeod, R.R. 1, Acton.

EDEN MILLS

Day of Prayer, dance events of past week

By Mrs. R. Wright
Mrs. M. Aitken of Guelph was the guest speaker at the World Day of Prayer service in Eden Mills Friday evening in the United Church with both congregations uniting. Mrs. G. MacDougall welcomed the ladies and introduced the speaker. Take Courage was the theme.

Mrs. Aitken held the attention with her inspiring address. The Junior Choir sang a number which was appreciated.

Those taking part in the service were Mrs. G. MacDougall, Mrs. J. Chamberlain, Mrs. W. McLean, Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. Saumer, Mrs. H. James, Mrs. W. Lasby, Mrs. D. Blacklock.

Lunch was provided at the end of the service.

Under the auspices of Eden Mills and District Community Club a dance was held Friday

Stewart of Guelph and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Burke of Acton spent Sunday with Joe and Catharine Matthews at Bakerin Farm.

The women were busy employed with needle, thread and thimble quilting a lovely quilt this week. Mrs. Rick Sales very kindly loaned us her spacious living room for the project.

Mrs. Lloyd Tenmick visited her

EBENEZER

Services at churches birth, death in news

By Mrs. R. McLean
Sympathy is extended to Earl Ward and family in the death of his father in Georgetown hospital after a long illness.

Congratulations to Martha and Neil Moffat on the birth of Jill Nadine, a little sister for Dana.

Mrs. W. Darby is among those recovered from a bout with the flu.

The second in Mr. Finley's series on those about Jesus dealt with Judas Iscariot. Judas scolded Mary for being wasteful, when she anointed Jesus. Jesus took Mary's part. Was Judas vindictive? Other possible reasons are that Judas was greedy, that he had a devil inside

him, or that he was impatient and wanted to force Jesus' hand, the people who followed Jesus did not do so for money. The fifteen dollars Judas received for betraying Jesus was the price of a slave. Jesus saw a lot of good in Judas. He could be trusted.

The charge of his being impudent seems the most credible. I cariot means dagger. Many were tired of waiting for the Romans to let the Jews run their own affairs. History repeats itself.

At the last supper, Jesus honored Judas by giving him the choice piece of meat. Judas went out into the darkness and let the authorities into the garden. History records the kiss of betrayal. There is a lot of Judas in all of us.

The Junior Choir sang, "There is a Green Hill Far Away" and Sandra Early sang "The Robe".

The Presbyterian ladies joined the Ebenezer ladies in the World Day of Prayer. The theme was "Take Courage." Rev. D. Nicholson was the speaker and Mrs. M. Hayward sang, "Courage, brother, do not

stumble."

evening at the Rod and Gun Club Hall at Eden Mills with a large crowd attending. The Orchestra providing the music was the Four Tunes. Mrs. Donna Henry was the lucky winner of a draw.

Recent visitor of Mr. and Mrs. George Weale was Mrs. Fred Sprague of Ballydown Beach, Lake Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet MacDougall, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chamberlain enjoyed a weekend at Mansfield skidooning.

Joanne Wright is convalescing after surgery at the Guelph General Hospital Monday.

Annie Land of Waterdown was a guest of Mrs. Herb Gilbertson over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Turner were in St. Catharines visiting friends on the weekend.

Students learn of Mexico dance, guides in account

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George A. Grundy on the arrival of a daughter on March 7 at St. Joseph's Hospital Guelph, a sister for George Jr.

Mrs. J. Sayers was able to leave the Guelph hospital last week and is now convalescing at the home of her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce.

Bonnie Lang entertained several school chums, on the occasion of her eighth birthday.

Members of Knox Presbyterian Church in the village attended a joint Communion service with Burns Church, Erin on Sunday morning.

A number of young people of the community are attending a communications class, led by Rev. D. Herbison in Erin.

Mrs. Ada McCutcheon, Mrs. Fred Hall, Mrs. Jean Sloan of Erin; Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Watson, Hillsburgh were recent visitors with Mrs. M. Jackson.

A number from here attended the Truckers banquet and dance on Saturday night at Kitchener. After a series of tests and X-rays, Donna Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall 1st Line was able to

leave the Guelph hospital and is progressing favorably.

The members of Ospringe 1st Girl Guides, under the leadership of Captain Mrs. June Smith, and helper Teny Vander Heide met Thursday evening at the school. The girls are busy working on their knitting project.

Grade 2 class, whose teacher is Mrs. Stuart McKinnon, had a special treat on Friday afternoon, when Mrs. Norman

Turner and daughter Juliann were present and showed slides and curios of Mexico: their son David is a student in Grade 2, and he assisted in telling of and showing the many souvenirs they had acquired while holidaying for a month in Mexico. The children both wore authentic Mexican dress.

The students were thrilled to receive first hand knowledge of Mexico, the country they are presently studying.

LIMEHOUSE

T. H. Price dies at 83 wedding in Lakeview

By Mrs. A. Benton
We extend sympathy to the family and sister of Mr. T. H. Price who passed away at Guelph General Hospital on Monday evening at the age of eighty-three. He was representative elder of Limehouse Presbyterian Church for 44 consecutive years. He will be missed by many, especially the aged and ill, with whom he was a faithful visitor.

We extend sympathy to Mr. J. Bain, Mike and baby Campbell in the very sudden passing of the wife and mother late last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patterson visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henry at Midland a week ago.

We are pleased that Mrs. Kirkpatrick was well enough to return home on Monday after a month in hospital for tests and treatment for diabetes.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turner (nee Yvonne Murdoch) who were married in Lakeview United Church on Sat., and will live at Port Credit. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turner and Carol were guests at the wedding and the reception following at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Massey, Port Credit.

The W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Mitchell on Thursday evening, president Mrs. F. Brown in the chair and opening with the Lord's Prayer. Roll call was answered by an old proverb and an interesting or amusing incident from Public school days.

Mrs. Neil Anderson enlarged the motto: "If you have a good

thing pass it on." In keeping with the historical research program, Mrs. A. W. Benton read the article she had compiled in 1962 regarding the history of S. S. No. 9 Gibraltar school. There was considerable discussion concerning possible ways to raise funds for the Dr. Ethel Chapman scholarship. Mrs. Sanford served lunch afterwards.

Mr. Ted Brown recently sold a Holstein heifer destined for export to Uganda.

Mr. D. McCabon of London was a recent visitor with the Neil Anderson's and all visited his niece and her family including his new grandnephew at Pefferlaw.

Mrs. Bert Benton and son John spent a few days with her parents near Meaford last week.

THEY SAY there's nothing wrong with teenagers that reasoning with them won't aggravate.

Leisure Lassies to explore nature

The third meeting of the Greenock 4-H Club Focus on Fitness was held on March 2 at the home of Mrs. R. Sinclair.

The meeting was opened with the 4-H Pledge and each girl answered the roll call, one interesting place I have visited. Barbara Gates read the minutes of the last meeting.

It was decided by voting that the name for this club would be the Greenock Leisure Lassies.

Mrs. Sinclair, the leader, took over the meeting and discussed exploring nature as a pleasant way of using leisure time. She explained that each new season brought a wide variety of changes that an alert eye could observe. This hobby has the benefits of costing little and can be enjoyed near the home.

Physical fitness was also a topic of the meeting and attention was drawn to the proper care of hair, skin and teeth. It was stressed that diet played an important part in good health.

Mrs. C. Aitken discussed, with the members, the outing that is required as part of the club. It was decided that they were to go on a hike in April.

Mrs. Aitken also showed the members how to do several stitches in knitting.

Mrs. Sinclair provided a lunch for the members and the meeting was closed with the 4-H Grace.

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DATE: MAR. 19, 1970 TIME: 2 P.M.

Halton Federation of Agriculture

Raceway may be delayed

Construction on the Halton Automobile Raceway near Milton may not begin for a year, according to Esqueusing deputy-reeve Tom Hill.

Deputy-reeve Hill has said he doesn't think the township planning board will permit anything to be built until an official plan of the township is drawn up. An official plan could take up to a year to prepare.

Council will hold a joint meeting with planning board in the near future to hear the proposals of prospective planning consultants.

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