

Hectic year ends for MPP Jim Snow

Halton East MPP Jim Snow has just completed one of the most hectic years that any Halton member has ever had to contend with. During 1975 there were many controversial issues that Snow had to deal with. In addition to these issues there have been a host of construction projects in the riding. On top of all this the MPP has had to handle many constituent problems and provide leadership for the busy Ministry of Government Services which he heads.

The establishment of hydro lines that traverse the region and the parkway belt are issues that have cost Snow no end of trouble and are no doubt issues he'd rather forget.

"One of the major interests in the region this year has been the establishment of the hydro corridor through our area. This was done after a great deal of study, research, public hearings and environmental considerations.

Affect fewest

"It hasn't been an easy decision, but a necessary one. It is most important that the new network be put in service to ensure an adequate supply for the province. Halton is so located that two major lines have to be joined in Halton with two major transformer and switching stations.

"No matter where the lines went, I'm sure they would have an adverse effect on some people. The design that was finally approved affects as few as possible. I'm

Greenbelt

Implementation of the greenbelt plan has taken longer than anticipated. This, says Snow, is due to a number of reasons and one of the key reasons was the decision to integrate major portions of the hydro corridor with the greenbelt.

Snow explained this resulted in considerable redesigning. He said he hoped publication of the final plan could be made within three months. "Following that, public hearings will be held and a great deal of public input will be made before the final plan is accepted."

Snow's ministry is currently appraising land within the greenbelt and some offers of purchase have been accepted. He notes negotiations on that front were going well. Land for transfer stations is being purchased first because Ontario Hydro will need lead time to build the stations before the routes are built.

The minister was questioned on how the two issues would affect his popularity within the riding.

All treated fairly

"I don't really know. I have done my best and will continue to do my best to represent all the people and to see that everyone is treated fairly," he suggested.

"Certainly some people won't be totally happy with the outcome and that is to be expected—but it won't be for

ridings is expected to be dealt with in the legislature prior to the next provincial election. The government has until fall of 1976 before the present term legally expires. Traditionally, however, elections have been held every four years in Ontario. That being the case, voters will go to the polls sometime in 1975. Snow said he wouldn't make his intentions known until the redistribution bill became law. He will definitely run for re-election, though.

Currently a host of provincial projects are being carried on in the riding.

In Oakville

Land has been purchased adjacent to the Bronte Senior Citizen Complex on Lakeshore Rd. in Oakville. That land will be used for the expansion of the facility to accommodate a nursing home for elderly people requiring full nursing care. Fifty to 60 beds will be provided. The complex is provincially funded but operated by a local board of directors. The additional level of care that will be provided will make it impossible for some folks who are no longer able to care for themselves to continue living within the complex.

Currently the complex provides for people who live in self contained OHC apartments and those who do not need full nursing care but live in hostel type rooms and

will serve Halton and Peel Regions and indicates a move away from the large provincial facility and decentralization of the Ontario Hospital in Orillia. The centre is being built on 12 acres of land in what was formerly known as Ortona barracks. The centre will be funded by the province but operated by a local board of directors with representatives from Halton and Peel. The board will function similarly to a hospital board.

Bronte Park

Work continues to progress at Bronte Creek Provincial Park. Snow said the last of the 2,000 acres for the park had been acquired in 1974. Several contracts have been let for development and service work. Buildings for picnic shelters and washrooms are under construction and many of the roads and parking lots have been completed.

Water and sewer services are now being provided by Halton Region. Internal services such as electricity are being proceeded with as well.

Maplehurst

Major construction was carried out at Maplehurst Detention Centre during the year and that project is on schedule. Completion is anticipated in May with an opening expected shortly afterward.

The International Correctional Conference will be held in Ontario in 1975 and a visit of several hundred representatives from all over the world to the new complex will highlight the conference. Snow said it is believed to be the first time that conference has been held in Canada.

Seniors' home

Milton Senior Citizens Building was built on the old Bruce St. School site in 1974 and is expected to open soon. The 60 unit building will be expanded to 100 units as they need for that type of accommodation grows. It is the town's second OHC seniors apartment.

Construction of the Ontario Agricultural Museum is well underway at Kelso with the main building almost complete. Work is proceeding on fencing and the overall site plan development is near completion.

Some historic buildings have been acquired and moved to the site. Snow said the development would be similar to Upper Canada Village with antique buildings grouped in a village atmosphere. The buildings will be restored to the original state. It will be a major tourist attraction.

Province-wide

Turning to broader issues that affect not just Halton but the whole province, the MPP noted the Ontario Building Code was passed and became law in December.

Snow introduced that measure as a private member's bill in 1968 shortly after being elected to office. The act has been passed but regulations have yet to be implemented. The fact that the bill has finally passed is a source of happiness and pride for the Halton member.

Other legislation passed during the year included one

bill designed at providing protection through regulations that provide for the bonding of travel agencies.

Snow recalled sad incidents a couple of years ago when Halton students put down deposits on trips, watched a firm go bankrupt and lost both their money and their trips. "This we hope will never happen again," he said.

Snow notes the new Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Recreation will place emphasis on these two areas. There will be new emphasis placed on community recreation programs and the community centres act has been changed to provide greater assistance in the construction of rinks and swimming pools.

For seniors

A new site for senior citizen apartments has been acquired on Maple Ave. in Georgetown during 1974. Building is expected to get underway during the middle part of 1975. It will be Georgetown's third apartment unit. Preliminary planning is underway and negotiations for rezoning of the land are also underway.

OHC will be conducting a study of needs in the Acton area during 1975. Conceivably OHC housing could be initiated in Acton as a result of the study.

Region

Regional government is a year old in Halton. Snow recalled many meetings in the past year between provincial and regional people in an effort to get the new system of government operating efficiently. The MPP noted that regional government in Halton was simply a restructuring of a system that already existed.

It took two or three years before Oakville, Bronte and Trafalgar politicians worked together as a cohesive unit and forgot their parochial ideas when that merger occurred, he recalled. "I don't think anyone would argue that that merger wasn't to the benefit of all concerned."

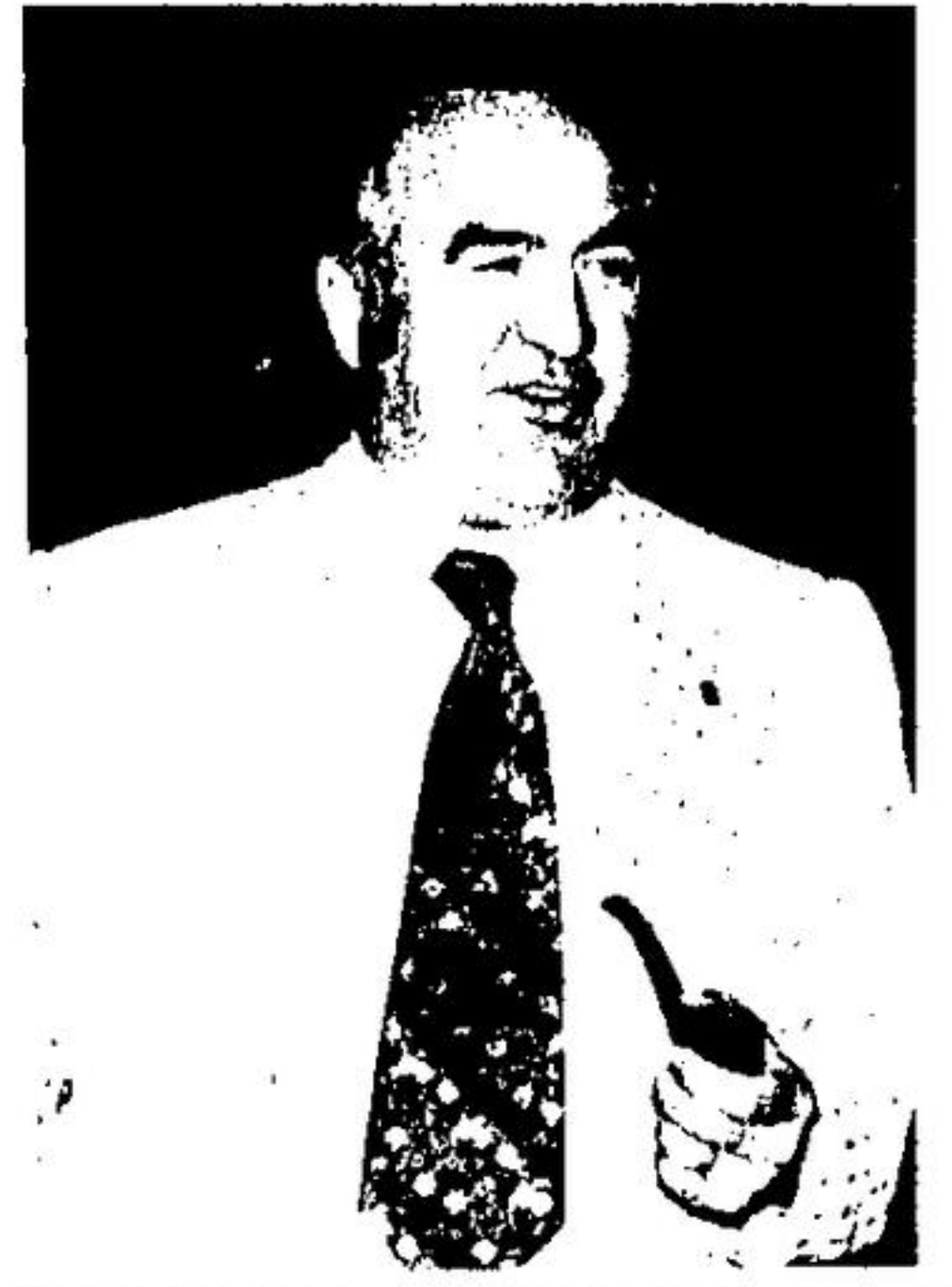
Land taxes

The land transfer tax and the land speculation tax have both been amended and are both considered extremely effective legislation, Snow said.

The land transfer tax discourages foreign investment from buying up large tracts of land but does not infringe on the rights of foreign investors to expand plants already established.

Snow said the land speculation tax was amended so that it doesn't detract from private initiative but hits the person who buys property on speculation without any intent to improve it but to turn it over for profit on short term investment.

Snow describes himself as one who isn't enthusiastic about grand and wondrous welfare schemes but does express pride in the Guaranteed Annual Income Plan that provides a basic minimum income for senior citizens, the blind and



physically handicapped. He notes the rate was initially set at \$2,600 per year but that has been increased twice since then to reflect increases in other areas. He suggests this act will probably be the government's greatest contribution in the social field.

Looking into 1975, Snow predicts a modest decrease in the inflation rate. He notes there were 151,000 new jobs created in Ontario in 1975 and this left the province with the highest employment rate in the western world.

Snow says he feels there is reason for optimism in 1975 for the economy. "We have to maintain confidence in the economy and personally, I don't find that difficult to do," he explained.

Snow said he expected improvements in the housing situation as both provincial and federal incentives take effect.

Controversies, construction in 1974

confident those who have land that is required will be appropriately compensated," he said.

Snow felt the importance of the hydro system is not fully understood. He predicts a growing dependence of the consumer on hydro. He points out the need for an adequate hydro supply is underlined when one considers the serious doubts of supply and the escalating costs of oil.

Snow said it was important for the economic future of the province that Ontario doesn't have to rely so heavily on imports for the source of energy.

the lack of trying. "As a member of cabinet I have to look at our total responsibility to the province as a whole and to the economic future, not only for today but for generations to come."

Redistribution

Snow's riding will be split as a result of redistribution if the current proposals as they now stand become law. Snow will be faced with the decision of running in the new Oakville riding or running in the North Halton riding.

The redistribution of

ent in common dining rooms. Until now any residents of that complex who could no longer be accommodated there would have to apply for admission to Halton Centennial Manor or a private nursing home. This will be no longer necessary.

Drop in centre

MGS has also acquired land on Kerr St. in Oakville for a senior citizen apartment building and a drop in centre. The apartment building will have 125 units initially and 360 ultimately. The drop in centre will be built by the town.

The Oakville Centre for the Mentally Retarded is under construction now. The centre

Among other things, the construction of an outdoor swimming pool at the park is anticipated during 1975. Snow has been involved with the park since its inception more than three years ago.

Land is now being acquired adjacent to the park for the construction of the Ontario Sports Complex. This centre, announced last spring, will be built in phases with construction anticipated to get underway in spring of 1975 and be completed within five or six years. Snow said there was a good chance of it being the home of the Canada games for 1980.

Escarpment controls

The Niagara Escarpment Commission which was established in 1973 became operational in 1974. Offices are located in Georgetown and Grimsby.

The commission's job is to develop an official plan and development controls for the escarpment. Once that job is completed the planning provisions will become part of the area official plans and the commission will be



Honey "natural sweet" and sugar substitute

By Peter McCusker

With the growing interest in natural foods and the price of sugar today, people are looking for a substitute for cooking, in their morning toast, and in sweets.

Honey can be used over a variety of cooking needs from glazing a ham, chicken or vegetables to a sweetener on cereals.

Rockhaven Apiaries on 25 Sideroad Esqueping has been in the honey business over a decade under the management of Herbert Dodds and J. Bullough.

Owner Herbert Dodds has been keeping bees since he was a 16-year-old. He will be 60 in February. Mr. Dodds, raised in Guelph, said the honey business today is good

and added that "honey is a natural sweet and is more beneficial than sugar."

Till spring

At this time of the year the men are cleaning their equipment and making repairs. At the end of February they will check the bee apiaries and will feed the bees enough to sustain them till the dandelions blossom in spring.

The bees are fed honeycomb stored from the fall, and when there is not enough,

a sugar syrup is served. "The sugar syrup has nothing to do with the honey making process and is used only to maintain the bees," Mr. Dodds said.

Rockhaven Apiaries do their own packaging and don't sell to large companies. Their product is sold at Chudleigh's orchards and in

health food stores in Toronto. The Rockhaven honey is not pasteurized honey and has a better flavour, said Mr. Bullough. He said they produce three types of honey at Rockhaven, white clover honey from clover, golden honey from late season golden rod and buckwheat honey which bees obtain from

the buckwheat flowers. He said that all the bees in an apiary will put on the same nectar.

900 hives

Rockhaven has 36¹/₂ bee apiaries with 20 hives to each apiary, which totals nearly 900 hives.

The sweetening power of honey and sugar is equal. The moisture content of honey is considerably higher than sugar, which makes adjustment necessary in the amount of liquid to be used. For every cup of honey used, according to the

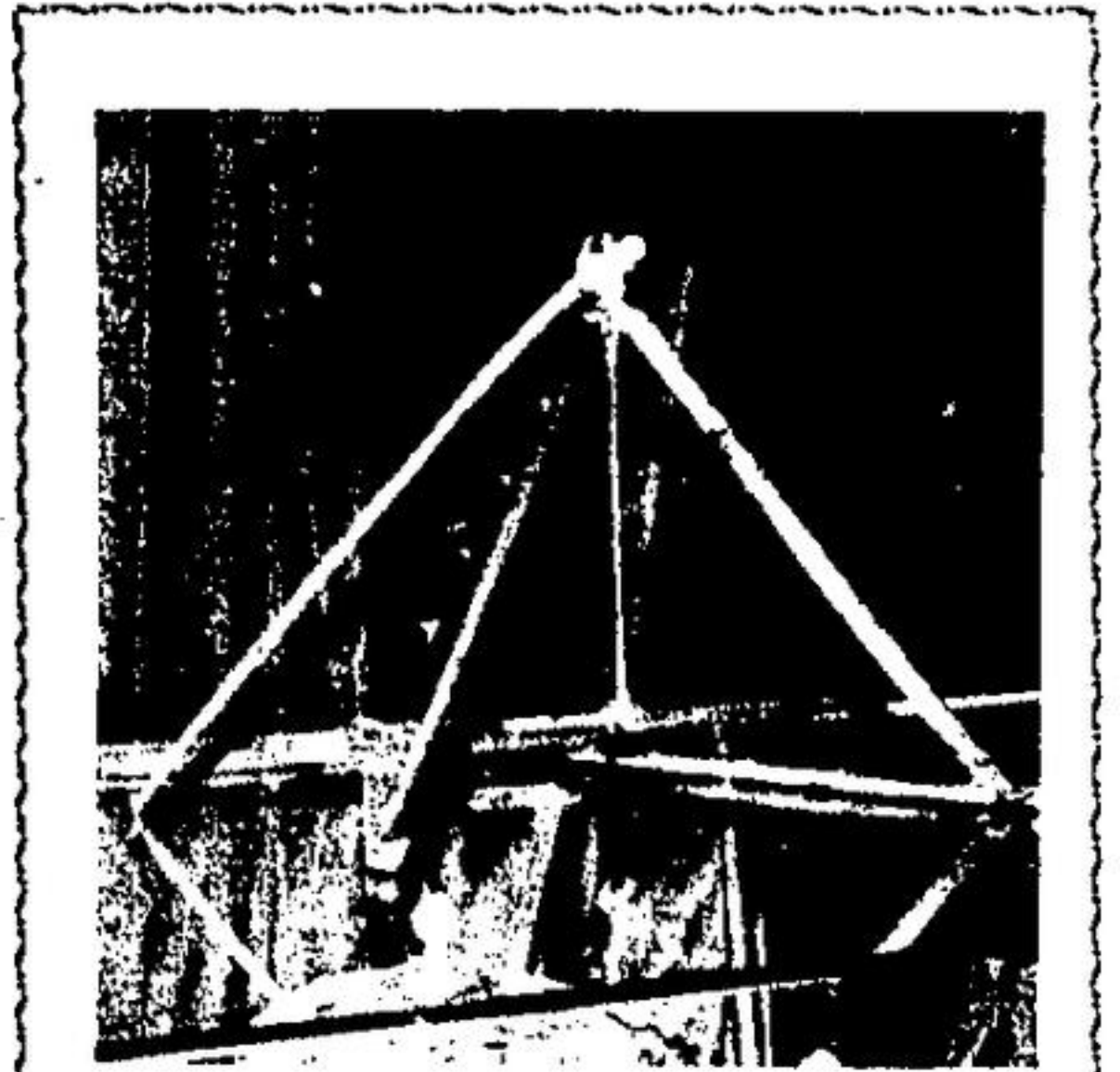
Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, the liquid should be cut by one quarter cup.

For example: one cup of sugar and one cup of milk would be changed to one cup of honey and three-quarters cup of milk.

This rule is sometimes subject to change, and in some recipes the amount of liquid may require even further adjustment.

Some authorities suggest the addition of one quarter teaspoon of salt to each cup of honey. Oven temperatures and leavening agents may also require adjustment when delicate flavor and color are desirable.

The price for one lb. of honey at Rockhaven is 90 cents to 70 cents a lb. for bulk purchases.



At Halton Museum

Stump puller model

This commercially made model was built in 1967 and purchased at that time by the museum. It represents a relatively late style of machine used in the late 19th century and early 20th.

The frame is made of wood (oak or walnut) with vertical shaft and a core of iron.

An ox or horse was harnessed to the end of the pole coming from the peak of the triangular frame. There was a grip at the base of the vertical screw shaft attached to a stump.

The animal would move in a circular clockwise motion around the base of the machine. The shaft is threaded through an iron core at the peak of the frame, thus pulling out the stump with a screwing action.

Plowmen thank all IPM workers

By Henry J. Stanley

A social evening was held at Hornby Towers Golf Club Thursday evening, Jan. 9 for all those from Halton who had helped with the International Plowing Match. Some 130 attended and enjoyed an evening of eulogy, slides of the Match, and short speeches.

Chairman of Halton I.P.M. local committee, Ross Segsworth, thanked everyone in Halton for their co-operation to put across such a successful match. These feelings were also expressed by Leonard Jefferson, Fergus, President of the Ontario Plowmen's Association. Henry Stanley, local secretary, stated that the match was a financial success. The surplus funds are to be used to establish scholarships for farm students from Halton attending courses in Agriculture or Home Economics.

The chairman Ross Segsworth presented all those who had provided land for the match with a framed picture of tilled city. Ross was given a standing ovation by every one in attendance for his outstanding job as local chairman.

Music was provided by Andy and Elsie Frank, Ron Harris and Bob Laking. The evening concluded with a lunch.

Euchre prizes

The euchre prizes were presented by George Swann as follows: A dinner for two, donated by Country Kitchen Restaurant, was presented to the winner of the men's first, Bert Mattie. The same prize was given to Mrs. Norma Alexander, ladies' first. The second prize for men and ladies was a dinner for two from Caravan Restaurant, presented to Claude Inglis and Mrs. Elsie Frank respectively. Also, for the third prize winners a dinner for two from the A & W Restaurant was donated to men's third Ross Segsworth and ladies' third Mrs. Marg McNeill. Twenty door prizes consisting of a bag of apples each, were provided courtesy of Chudleigh Orchards.

Collision

A three-car accident on Dec. 30 resulted in \$2,100 damage and minor injury to one driver.

The accident occurred at 5 p.m. when a car driven by Dorothy Hunter of Hillsburgh was turning left onto County Rd. 23 when it came into collision with a car driven by John Daykin of H.R. 1, Acton. The Hunter vehicle collided with a third car driven by Charles Kronsbergs of Toronto.

Accident victim

A car and truck accident on Hwy. 7 in the village on Dec. 31 caused estimated damage of \$2,200 and injury to one person.

Rodney Hewer of Toronto was travelling northbound when he attempted to negotiate a curve near the Eramosa River bridge. He came into collision with a truck proceeding south, driven by Alan Nightingale of Rockwood. Marie Foster of Brampton received minor injuries and was taken to the Guelph General Hospital for observation.

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