

At the Georgetown Arts and Crafts show



TOYS GRIN back at Mrs. Nellie Beatty at the Georgetown arts and crafts exhibit and sale Saturday. She was almost completely sold out by mid-afternoon.



BUBBLE GLASS articles are made by Georgetown Arts and Crafts member Charlotte Ironside of Silverwood district. She shows a pendant to an interested customer Saturday.



TRAVELS PROVIDE stories for Ethel Bessem (above) and husband Hermar; to fashion into jewellery. Their booth was constantly crowded at the Georgetown Arts and Crafts show Saturday in Norval.

Quarry hearing

Consolidated Sand and Gravel will go before the Ontario Municipal Board Nov. 4 with its application for rezoning of about 600 acres of land in the Speyside area.

The firm hopes to open a quarry operation there but considerable opposition has been expressed to date. The hearing will be held in the former Esqueving Township Hall.

During discussion of the proposal Tuesday night at council, Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur said she felt there were enough quarries in operation now and new ones shouldn't be started until

some of the existing ones are depleted. She said she would advocate that stand at the Niagara Escarpment Commission meetings.

Councillor Gordon Krantz said he had been on a tour of the proposed site and indicated the firm intended to use Highway 25 as a truck route.

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John White no "Santa"

Kerr warns Halton region must spread out expenses

Provincial Treasurer John White is no "Santa Claus" with the taxpayers' money and Halton Region Council will just have to learn to spread out its major expenditures, Halton West MPP and Ontario Solicitor-General George Kerr said in a statement last week.

Kerr said Ontario is facing "inflationary times" and Queen's Park has to keep expenses to "reasonable bounds." That's why White "cannot simply play Santa Claus with the taxpayers' money and resolve all of the Halton Region's financial problems in the current fiscal year," he said.

Halton politicians were disappointed when White gave out only \$1.7 million in start-up grants, then promised an additional \$1 million coming in 1975 and 1976 as special assistance grants. The grants fell far

short of the region's requests. "Make do?" Kerr said he was amazed to read press reports about "poor Halton" being given little financial help and having to "make do" with what the Queen's Park treasury offered.

Thanks to such grants, it is costing taxpayers less to run the region this year than it cost to run the old county council system in 1973, Kerr claims.

In his prepared statement the MPP from Burlington said, "There is no earthly reason why the regional council cannot spread its expenditures on an official plan, for example, over a two or three year period. I would very much doubt that substantial obligations for this purpose have been incurred in 1974. By doing this, substantial funds from the \$1 million in special assistance

grants already approved for Halton in 1974 would be available to meet the cost of forming our regional police department. Any deficits in police and planning expenditures this year could be met by borrowing from the region's reserve fund and replacing that money when the additional \$1 million is received from the province in 1975 and 1976.

No hardship

"I should point out that in addition to the \$2 million in special assistance grants spread over three years, the province has sharply increased its unconditional transfer payments, mainly through per capita grants, to Halton. This will generate an additional \$2 million a year in continuing annual payments to the region and as Mr. White told council, go far in providing Halton with the

resources it needs without imposing hardship on our taxpayers. Included in these funds are substantial sums generated by an increase in the per capita grant for police purposes from \$5 to \$7, based now on the total population of the region.

"I want the people of the entire Halton Region to be aware that we have been given greater financial assistance by the Ontario Government on a per capita basis than any other region. Indeed as far as special assistance grants are concerned, we will receive \$9.66 per capita over three years, more than any other region in Ontario irrespective of size. These facts and figures, as Mr. White told regional council, completely refute any claim that Halton is receiving less than its share of provincial grants," Kerr said.

Halton farmers told

Farmers dominated by urban politicians

Farm groups stand little chance of preserving large tracts of agricultural land unless farmers in Ontario join together and present a unified force, Professor Hadwin of the University of Guelph told about 30 Halton farmers at a meeting in Milton Thursday night.

Hadwin said there was no unified force speaking for farmers. He noted a definite lack of togetherness and claimed cash crop farmers wouldn't support dairy farmers and dairy farmers wouldn't support beef raisers in a crunch.

Speaking to members of Halton Federation of Agriculture, he referred to the Federation as representing the "elite" of agriculture. "Those of you who come to meetings aren't representative of farm people. You're more apt to be scientific bent, a little better off than others. That's something to be proud of, but it is something to be concerned about too," he said, noting that as long as that situation exists the association can't speak for the farming community as a whole.

Hadwin said provincial and federal civil servants consider the family farm "a dinosaur, the sooner it is extinct, the better."

"They'd like family farms to dry up and blow away," Hadwin said. He noted the civil servants he had spoken with hadn't made those feelings known publicly, but privately.

Hadwin said he didn't think the family farm would become extinct. "I think they'll be around for a long time. I don't think farmers are ready to grow what they are ready to turn their farms over to government."

Hadwin also dealt with the problems of city people moving to the country and occupying agricultural land. He said there were two types of part time farmers. There is the part time farmer who plays at it, "you know, like honest earth day" and then there is the other type who takes another job in a factory or plowing snow in winter to subsidize an inadequate income on the farm.

Dangerous people

"Some people come to rural Ontario just for the summer months. These are dangerous people. They don't want to live in rural Ontario but a park—a place where nothing changes, where nothing smells, where there are no gravel pits. They like to see the local people do quaint dances."

He said "these people bring with them demands for calcium on the road. They don't want dust, that is a little too rural. They bring demands for bussing, for road improvements, for sewers, all things that would be unreasonable for the people who have always been there."

Hadwin observed many city dwellers object to odors and when the argument goes before the Ontario Municipal Board, the Board will favor the city person and his complaints.

He pointed out that once land parcels were separated, the door was open for someone from the city. He argued that even if the person buying the land initially kept the land in agriculture, chances were a city person would buy it when the owner died.

Need rationale

He said there was no general agreement about what should be saved. "It's not as simple as saying we'll save class one and class two lands. What about the corner of Yonge and Bloor? What about 10 miles from the city? Where do you draw the rationale?" he asked.

He said many farm people wanted their cake and wanted to eat it too. Farmers will say they want to protect agricultural land but they want to sell it to whoever and whenever they want, for any purpose.

Farmers will have to protect agricultural land at certain costs or have the city people move in. He recalled farmers saying that if they lose the right to do with their land what they want, they should be compensated. "The Minister of Agriculture says no way, forget it."

"Farmers will have to unite and look at the province as a whole or otherwise it will be a matter of the closer you are to the city, the quicker the agricultural land goes."

Not like union

He told the group they were unusual, not like the ordinary union where members could be counted on to support certain things at the polls.

Hadwin said the rural people were dominated politically by urban people. He noted most of the people at Queen's Park were urban people and acted to please urban constituents.

Hadwin said there was little sympathy in the cities for the farmer's plight. He noted the domination was extended when city people moved to the country and ran for seats on municipal councils.

Mayor's appeal fails

An appeal by Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur to have Halton Regional Council refrain from appealing land separations fell upon deaf ears.

The mayor argued the area councils, not the region, were in the best position to monitor land separations. She suggested there still wasn't a regional official plan and until such time as there was, the region did not have sufficient basis upon which to launch an appeal.

Planning Committee Chairman Harry Barrett said the province had delegated the responsibility of monitoring land separations to the region. He said efforts to consider the views of the area councils were made and the planners were abiding by the existing area official plans at the present.

Halton Hills mayor Tom Hill supported mayor MacArthur's contention.

Culprit

A mid-morning alert took Acton police to the home of Miss Ruby Clark of 35 Bower Ave. when neighbors reported a broken upstairs window.

Culprit turned out to be a bird.



YOU SHOULD HAVE seen the one that got away! Randy Upton of 109 Crescent St. proudly displays the day's catch, a 10 pound salmon, caught yesterday (Tuesday) in Bronte harbor. The prize fish was caught with a worm harness and a rubber worm.

Was oldest in county

Halton's oldest resident, Mrs. Edith Green, died at Halton Centennial Manor, was 105 years of age. She came from England and spent most of her life in Burlington and lived alone in her apartment (III) she was 96 when she became a resident of the Manor in 1965. She was active until her death Friday, Oct. 11.

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