

Eva Sansom teaches science

By Kathy Toth and Charlene Perocshi
Mrs. Eva Sansom is a new member of the staff at Acton High School this year. She was born in Argentina and went to high school in Chicago. Mrs. Sansom attended Beloit College in Wisconsin and the University of Guelph. She and her husband were married in 1966 and lived in Toronto. Eva started teaching in Iroquois Falls and then lived in Guelph and Milton while teaching Science and Biology in Burlington. Mrs. Sansom supplied at our High School last year and decided that she would like to

teach here. She is teaching grades nine, ten, eleven and twelve Science, Environmental Science and Biology this year. Mrs. Sansom likes to draw, make Christmas cards and play the piano. She has illustrated children's books, written a play and written columns in the Guelph Mercury. Eva's favorite dish is Beef Wellington. Her astrological sign is Sagittarius as her birthday is December 9. Mrs. Sansom really likes the students at our school. "They are very co-operative and beautiful," she stated.



EVA SANSOM, wife of teacher Jeff Sansom, is the newest addition to the high school teaching staff. She was born in Argentina and went to high school in Chicago.



"IT'S ALIVE!" were the words over the telephone to Free Press photographers. Further investigation revealed that a biology class at the high school actually produced life in a test tube. The life has been named "Herman" by students.

Students discover life "amazing" experiment

by Lynda Shadbolt and Patti Gordon
Not more than two weeks ago an amazing discovery was made at Acton High School that astounded Acton city. It was the last period of the day in Dave Jones biology 301 class and no one expected what was about to happen. During an experiment studying life, the class stumbled upon a miracle which scientists have been searching for, for decades. Patti Gordon and Lynda Shadbolt decided that the public should be made aware of the results of the experiment, so a quick phone call was made to the Free Press who were a bit skeptical at first but decided to carry out the call. A photographer was briefed of the assignment and along

with Linda Ramsey, Lisa Near, Marie Muray, Lindsay Shadbolt and Patti Gordon they conducted the experiment for him and the reporter was made to believe.

Crossing guards ready

School is open and the crossing guards are ready. In the Acton area Mrs. H. Bittorf, Miss E. Taylor, are the permanent guards, while the standbys are Wesley Brown, Mrs. Kaye Timbers, Miss Karen Timbers, Mrs. Mary Bailey and Mrs. Evelyn Heaps. Georgetown crossing guards are Mrs. Pauline Kent, Mrs. Eleanor Burke, Mrs. Muriel Wieland, William Clements, John Hole, Mrs. Phoebe Collins, Mrs. Sandra Beecham, Mrs. Joy Cox and A. Maybanks. Standby guards in Georgetown area are Mrs. L. T. Hubbard, Mrs. W. Campbell, Miss S. Simons, Mrs. G. Walker, and Morley Mills.

St. John on duty

The St. John Ambulance brigade had a couple of injuries to attend to at the fair. A couple of people were slightly injured when a stand fell through. Bruce Coles was injured while helping with the tractor pull when weights fell on his ankles. They mainly treated minor problems and the usual wasp stings.

Safety patrollers attend special summer camp

One hundred and sixty boys and girls from Brant county, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth and Haldimand spent a week of intensive training at Camp Ryerson, Normandale, at the Hamilton Automobile Club's 12th annual school safety patrol officers' training camp. The purpose of the camp was to provide well trained patrol leaders, qualified to assume their school patrol duties officially at the commencement of the school term. As the week unfolded, the patrollers gained greater insight in how to help their fellow classmates to and from school safely and the relationship between the students and Police Officers grew stronger.

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School registration up

There are 1,965 public and secondary students attending the three Acton schools, according to schools' secretaries. The high school has 681 "warm bodies" in the school, says Mrs. Audrey Pendleton, of student services. Last year's total was 652. Grade nine (level one) students made up the biggest number this year with 169 students. Last year there were 168. Grade ten students totalled 164 compared to 173 in the 1975/76 school year. There are 165 grade 11 students, last year 149. In the fourth level, or grade 12, 115 students are registered. This is up from 101 last year. Grade 13's make up 68 students, with 61 the previous total.

R. L. reports Robert Little reports 743 students. Of this number, 85 are in Kindergarten. Grade ones account for 84 youngsters, grade two 69; grade three 74; grade four 76; grade five 80; grade six 79; grade seven 95; grade eight 78; and 23 in the special class. M. Z. Bennett school has 613 students in their hallowed halls. There are 79 kindergarten students in a combined total from both the morning and afternoon classes. Grade one has 76 students; grade two 67; grade three 60; grade four 69; grade five 62; grade six 68; grade seven 66; and grade eight 66. The two elementary schools will next year only house grades Kindergarten through grade six. Grades seven and eight will be at the present high school and be called either senior public or junior high.

Free calls
Free phone calls anywhere in the country were a highlight on the Bell Telephone booth at the fair. Many people were delighted with the opportunity, despite the fact their call was overheard by throngs of people!

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Wages vs prices. What's happened in 1976.

The anti-inflation program is nearly one year old. The program was announced last October 14 and the Anti-Inflation Act was passed by Parliament in December. The goal was to create a fair and stable economic climate for all of us. Guidelines were established for the control of prices, profits, incomes, dividends and professional fees. The federal government established a policy of spending restraint. The provinces are supporting the program and are applying guidelines in areas of provincial concern such as rents. The target of the first year of the anti-inflation program was to bring inflation down from a rate of 10.8% to 8% or less. This goal is going to be reached. Still, many Canadians are concerned about rising prices and may feel in fact that prices are rising faster than their family incomes. For most of us, this is not the case. The facts prove that since the start of the program most of us are better off than we were before because salaries, on average, are keeping ahead of prices.

be added or subtracted depending on whether a group had kept up with or fallen behind cost of living increases before the program began. More than half of the agreements and settlements reported to the Anti-Inflation Board have been within these arithmetic guidelines. A gradual downward trend in wage increases has started and it should continue as more Canadians realize that because of declining inflation, settling for less won't hurt them.

The real gains

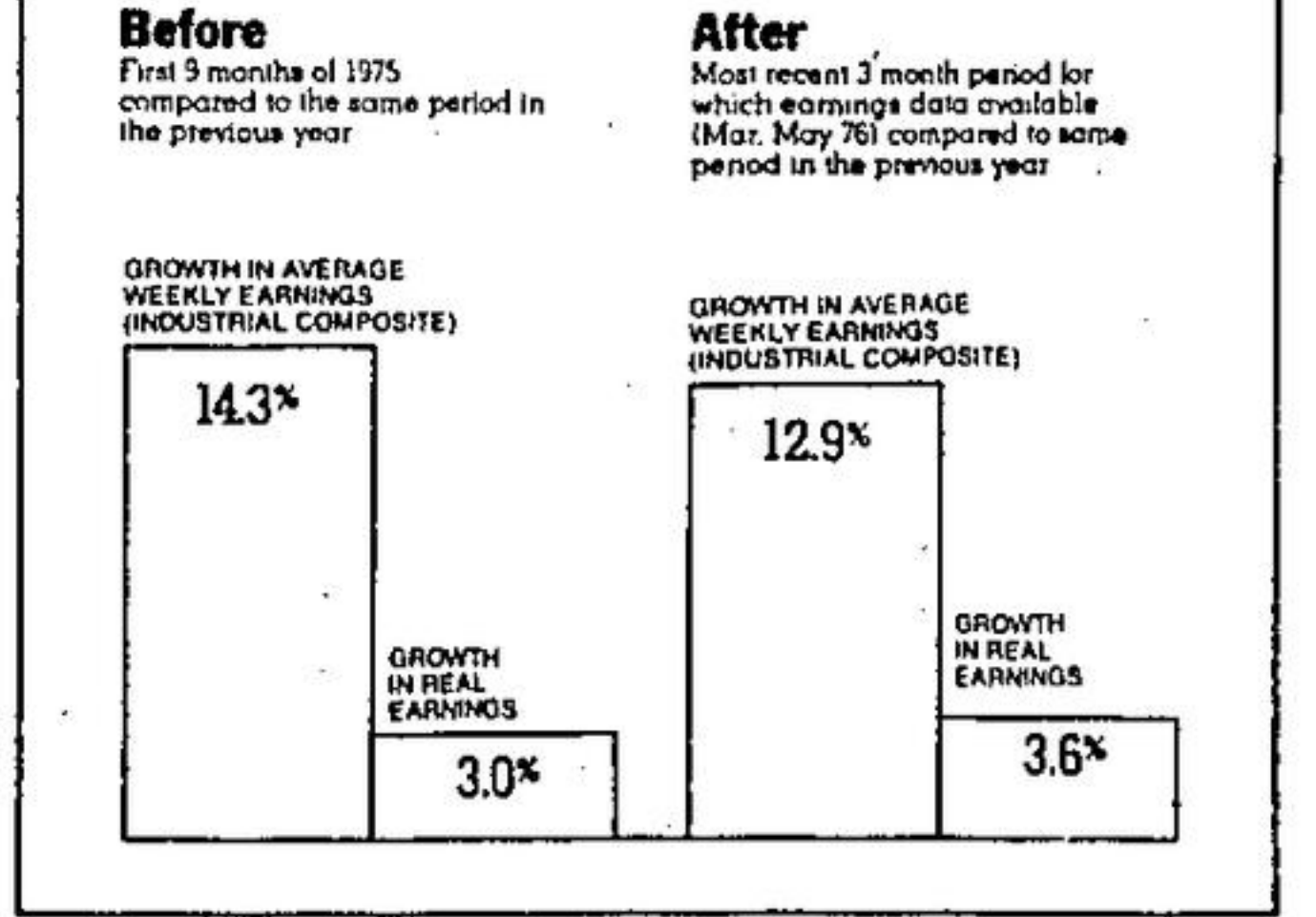
Since the start of the anti-inflation program, the average Canadian has actually improved his or her buying power. This is because lower wage increases along with lower price increases have resulted in a gain in real incomes. The real gain is worked out by taking the actual increase in earnings and subtracting from it the effects of higher consumer prices. Real incomes are probably the best measure of how we're doing, of how we can manage to pay our bills at home. By this spring, real incomes were up 3.6% over last year.

Prices

Last year, sudden and frightening price increases were happening all too often. By October, 1975, Canadians had experienced 20 months of inflation of 10% or more. No one could be sure how far the dollar earned one day would stretch the next. The anti-inflation program was brought in to control the rise in prices, giving Canadians a better chance to plan and live within their family budgets. Price increases have slowed down. By August, the annual rate of increase in the Consumer Price Index had dropped to 6.2%. Although some price increases have to be expected this month and next, the 8% target will surely be met.

Wages

The anti-inflation program has also helped to restrain increases in wages, salaries and other incomes. The Guidelines on compensation allow for a basic increase of 8%, plus 2% as a share of national productivity growth. Another 2% can



Controls on both prices and incomes are part of the reason why the inflation rate is dropping. The co-operation and hard work of most Canadians is the rest of the story. We will soon be moving into the second year of the program, with a goal of lowering the inflation rate to 6% or less. Working together we can reach this target too.

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