

Top heavy, remote, expensive

Nixon picks faults in regional government

There are three things wrong with regional government as implemented by the provincial government, according to leader of the Liberal opposition Bob Nixon. Nixon told a press conference in Burlington last week that regional government is top heavy, too remote from the people and very expensive. He had been asked to comment on the \$8,500 salary Halton regional councillors had provided for themselves. He said he had always felt too many local decisions were made at Queen's Park and suggested the Tories let the regional councillors decide their own salaries because they recognized it as a difficult decision.

Elect chairman Nixon said the chairman should have been elected, instead of appointed. Had the chairman been elected it would have boosted the number of voters by 30 per cent Oct. 1, he estimated. Nixon was in Burlington for a wine and cheese party sponsored by the Halton-Wentworth Liberals. During the press conference immediately prior to the party

he discussed a number of issues. He suggested French would be a dead language in Ontario if educators didn't soon provide some incentive for students to study French. Second language "It's time to make use of a second language and culture and stop thinking of it as a handicap and consider it the great cultural advantage that it really is."

On the energy crisis, Nixon endorsed the idea of encouraging drivers to drive no faster than 50 miles an hour—but noted he found that a very difficult task himself. Nixon had some reservations about an \$800,000,000 sale of uranium oxide by Denison Mines to Japan, announced recently. He said that in view of the current shortage of oil, steps should be taken to be sure Canada

has enough uranium to support the country's needs before exporting the energy source. Nixon reiterated a party position on the pensions for senior citizens. The government passed a bill last week that would see \$50 bonuses go to all senior citizens in the province who are entitled to guaranteed income supplements under the federal government's old age security act.

increase pension Both the Liberals and the NDP had opposed the measure, insisting the province give consideration to increasing monthly pensions for senior citizens. The federal government would pay 50 per cent of any increase offered by the province. Both British Columbia with an NDP government and Quebec with a Liberal government have more generous pensions than the \$125 per month that is currently provided Ontario senior citizens. Nixon said seniors should receive at least \$200 per month. Speaking to the Halton-Wentworth Liberals later Nixon, who appeared as if he was already campaigning for the next election, said the pensions would be a campaign issue if it hadn't been resolved by the time the election was called. Nixon was confident the election would be called within two years.

Artificial insemination is concern of breeders

By Henry J. Stanley The Halton Branch of the United Breeders met for their annual meeting on Thursday evening, Dec. 6 at the Ligny School. Following a beef dinner, the U.B.I. Director from Halton, Ken Murray of R.R.1 Acton, welcomed the large crowd of cattle breeders from the county. He stated that the main concern of livestock breeders with artificial insemination was conception rate and the pedigrees of bulls. U.B.I. President, Lloyd Brown, stated that the United Breeders, with its headquarters just north of Guelph, had over 2½ million dollars of business last year. "Better cattle for better living" was the original intent of AI units. "Units now must watch that they do not get so big that they get away from the individual breeder", stated Mr. Brown.

that 107 acres had been added to the new unit and a new beef barn constructed for 50 bulls. Close to 190,000 cows were inseminated last year in this area, while 1,300,000 doses of semen were processed at the unit. Semen sales to other areas and other countries increased by 35 per cent. The Holstein breed accounts for the greatest majority of services—108,585. The trend to breed dairy cattle to beef bulls has declined during the past year. A total of 17 young Holstein bulls were tested in 1973. Dr. Shano of U.B.I. stressed that the number one problem is getting the cow in calf. This requires a team effort of the unit technician, the cow, and the dairyman. The unit must have good viable semen with each vial containing 12,000,000 live sperm. The cow is often bred to soon. The dairyman must have good management with special emphasis on feeding and must keep proper records. Guest speaker was Dave Cunningham, a Ph. D. student in nutrition, from the Animal and Poultry Science Department, University of Guelph. He stated that farmers must become increasingly aware of over-feeding of their breeding stock. This can cause breeding problems, just as underfeeding can. He stressed that urea does not affect reproduction, however, minerals have a marked effect on this area. If a cattleman is experiencing breeding problems in his herd, he would be well advised to have a complete analysis of his feeds, he said. Directors from Halton were chosen to attend the annual meeting of United Breeders, to be held at their

headquarters, Guelph, on Wednesday, Jan. 23.



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The first picture in Canada of Santa Claus showed him as a tiny, thin, pixie-like figure with spindly legs and no hint of the big, round stomach he is invariably shown with today. The diminutive Santa made his premiere in 1840 on the cover of Harper's Weekly in a drawing by the great cartoonist Thomas Nast. It was not until the 1900's that artists began portraying the heavier, jollier Santa Claus we know today.

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