

# Agricrew attracts students

Agricrew, a summer farm work program for youth, has met with an overwhelming interest from young people. There were 133 applications for the 10 positions open in the North Halton area, said Carolyn Bird, area co-ordinator for the pilot project launched this year by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Physical labor and outdoor work seems to appeal to today's youth, she commented.

The students, ranging in age from 15 to 21, will be available for summer work on area farms from June 19 to September 1. Five of the crew are in the 19 to 21 age bracket. "To me this indicates a good maturity level for this program," Miss Bird said. "I'm thrilled to think people in this

age group are interested in this type of job." Five boys and five girls make up the group. Boys and girls will be expected to do the same work.

The purpose of the program is to provide summer farm employment for youth and help for farmers to get done some of the odd jobs they are too busy to do themselves. Painting, harvesting, haying, clean-up and general repairs are some of the jobs anticipated.

Agricrew members will be available for hire in crews of five, including a foreman. Employers must be farmers who are engaged in farming full time, or greenhouse or nursery operators. One day is the minimum period for hire and five days the maximum.

Crews will put in an eight-hour day. Saturdays will be used, if necessary, to make up a five-day week.

Paper work for the employer will be minimal, Miss Bird pointed out. To hire a crew all an employer has to do is call Miss Bird at the agriculture office in Milton. That, and write a cheque for \$90 for each day's work. At the end of the program the employer will be reimbursed \$35 for each day. In effect, the employer will be paying \$55 for eight to 10 hours of work by five people, or the equivalent of \$11 a day per person.

A work agreement drawn up with the farmer will itemize the jobs to be done. Farmers will be asked to plan alternate tasks that can be carried out in bad weather.

Foremen Paul Dick and Peter Demars will work along with the crew. They'll be responsible for supervision, making sure the job specifications are carried out and driving the crews to the farm.

Mr. Dick, 19, of Georgetown, is studying biological sciences at Guelph University. He lived on a farm until he was 11 and has had farm jobs since as well.

Mr. Demars, 21, of Hornby, has been taking an upgrading program at Sheridan College. He hopes to take agricultural studies at either Guelph or Waterloo Universities this fall. His background includes work experience in greenhouses and apple orchards, membership in army cadet reserves and a stint as hockey coach.

The students are not professionals, Miss Bird stressed, although the majority have had previous farm experience. A full-day's orientation session on a working farm has been scheduled for Saturday. Farm safety will be one of the topics emphasized.

The co-ordinator anticipates plenty of work will be available from the variety of farming operations in the area, which takes in Milton, Acton, Georgetown, Campbellville, North Burlington and Oakville. Contracts are already coming in and will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

Agricrew members in addition to Mr. Demars and Mr. Dick are: Terry Armstrong, 19, of Oakville; Elaine Cunningham, 15, of Georgetown; Murray Hall, 16, of Milton; Andrew Blinworth, 16, of Milton; Lorie Le Riche, 15, of Milton; Stuart McPhail, 15, of Georgetown; Karen Minaker, 19, of Hornby; Marilyn Nichols, 21, of Georgetown.

# Need for NEC questioned by conservation authority

Halton Region Conservation Authority wants to see the Niagara Escarpment Commission disbanded and the conservation authorities of Ontario made responsible for producing a master plan for the escarpment and for protecting it.

A proposal to that effect is being sent to a committee of chairmen of Ontario conservation authorities for its consideration and comment.

Initially, in a strongly-worded statement, HRCA's Land Use Advisory Board had recommended the authority petition the Minister of Natural Resources for immediate dissolution of the NEC. But at a meeting of the full authority last week it was decided to approach the chairman's committee for its views first.

The recommendation arose out of a review of the preliminary proposals for the Niagara Escarpment Plan. The land use advisory board termed the preliminary proposals inadequate.

HRCA members favorable to calling for an end to the NEC questioned whether the NEC and Ontario conservation authorities were duplicating services since they had jurisdiction over much of the same area. Eight conservation authorities have jurisdiction over various parts of the escarpment, chairman Brock Harris noted.

Several also objected to the time and money being spent by the NEC to produce a plan and to the NEC's practice of holding planning meetings in camera. They were critical of what they felt was inadequate public input to the planning process.

But Milton Councillor Jim Watson, who sits on the authority, said it would be irresponsible of HRCA to pass the recommendation. "The commission is there to stay," he maintained.

Halton Hills representatives Russ Miller and Pat McKenzie said their constituents were generally in agreement with having an escarpment commission.

If conservation authorities were to take over, Mr. McKenzie added, there would have to be an overseeing group to co-ordinate all the bodies and ensure uniformity.



AGRICREW foremen Paul Dick and Peter Demars and co-ordinator Carolyn Bird are organizing the summer work program for students. A pilot project of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, the program will have two work crews of students for hire during the summer. Mr. Demars tries on "bump cap", a type of hard hat crew members will wear.

## Direction signs wanted on 401

There should be clearer signs identifying approaches to Acton and Georgetown along Highway 401. Councillor Walter Biehn told Halton Hills finance committee, Monday night.

He said according to the sign at Highway 25 and 401, a traveller might assume that was the way to Georgetown.

They had asked the Ministry of Transportation and Communication previously for better signs. The committee recommended the MTC be asked for identification signs at Highway 25 and 401, and at Trafalgar Road and 401 to help travellers to Acton and Georgetown approaching from either direction.

### HALTON HILLS TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

Registration forms available at Recreation Offices in Acton and Georgetown, and from local club members. Entry fee: \$1 per event. Consolation rounds in junior events only.

- ★ Entry deadline for junior tournament is Friday, July 14.
- ★ Entry deadline for all other tournaments is one week prior to the start of the tournament.

EVENT	JUNIOR BOYS 13-14	JUNIOR BOYS 15-16	JUNIOR BOYS 17-18	MALE DOUBLES
DATE	July 17-23	July 21-27	August 27-27	Sept 5-10
PLACE	Acton Club	Acton Club	Acton Club	Acton Club

## Speak about Brazil

By Mark Leahy

Hugh Beaty who is with the Canada-Brazil Share Program was guest speaker at the Halton Holstein Twilight Meeting held at Falgarbrook Farm on Friday, July 7. Mr. Beaty and his wife Melba have been working with the Brazilians in South America to introduce the Holstein heifers from Canada to their new climate.

The Beatys are home in Milton after a year in Brazil and plan a short stay before returning for another year.

President Ken Murray chaired the Twilight Meeting. Everyone was welcomed to the Falgarbrook Farm by Dr. R. D. Kunica and Geraldine Kunica and Allan Ness and Mrs. Ness.

Dr. Neil Anderson discussed the herd health program on the Falgarbrook Farm. Everyone present judged a class of three-year-old Holsteins with the official placing being given by Jeff Nurse. Prizes were awarded to the winners as follows, ladies class, Barb Ford and Halda Waters; men's section, James C. Reid and Bill Laidlaw; 4-H section, Martha Corker and Bill Robinson. Reasons were given on the class by Bill Robinson, Peter Christie and Rob Murray. To break ties each person guessed the B.C.A. for one of the cows in the class.

# How to be a cool customer this summer.

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Keep your clothes dryer is vented outdoors. Heat and moisture won't be released in your home. Better still, hang your clothes outside to dry.

Use your air conditioner wisely

Make sure it fits tightly in the window. Keep your doors and windows closed. Clean the filters regularly if you leave your house for part of the day. Cut back the air conditioning. Going on vacation? Turn it off completely.

Drink up. Ah, there's nothing like a tall, cool, refreshing drink to make things cooler. But remember when the refrigerator door is left open, valuable energy escapes.

## Thieves get bug killer

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