



DRG Stationery Georgetown plant recently received a safety award for 413 days without time off due to accidents in plant and office.

Small business needs help

Following is a letter to the Hon. Charles Lapointe, federal Minister of State for Small Business, from Halton MP Otto Jelinek, filed with The Independent for publication:

Dear Mr. Minister:

In your new duties as Minister of State for Small Business, I am sure you will quickly come to realize that small business in this country is the backbone of our economy and the very essence of free enterprise.

Unfortunately, as a result of the continuing increases in interest rates, the number of bankruptcies within this sector has once again reached a record high. It is my belief, shared by many businessmen and

economists, that unless some attempts are made to exempt small business from these exorbitant rates, free enterprise as we know it will suffer an irreparable blow.

I reluctantly accept, on a general basis, short-term high interest rates as a means of controlling inflation and protecting foreign investment in Canada and thereby the value of our dollar. However, the introduction of floating interest rates is a deceptive cop-out, as it seemingly allows the government to "deny responsibility" for interest rate increases.

I therefore urge you and your government to take immediate steps to re-establish the Interest Rate Policy Review in light of the controversy

created by this new policy. Further, the government should not wait for its budget to provide assistance to small business, but should immediately upon the opening of Parliament introduce legislation that would provide for the Small Business Development Bonds proposed last Fall by the Progressive Conservative Government. This, as you know, would enable small business to obtain financing at virtually half the current rates.

If you are the least bit concerned with the economic future of this country, you will act at once.

Sincerely yours,
Otto Jelinek, MP
Halton

Host Farmers needed

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food is again sponsoring the Junior Agriculturalist Program which is now in its eighth year.

The program has been successful in providing a practical learning experience for young people from non-farm homes who have a serious interest in agriculture. As a result, there are now a group of young people interested in and capable of pursuing agricultural related careers or farm labor positions. As well, the Junior Agriculturalists, their families and friends have developed a greater awareness and appreciation of rural life and the farming industry.

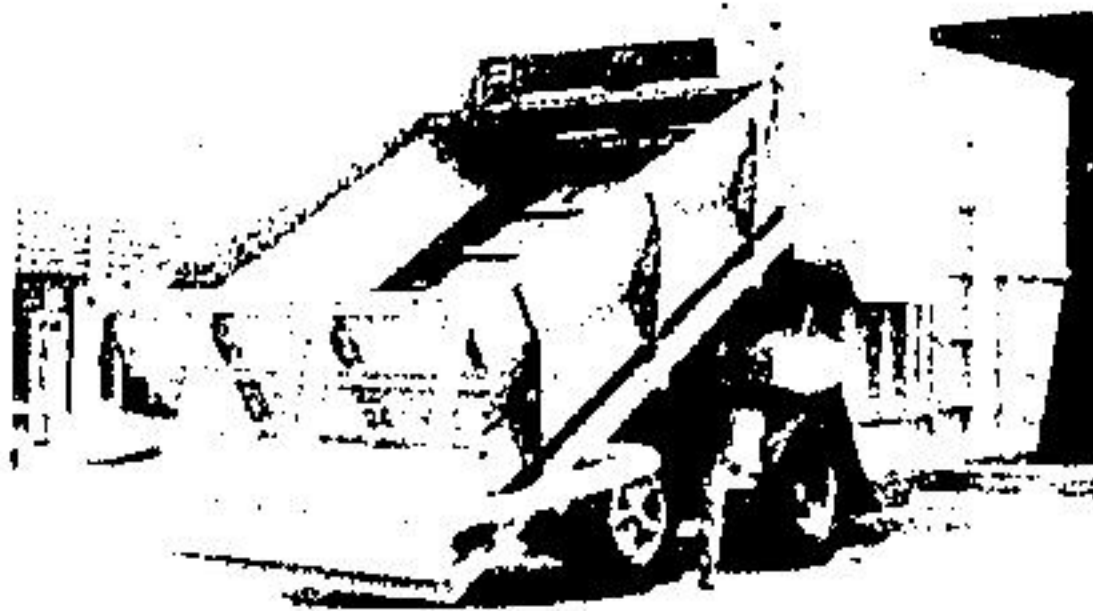
Host farmers must operate a commercial farm and be engaged in full time farming. Selection of host farmers will be based on their interest in helping an inexperienced young person develop skills required on

a farm and on their ability to work well with and supervise young people.

The Junior Agriculturalists are 16 or 17 years of age and must not have had any previous farm experience. They are selected on their reasons for being interested in farming or their plans for further education. They will live with and participate in regular activities on the farm family, on the farm and in the community.

The on-farm assignments last from June 16 to August 16. Each Junior Agriculturalist will receive a training allowance of \$18 per day. The Host Farmer will pay \$6 in cash and supply room and board worth \$6 per day. The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food supplies the remaining \$6.

If anyone would like to host a Junior Agriculturalist on their farm for the summer contact the Agricultural Office for an application or the Area Co-ordinator, Sandra Harrison at OMAF, RR 1, Ancaster, Ontario, L9G 3K9 or phone at (416) 527-2995.



Interfab Steel came out with what president Wayne Lister believes is the first "manure turner" ever built in Canada. The machine, is used in the mushroom industry. This particular machine has been bought by Meadowglen.

"Manure turner" for Meadowglen

Interfab Steel, Armstrong Avenue, has just completed what company president Wayne Lister believes is the first ever "manure turner" built in Canada.

The machine which weighs about eight tons, according to Lister, and took eight weeks to build for Meadowglen Skrow Canning Ltd. The machine will be used to turn manure and keep it fresh, for mushroom growers.

Lister said the machine has a diesel engine and a hydraulic drive. His intention is to sell more of the machines to the United States. Lister is expecting Meadowglen to purchase another of the monsters before Interfab begins preparing for possible US buyers.

"It's only for use in the mushroom industry," says Lister, who along with partner Joe Reicht designed and built the "manure turner" from an older model.

Interfab Steel has been in business for two and a half years.

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