

Report from Queen's Park

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In June of this year, the Ontario Liberal Party compiled "A Guide to Federal/Provincial Assistance Programs For Small Businesses in Ontario". As a general rule, government agencies act only as a lender of last resort. In the event that you are unable to obtain assistance from a chartered bank or loan company, you may be eligible to participate in a government financial program. Federal Programs

The Business Centre should be your first point of contact. This is a new service opened as a major clearing house for information and help in virtually every facet of Canada's business and industry. Here you will obtain information on the type of assistance available. A direct toll-free line from anywhere in Canada is available by calling the long distance operator and asking for Zenith 0-3200.

This service was established because many small and medium-sized businessmen had been frustrated in their efforts to find their way through the federal maze to the appropriate department, branch or official.

A Crown Corporation, the Federal Business Development Bank, may make direct loans and may also participate in equity financing projects. It has published a series of informative brochures entitled "Minding your Own

Business", offering some basic advice and information on several aspects of small business management.

Under the Small Business Loans Act, a federal program gives impetus to lend to chartered banks and other participating lending institutions, by means of a government guarantee of the borrower's obligation to repay the loan. All chartered banks are authorized to make small business loans under the Act. Loans may be made by Credit Unions, Caisses Populaires or other co-operative societies, trust companies, etc.

The Enterprise Development Program of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce assists small and medium-size firms in the manufacturing and processing sectors with the relatively high risks involved in the development of new products and innovative production techniques. Often, firms seeking assistance under this program will have approached other lenders such as the Federal Business Development Bank, before applying to the EDP.

Farm Improvement Loans, guaranteed by the government, are provided by chartered banks or other approved lenders. Term loans are available to farmers for the purchase of agricultural implements, livestock, additional land and up to 10 years for other purposes.

Provincial Programs Business people wish-

ing to discuss Ontario Government policy, regulations and procedures should contact Peter Friedman, Manager of Customer Service, Deregulation and Industry Support Services, Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism, Queen's Park, (416) 965-3405. The Ministry operates a number of programs designed to assist the individual or small manufacturing business in the development of new products or processes, the encouragement of design and development of product, and the advancement of industrial technology which can be exploited within a short period of time.

The program to Encourage Product and Process Innovation (PEPPI) provides financial assistance to the inventor or small business entrepreneur who has limited or no suitable facilities of his own, to develop a prototype of a product process to prove its feasibility. It is designed for projects not exceeding \$12,000 total costs. Financial assistance of 100 per cent of eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$8,000 is provided for the purpose of developing a prototype.

The Product Development Management Program (PDMP) is designed to assist existing small secondary manufacturers to increase their in-house industrial design management understanding and capability. Projects should not exceed \$15,000 total cost. Financial

assistance amounting to between 75 per cent and 90 per cent of eligible project cost is provided up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Ontario's Small Business Industry Technology Program (SBITP) encourages existing small secondary manufacturers to develop new products and/or processes that would significantly advance the innovation and technology practised by industry. It is designed for projects not exceeding \$25,000 total cost. The Ministry will provide financial assistance up to a maximum of \$10,000.

The three Development Corporations (Ontario D.C.; Eastern Ontario D.C. and Northern Ontario D.C.) offer a comprehensive program of financial and advisory services to business and industry throughout the Province.

If you would like further information on the various federal or provincial programs, please give me a call.



Commercial Shearing's 3-Pitch softball team wound up their season as runners-up as they dropped the final play-off game to Heller's 23-14. Team members include front row l. to r. Jaye Gerth, Ann

Wallis, Laura Barber, Gretchen Lathrope, Bernie Freuler, back row, Wayne "Holdog" Deforest, George Artem, Gord Scott, Bill Lathrope, Larry Deforest and Jim McNabb.

Health officer references set

A four-part recommendation for the appointment of a new Halton Medical Officer of Health (MOH) was passed by the regional council last Wednesday.

The review of the terms of reference of the MOH's job came about after Dr. J.D. Chamberlain announced he would be retiring by the end of the year.

The Health and social services committee has revised its view on the position in light of the increasing demand for services expected as the population grows.

The region's personnel director has been asked to advertise for a successor.

Stress will be placed on "a preference for a masters degree in public health, specializing in epidemiology or an acceptable equivalent."

Council, in its approval, has accepted the principle of the need to create a new administrative position in the health unit with

"appropriate" funds to be set aside in the 1980 budget.

The personnel director will revise the current MOH job description.

Lastly the committee has been authorized to explore the possibility of the relationship for a resident replacement with the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine.

Six editors

The Acton Free Press, which celebrated its 105th birthday in July has published un-interrupted all these years under the leadership of just a few

names. H.P. Moore kicked it off in 1875, followed by G.A. Dills. Son David took over after his retirement. The editorship went to Hartley

Coles, who, in 1974 took over the same position of the newly formed sister paper, the Georgetown Independent. Kay Dills was the next editor, and upon her retirement in December, Hartley Coles was brought back into the chief's office.

Acton High notes

by Janet Howe

The "Teen Cuisine" better known as the cafeteria will be holding their annual Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, October 4. This hot turkey meal will cost students and staff \$2.75.

Simon Thwaites was voted the Student Association president last week. Other executive members are: Nancy Patterson, vice president; Dale Robinson, secretary; and Heather Glenister, treasurer. Congratulations to all the new members.

Last week the Students Association offered a package deal containing free admission to a dance, and to a Chum's History of Rock film. Also included is this year's student card and next year's yearbook. Total for this great deal is \$10.

Last Friday Acton High held its first school dance of the year. In purchasing the package deal, students were to show their \$3.50 student card before entering the "free dance".

The doors opened at 8:30 and the students rushed in, anxious to listen and dance to some good music. Once inside the students faced a disappointment. Trying something new, the student association played tapes through the cafeteria speakers. The music was soft and it was not possible to dance.

Over an hour later, a student who came to the dance to have a good time, took into his own hands to do something about it. Charlie Kinal who several times has been a disc jockey at

dances, hurried home and returned with his complete sound system. Special thanks goes to Charlie, for making that last half of the dance a success.

On Thursday September 27, Mr. Black's grade 12 Urban Geography class will be attending this year's International Plowing Match being held in Kent County, Ontario.

Another field trip this Thursday will be to Victoria Park Golf Course in Guelph. Grade 11 and 12 gym classes will be spending the day

learning basic skills of golf.

Last Friday, the Acton High baseball team hosted the annual softball tournament. Teams participating were from the Milton, Assumption and Bishop MacDonell schools. The final standings were Acton 3rd, Assumption 2nd and the final game Milton beat Bishop MacDonell claiming the tournament title. Our team would not have been possible without the leadership of Rick Boychuck and Boris Shean, and the enthusiasm of the players.

St. Joseph's

by Honor Sweezy
Adrianna Hanger
and Helen Lampkin

Here it is the third week of school and already the school is involved in many activities. This Friday will be a Professional Activity Day.

Most of the children are now practising for the cross country championship coming up soon.

Mrs. Munkacs's class is starting a fall theme on leaves, their color and shapes. They will also be making some leaves to decorate the classroom.

In mathematics they are learning how to count.

Mrs. Robertson's grade ones are working on their families in a theme called "I discover myself". Later in the week they will be celebrating receiving their catechism books.

Mrs. Graham's class was discussing friends

with each other and discovering that Jesus had friends too.

Mrs. Bradley's class will be going to Mountsberg on a school trip to see how the pioneers used to live. Her class will leave at 9 Thursday morning and return at 3:30. Mrs. Bradley's class also goes swimming every Monday and Thursday. Mr. Morris' grade 7 and 8 class will be practicing cross country for the championships. The team goes out every Monday and Wednesday after school. Mr. Morris is also starting a new chapter in math about Geometry. The students will be learning new geometric concepts.

Speyside

by Lisa Nansom
and Steven Dipersio

Speyside school now has soccer teams. The names and captains are as follows: Cosmos, captain Scott Mitchell; Lancers captain, Pierre Bollert; White Caps, captain, George Findlay; and Metros captain, Geoff Pollen.

Our first assembly is in October. Nearly every child in the school shall have a part in our assembly. Come and see it.

The librarian, like last year, is Mrs. Doberthien. She is a very good librarian, too. Mrs. Doberthien keeps the library spic and span. Like most libraries it uses the Dewey decimal system. This system used the numbers from 1 to 100. These include the topics of philosophy, religion, social science, fairy tales and many others.

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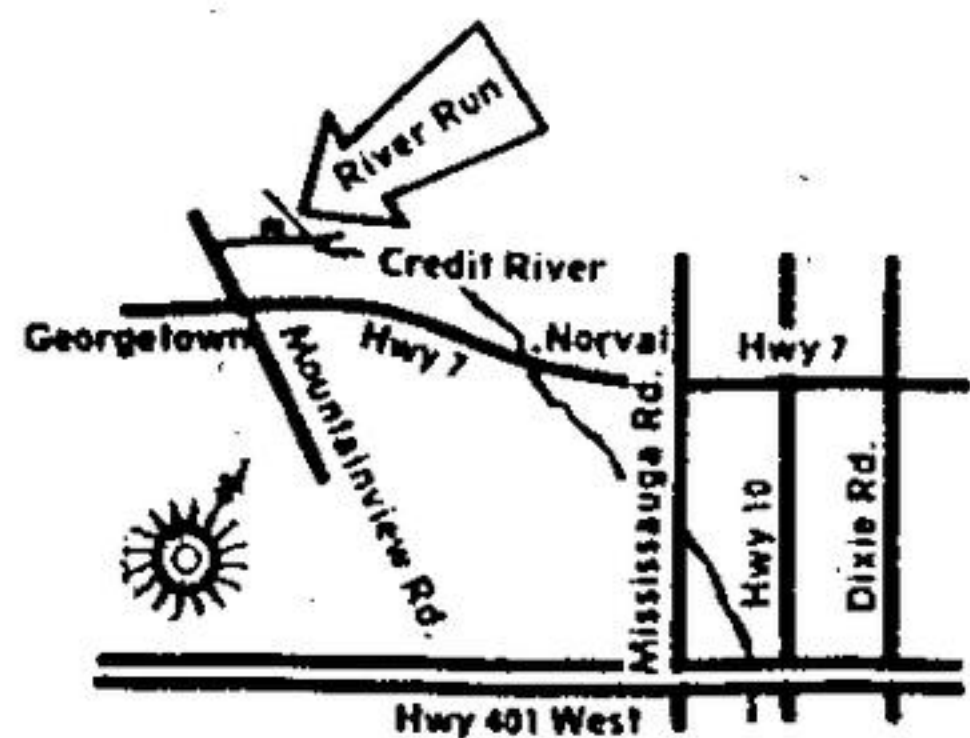
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Dog show at Fritterfest '79

If your dog won a ribbon at the Acton Fall Fair and you think he is capable of greater things take him or her to the Mississauga Fritterfest '79.

Fritterfest is a Mississauga Community festival bringing people together for special events. The dog show has prizes for the dog with the longest tail, longest ears, shortest ears, longest legs, and shortest legs among other things.

The Credit Valley Kennel and Obedience Club is sponsoring the dog show and obedience

Playing fields

Playing fields and ball diamonds, on which there are no rental fees, are currently under review by the municipality.