

Farm Survivalists twin with Drayton to help with today's situations

A local chapter of the Canadian Farmers Survival Association has been formed, to attempt to help farmers with the terrible economic stress and strain they are experiencing.

Keith Black, local chairman, told the Free Press, the South Wellington group of the CFSA is an offshoot of the Drayton area chapter. The two groups are actually twinned and will hold joint meetings, as well as individual gatherings. Bill Hilton of Acton, Keith Black, Roy Petty, George Major and Clarence Hilton of RR4 Rockwood and Byron Bruce, Osprey are local members.

Black says farmers find themselves in the predicament of increasing their debt load hoping the next year will get better, but their situation only gets worse.

He admits some farmers are very comfortable,

but many young ones, or those who have expanded, just cannot handle the interest rates and other factors farmers are faced with.

Black cites the absence of a beef marketing board as being one of the disadvantages of their field. He explained farmers do not know how much their beef will fetch at market.

With four or five per cent of the population being farmers, and another 40 to 45 per cent of jobs in Canada being related to agriculture, Black continues, agriculture is one of the main catalysts of the entire economy. People are concerned about the automobile industry and with good reason, but they should be concerned about the farming industry.

Black said banks have been going in and closing up farmers. His association is saying wait until we

have a chance to negotiate. Banks he said, have now realized they should negotiate.

Assistance programs from the Ontario government are a step in the right direction, Black noted, but there's a lot of red tape.

The government is attempting to help farmers, Black said, but more aid is needed. The Farm Credit Corporation just released another \$500 million for loans at 16 1/2 per cent across Canada for the farmer. But even at that interest rate, it is still too high for the average farmer. Black says government officials say they will subsidize farmers, but according to Black, the farmers don't want to be subsidized, they just want to do their job.

The South Wellington chapter of the CFSA is authorized by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture,

Black says, and will help out anyone who needs it. But they are interested in membership. Between their newly formed group and the twinned group in Drayton they have about 75 members, he said.

The group is always looking for people interested in lobbying provincial and federal governments.

Jim Schroder, MP for Guelph riding attended the organization meeting of the South Wellington chapter last Tuesday, and MPP Jack Johnson has attended previous meetings. This shows the group these politicians are aware of and interested in their problems.

"We are looking for solutions for long term agric-

ultural policies in Canada," Black said. However, in the meantime, interim policies must be set out.

CFSA help consists of financial and legal consultants, organizing counties, provinces and eventually the country to stop the injustices, and fight for sensible interest rate policies before it is too late.

The goals of the organization are: to lower interest rates; to negotiate just and reasonable settlement between farmers and the banks; to provide legal and financial counselling services to farmers; and to work with and through organized farm groups towards a producer controlled marketing system.

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Halton Hills close to lifting hall's historic designation

Demolition of the town hall moved a giant step closer to happening when council gave two readings Monday night to a bylaw lifting the historical designation on the building.

Before the third reading is given to the bylaw the intent of the bylaw will be advertised and citizens will have 30 days to object. Objections will be considered by council prior to the bylaw receiving its third reading.

A couple of weeks ago council rejected a bid by the Town Hall Restoration Committee and Actario to buy the building for \$1 and decided instead to demolish the building and develop the property for parking.

While nobody commented directly on demolition of the town hall or lifting of the historical designation, both Councillor Ross Knechtel and Mayor

Peter Pomeroy made favorable observations of council's handling of the issue over the past few years.

Bylaw 82-50 will repeal bylaw 77-94 (passed in 1977), being a bylaw to designate the former Acton town hall as a Historical Site.

Knechtel thanked council's "patience" in handling the town hall issue repeatedly, especially in the last few months, though he was disappointed he and some others were "poles apart" on the issue from a slim majority. He thanked councillors for putting up with himself and other hall boosters.

Pomeroy commended all councillors for their handling of the issue, especially the three Acton councillors. He said ward one was "extremely well represented" on the town hall and the Acton councillors put a lot of work into their presentations.

Police probe theft of skins

Halton Regional Police are investigating a possible major theft of skins from an Acton leather industry which may involve employees of the firm as well as workers at a local trucking company. Sergeant Richard Kivell said the investigation is continuing, no charges have been laid, and no further information can be released at this time.



Helen Murray, of the Acton Free Press, pulled the Actario ticket Saturday morning.

Home 8 inches too close to lot line

There's no problem with an Acton home being eight inches closer to the lot line than it should be.

On the advice of his lawyer, Roland Stevens, 33 Park Ave., went to Halton Hills Committee of Adjustment last month to seek a minor variance on the front-yard setback for his semi-detached home.

The bylaw requires the house to be 10.97 metres back from the road, but it is only 10.77 metres back from the lot line.

Stevens told the committee his lawyer advised him to seek a minor variance after he bought the house which was built three or four years ago.

The town planning and works departments had no objection to the minor variance.

Actario winners

G. Hess, Acton Blvd., was the winner of the weekly Actario draw for \$350.

C. LeBlanc, Mill St. West, won merchant bonus vouchers from Stedman's, Acton Pharmacy, and Acton Family Cleaners while Dolores Tyler, Peel St., really cleaned up taking home the super shopper and a regular prize. She received vouchers from IGA, Home Hardware, Acton Family Restaurant, Family Cleaners, Nielsen's, Acton Photo and Camera, Ed's In 'N Out, Jug City and Acton Bowling Lanes.

Poster winner

Peter Armstrong 10, of Speyside School, recently won \$25 as a runner-up in the Ontario Association of Fire Chief's fire prevention poster competition. A runner-up in the 1981 Halton wide poster competition, the poster Peter did was one of eight entered by Halton in the provincial competition.

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KELLOGG'S 475 g cereal Special K 1.99	HIGHLINER 16 oz. frozen cod fillets 2.29	DIETRICH pkg. of 12 scone rolls .89
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