



Yes to nuclear disarmament committee member Eldon Comfort, RR 4 Acton, is joined by Acton High School students Roberto Ruggiero, RR 1 Limehouse, and Mike Elkerman, RR 1 Limehouse, in putting up this huge banner in Acton last week promoting the nuclear disarmament referendum. Cindy Buchanan, RR 1 Limehouse, and Diane Green of Acton helped Ruggiero and Elkerman make the banner.

Snow hunted with Robarts 10 days before his death

Hornby resident Jim Snow, who was inspired to become involved in provincial politics by former Ontario premier John Robarts, was shocked and saddened to hear of Robarts' sudden death, last week.

"He was the person responsible for getting me into politics. The way I felt about John Robarts as a man, as a politician and as premier inspired me to be part of his caucus," Snow said.

Only 10 days before Robarts apparently committed suicide, Snow accompanied him on a hunting weekend. "He was a great outdoorsman. He loved to get outside. We belonged to the same hunting club and have hunted

together a lot. When we were together over Thanksgiving, we sat in front of the fire and talked. It was just like old times," Snow said. There was no hint of Robarts' untimely death that weekend, he added.

Robarts, 65, became premier in 1961 and retired in 1970. Snow ran for election in 1967 and Robarts appointed him to the select committee on taxation in 1968 and in 1969 as a director of the Ontario Housing Corporation.

Snow said he became close friends with Robarts during his time in the legislature with the premier and after Robarts retired.

"He had the ability to take respect with him wherever he went. In

the legislature he was highly respected by everyone, even his opponents and he believed in good government was good politics," Snow said.

Robarts is survived by his wife and daughter. A son had previously committed suicide in his early twenties.

ID card

Halton residents with chronic handicaps can take advantage of sales tax exemptions on many aids and supplies they need, with the proper identification, but demand for special ID cards being issued by the Region has been slow.

At the start of 1982 Halton's public health department began to issue identity cards to residents with chronic disabilities entitling them to the discounts.

Since the program began, however, only 19 of the special cards have been issued and Regional Council has approved a special advertising campaign to spur interest.

In a report to members of the health and social services committee, Dr. Peter Cole, medical officer of health, said the cost of further promotion for the program would be minimal.

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Ag. reps have been helping farmers in Halton 75 years

by Linda Kirby

In 1907 six young men known as district representatives were established by the Ontario Department of Agriculture in six counties in Ontario.

Their objective? To help farmers, with instruction and advice, and serve as a link between them, the Agricultural College and the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Seventy-five years later, the extension services, as it has become known, has achieved significant growth and importance within the farming industry.

It was the early farming courses that led to the formation of present organizations such as 4-H clubs, Junior Farmers, Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, Livestock Breed Associations and the local Federations of Agriculture.

"During the first years of the service, representatives were concerned about putting on courses for farmers to encourage agriculture, proper feeding programs, etc.," explained Henry Stanley, Halton agricultural representative.

Mr. Stanley, who this year celebrates his 25th anniversary with the Ministry, has served as the branch representative for more than 18 years, and has witnessed considerable change and development in the rural industry.

Today's farmer is better educated than ever before, he said, adding many hold a college degree.

"We have an extremely high quality of farmers in this region.

"Most are doing a pretty good job of producing meat and milk, but need help managing money, especially with the way interest rates have gone for the past two years.

"We are still stressing technology, but we are putting more emphasis on the financial management of a farm," he says.

The high cost of running a farm operation has not, however, deterred young people from trying their hand at farming.

"We have a lot of young people farming in Halton, more now than 18 years ago," he said.

"It is very difficult for a young person, but it is possible where the parents are behind them," he said.

His office assists families by showing them how they can turn a farm over to the son with fewer tax implications. They also provide advice on how to borrow money and how to prepare budgets.

"Another important area is marketing. Some farmers have developed their own market, others have not. We show them how to sell future contracts for their goods," he says.

"Basically we are showing them how to be successful in today's economy."

While Halton possess some of the best agricultural land, it also boasts fairly expensive acreage.

Many farmers, therefore, are finding it more economical to rent, with the result that 52 per



75th Anniversary

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food extension service program celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. The Halton office is well known to local farmers and among those working on your behalf in agriculture are,

from l. to r., associate ag rep Doug Miller, secretary Jean Christensen, ag rep Henry Stanley, office manager Nora Mattie and nursery specialist Burke McNeill. See story on page A6.

cent of all farming land in this region is rented for agricultural purposes.

"Halton is a small region compared to others, but it has a great variety of crops and livestock and topography.

"Even though we are small, we have a little bit of everything," he said.

When the former Ontario Department of Agriculture first established an extension services branch in Halton in 1907, it was located in Burlington.

Six years later it was moved to Milton, considered a more central location.

The office has moved twice more, but remains, in Milton at 17 Wilson Dr. with a staff of nine.

They include George King with the dairy inspections branch; Joe Uyenaka of the plant industry branch, a fruit and vegetable specialist for Halton, Peel, York, Wentworth, and Wellington regions; Burke McNeill, also with the plant industry and branch and nursery specialist for all of Ontario; Doug Miller, associate agricultural Miller, associate agricultural representative to Henry Stanley, assisting with 4-H clubs and Junior Farmers; Norm Mattie, office manager; Jean Christensen, secretary; Jim Myslik, engineer; Nancy Schmidt, home economist and Mr. Stanley.

A sheep farmer himself, Stanley is concerned with the future of agricultural land in this region,

and has devoted considerable personal time in the past 10 years to the issue of land use.

A 1981 census of agricultural profile indicates a total of 969 farms in Halton produced \$61,284,034 worth of gross agricultural products in 1980.

House permits

17 this year 104 last year

For the first nine months of this year 17 house permits were issued compared to 104 at the same time last year.

Renovations to homes are running at the same rate as last year, with 196 permits issued until the end of September compare to 195 last year. Commercial permits are up in dollars but approximately the same in number, while industrial permits have dropped in value this year from \$1.3 million to \$423,711.

At the end of September building permits totalled \$4.6 million this year, compared to \$9.25 million last year.

The September total included a \$221,000 permit for a Burger King outlet, in Halton Hills Shopping Centre.

The \$206,761 value of industrial permits issued last month included an addition to Wescom Canada, 45 Sinclair Avenue, costing \$175,000, and a warehouse and storage building for Halton Hills Maintenance at 28 Commerce Court, Acton.



Fashions from the Olde Hide House highlighted a meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship, October 19. Modelling furs and leather are Sandra

McLean, Gail Griggs, Peter Zions, Amanda Steel, Linda Zions, Renata Sojka and Jessie Coles.

Employment program

Jobs for youth in agriculture

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food in conjunction with The Youth Secretariat, is offering an employment program for youth in Ontario. To be eligible for employment, youth must be between 16-24 years of age and looking for work for at least twelve weeks. Preference will be given to those who want to work and will not necessarily be based on educational qualifications.

The employment period is for 12-20 weeks beginning no earlier than November 8, 1982, and ending no later than March 30, 1983. Deadline for applications for initial employment is November 1, 1982.

The youths will be placed on farms with the idea that they will be obtaining on-the-job training. The employees must be willing to do any sort of farm labor, including cleaning barns, keeping records, operating machinery and general maintenance. Horticultural enterprises are also included.

Host farmers for the program are also required. They must be willing to train youth for the winter months. There is no direct cost to the farmer; however, in some cases room and board may be requested. Farmer hosts are needed who are willing to provide a source of information and experience to these youths.

For more information and applications forms for youth employment and for host farmers, contact your local Manpower Offices, Agricultural Office, Farm Labour Pool or S. Bruce Johnston, program manager Winter Experience 82/83, 10th Floor, 801 Bay St., Toronto, Ont. Phone (416) 965-6149.

Advance poll on October 30

The advance poll for those people unable to vote in the election on November 8 will be held Saturday, October 30.

Voting will take place at three locations: Trinity United Church for ward one voters; Halton Hills treasury office in downtown Georgetown for ward three and four voters, and the Town Office on Trafalgar Rd. for ward two voters.

The advance polls open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.



Pledges at the Preferential Tea of Beta Sigma Phi are from left, Sharon Beasley, Carol Naylor, Lynn Jennings, Gayle Savile, Brenda Watson. The

annual tea was held at the gallery of Halton Hills Cultural Centre Sunday and it included chapters from both Georgetown and Acton.

Beevor wants education committee in Halton Hills

In an attempt to bridge the gap between school and the workplace, Director of Halton Board of Education Wally Beevor is asking for the formation of an education committee in Halton Hills.

He was speaking to about 80 Chamber of Commerce members last Wednesday evening at the North Oakville and Country Club.

"Both Oakville and Burlington have education committees," he said, explaining the committee will have both business and students on it. "In such a way, businesses and students can exchange knowledge."

"I will commit to you that we will cooperate to have such an education committee," he added. Beevor also mentioned his board will continue with the zero-based budgeting that was initiated last year, due to the expected decreases in revenue from the provincial government.

"Placing your expenditures at levels of priority is very tough, folks," he claimed. "But we may have to cut some of our expenditures to meet our revenue."

Beevor said the Board's budget at \$132 million will have to look at the predicted 10 per cent rise in expenditures for the upcoming year.

"We're going to have to do more this round," he said. He mentioned the board attempted to close schools in Oakville last year, but met with strident opposition.

"Even though our enrolment is declining, there are still the same number of buildings, the same number of miles the buses travel and the same number of services," he claimed, adding they reduce the numbers of teachers proportionately.

"In education, there will always be critics," he said. "But this board is second to none in Ontario—we have a diversity of curriculum and we offer special education and enrichment programs."

Beevor finished with a Chinese proverb: "If you want to plan for one year, plant rice; if you want to plan for two years, plant trees; but if you want to plan for life, educate."