



MORMON MISSIONARIES are getting to know people in Acton and district. The two are Elder Jeff Robinson from Idaho and Elder Lee Johansen from Utah. There are several Mormon families in town.

Mormon missionaries give, get friendliness

Mormon missionaries in the Acton and Georgetown area, Elder Jeff Robinson and Elder Lee Johansen, are getting to know people here for a couple of months. They are living in Georgetown, but expect to often be in Acton and district. There are four Mormon families in the Acton area, with about a dozen members. They attend services in Etobicoke. These two young men have saved their money and are acting as missionaries for their church at no pay for two years. They are moving throughout Ontario, knocking on doors and talking to people wherever they meet them. From U.S. Elder Jeff Robinson comes from a small village near Montpelier, Idaho. He was in the navy and is a dairy farmer. Elder Lee Johansen of Elmo, Idaho, just got out of the Air Force and expects to go back to college when his time as a missionary is over. These personable young men talk easily to people. They have literature they give out if requested. Friendliness Asked if people in the States are friendlier than in Canada, the two considered the question and then wondered if perhaps people in rural areas and small towns aren't

friendlier than people in cities. Anyway, "people everywhere would rather be friendly than not friendly," laughed Elder Robinson. There are about 200 Mormon missionaries in Ontario at all times, and about two dozen of them are women. The two men visiting in Acton are especially interested in the huge Mormon pageant in New York this summer. Four Ontario Mormons will be part of the cast. "Mormon" is a nickname for a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Members incorporate in their religious code all of the standards and doctrines of the New Testament. Supplementing the Bible the Mormons have other books.

MPP John Root will retire soon

John H. Root, a veteran Member of the Ontario Legislature, advised the executive of the new riding of Wellington-Dufferin-Peel that he will not be a candidate for election when the expected election is called. The executive met in Erin July 16. Mr. Root entered the active political arena as a P.C. candidate 32 years ago, in the riding of Wellington North. He has represented Wellington-Dufferin in the Legislature for 24 years and will continue to represent this riding until this Parliament is dissolved. Mr. Root said if he were ten years younger he would like to contest the new riding, but felt in fairness to the party and his wife and family he should step aside and let the new riding choose a candidate from among a number of highly qualified persons who have indicated they are prepared to take on the responsibility of representing the new riding. Mr. Root said it has been a great privilege to play a part in the tremendous development that has taken place in Ontario under 32 years of Conservative Government. The executive decided to call a nominating convention to choose a candidate early in August, and set a tentative date for August 6.

Pet of the week



NINE-WEEK-OLD Charlie the raccoon is the community pet of Cheryl Hunter, Terry and John McMullen. Charlie eats pabulum with a raw egg tossed in and sleeps with Cheryl, on her pillow. The only problem she has had with Charlie is when he empties out the garbage pail and goes to sleep inside. She found the coon in Ed McMullen's back yard June 12.

Lloyd Lang in contest

Former Erin township reeve and county warden Lloyd Lang announced this week he will be a Progressive-Conservative candidate for the new provincial riding of Wellington-Dufferin-Peel. Mr. Lang was warden of Wellington county in 1974. Nomination meeting is tentatively set for August 10. Lloyd Lang was born on the family farm on the Fifth Line of Erin township and went to Coningsby school. He has been active on Erin township council and school board. He was Erin reeve four years and deputy-reeve before that. He and his wife Mildred have four children. They have a 40-cow milking operation on 17 sideroad of Erin township.

Farmer seeks PC nomination

As a result of MPP John Root's announcement that he will not seek re-election, Arthur area farmer Bill Benson declared his intention to seek the PC nomination for the new riding. He is the reeve of Maryborough township, worked in a bank and now operates a family farm. He is active in farm organizations, community service, and PC groups.

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