

# Outdoors

by George Hoare



The countryside is ablaze with colour and cameras are clicking to capture it all on film. Several artists were seen transferring it on canvas. One artist said, "It is Nature's way of treating us."

### Turkey Shoots

Many people look forward to turkey shoots when the colors are in the hills so these dates will provide many with plump birds when they attend the following shoots at the Georgetown Anglers and Hunters property on the 8th Line North, October 16, November 6, and November 20. All action starts at noon-time but don't worry about lunch. It will be available.

### Saugeen River

All rivers flowing into Georgian Bay and Lake Huron have a fair share of game fish in the flows. One thing, though, mars the scene in the Saugeen River and that's in the form of the blood sucking parasite called the Lamprey Eel.

Georgetown anglers have caught game fish with these blood sucking devils on their sides. There's a free way up through the ladder at Denny's Dam at the present time by all reports and many fear the lamprey may start a new comeback.

It's scramble to Enjoy the Outdoors, Safe Journey, and Tight Lines.



Certificates of appreciation for 10 years of volunteer service were presented to three women last week at Tinkerbell Nursery, Milton. The volunteers signed up for work in the fall at the nursery following a brief ceremony. From left the volunteers are Penny Sopinka, Campbellville, Edith Kamminga, Acton; and Kathy Latimer of Georgetown.

## Local teachers to attend convention

Teachers from Georgetown District Christian School in Georgetown will be joining over 500 educators from all areas of Ontario (as well as a smaller number from Nova Scotia, Manitoba, and Quebec) to attend the annual Ontario Christian School Teachers' Association (OCSTA) convention in Hamilton October 20 and 21.

Using the theme "Thy will... on Earth," the convention will challenge teachers to continue their task of teaching every subject from a distinctively Christian framework. This challenge will come via special keynote speakers and workshop sessions.

Dr. Gordon Spykman, Professor of Theology at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, will give one of the major addresses. A variety of workshops will be offered in most subject areas and at most grade levels.

The Ontario Christian School Teachers' Association has grown from a membership of approximately 500 in 1954 to its current membership of approximately 500. The OCSTA members serve as teachers in over 65 schools belonging to the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools. The Alliance is the largest single group of schools in Ontario outside the public and separate school system.

## Ask discount on gas for senior citizens

Union Gas gives a 20 per cent discount on repairs and service to senior citizens on fixed incomes, but Councillor Harry Levy would like to see it extended to the normal gas bill.

Since Union Gas is seeking an increase in the selling price of gas, from the Ontario Energy Board, Levy put forward a resolution this week asking a discount, not necessarily 20 per cent, but considered on the purchase of gas by the elderly.

A motion was passed to send the suggestion to the Ontario Energy Board, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their backing.

"Possibly we should look at hydro too,"

commented Levy, "but at this point it is the gas company that's looking for an increase."

Councillor Ross Knechtel wondered if he had a conflict of interest since he said he was a senior citizen. He predicted some technical difficulties with the idea, pointing out it would apply only to owners, making it unfair to renters.

Councillor Mike Armstrong admitted he had at first thought it would be an accounting nightmare, but on second thought realized people would have to apply and prove they are senior citizens. He suggested the motion be circulated to other municipalities served by Union Gas.

## No grade 13 under changes

A crackdown on the secondary school system will effectively phase out grade 13 and almost double the compulsory courses needed for graduation.

The changes, instigated by the provincial Ministry of Education, will be put into effect September, 1984 and phased in over several years. Special meetings will be held in all Halton High Schools for parents who will have children in grades 7, 8 or 9 next September, those who will first be affected by the changes.

A Halton Task Force studied a draft document of the ministry proposals and made 11 recommendations. Many of these concerns were addressed in the final version entitled "Ontario Schools, Intermediate and Senior". However, Halton's concerns of the

problems of staffing, staff retraining, and cost implications of implementing the reforms have not been answered and the local board is expecting further information from the Ministry.

Among the major changes to be made are: the number of compulsory courses required for graduation will be increased to 16 from nine; only one kind of high school diploma will exist—obtained by completing 30 credits in either four years or five; the changes will be phased in over several years, starting with grades 7, 8 and 9 in the fall of 1984; all schools will develop formal codes of student behavior; all courses will be designed as basic, general or advanced level; new reporting and student transcript procedures will be developed.

# GOOD FOR BUSINESS. GOOD FOR CANADA.

## Four streamlined job creation programs that help business help Canadian workers.

Many individuals, organizations and businesses have expressed an interest in doing their part to help ease Canada's unemployment problems. These programs are designed to turn this interest into action.

### Program Consolidation

Canada's 12 employment programs have been streamlined into four flexible new programs: Canada Works, Career-Access, LEAD, and the Job Corps Program.



Each of these programs has been designed to make it easier for job seekers, and to encourage private sector participation. Each generates long term employment benefits, and helps people now. And all share a focus on Canadian youth.

### Canada Works

Canada Works will provide immediate term employment to thousands of laid-off workers, people whose Unemployment Insurance benefits have run out, those who now depend on social assistance, and people who need work badly. Summer jobs for students will also be made available through this program.

Over the next two years, more than \$865 million will be spent to employ workers in projects that either add to Canada's productive capacity, or benefit individual communities. Sponsorship from organizations, businesses and individuals is required to make it happen.

Canada Works projects will ordinarily employ three or more workers for up to 52 weeks, and be eligible for federal financial support of up to \$325 per worker, per week. Applications for Canada Works projects must be submitted to your local Canada Employment Centre or Employment Development Branch office no later than October 28, 1983.

### LEAD

The LEAD program provides the tools for communities, (usually those with populations under 50,000), to build their own solutions to their unemployment problems. LEAD involves local residents in the planning, management and ownership of new ventures designed to create employment now, and in the future.

Proposals from Chambers of Commerce, economic development associations, band councils, municipalities and LEAD corporations will result in nearly \$200 million being invested in community ventures over the next two years.

### Job Corps

Job Corps is designed to help organizations, businesses, individuals, municipalities and school boards introduce severely employment disadvantaged people to the world of work. A combination of life skills training, and actual job experience in controlled work situations will help ease this group into the labour market. The main focus of the Job Corps Program is youth.

Individuals whose lack of education, job experience, mental, physical or

social problems have prevented them from entering the work force will benefit. Over the next two years, Job Corps will provide over \$66 million in wages and other program costs.



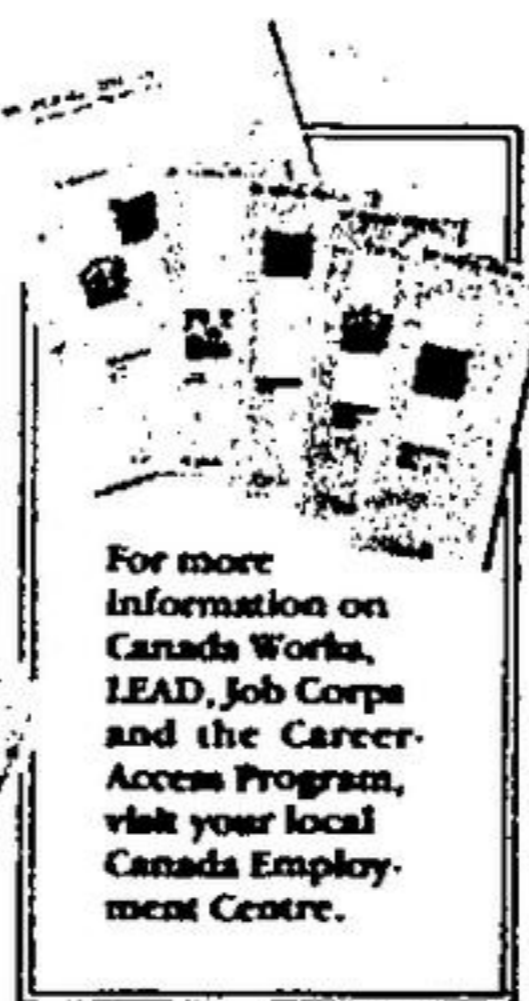
### Career-Access

Career-Access is designed to give the inexperienced, the disabled and the disadvantaged a chance to prove themselves.

The program provides wage subsidies which can be as high as 85% and extend for up to 12 months, to employers who provide the supportive on-the-job learning and experience that these people are looking for. Over the next two years, more than \$210 million will be spent on this program.

The main focus of Career-Access is youth. By helping these Canadians increase their skills, the business community can help itself by developing experienced employees for future growth.

The Government of Canada will spend over \$1.3 billion on direct job creation programs in 1983-84/84-85. More than 300,000 individuals will benefit from a combination of funding from government, and enterprising ideas from the business community and the non-profit sector.



For more information on Canada Works, LEAD, Job Corps and the Career-Access Program, visit your local Canada Employment Centre.

## Report from Queen's Park Prime farm land in Brampton vanishing



by JULIAN REED

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The preservation of Ontario's agricultural land has long been a matter of concern to the Ontario Liberal Party. In the light of the Ministry of Agriculture's recent support for the urban development of 4,000 acres of top quality farmland in the City of Brampton, the Provincial Government's commitment to the preservation of agricultural land is a farce and a sham, says Liberal Leader David Peterson.

On September 19, the Brampton City Council considered a staff report on changes to the proposed Brampton Official Plan. Council voted to designate agricultural land as "rural" rather than "agricultural" which would have more accurately reflected the predominant land use and intended future use.

Rural, as a classification, is seen as nothing more than a holding category until the rural land is ready for development. Brampton Council also voted in favour of the urbanization of the 4,000 acre parcel of land which Ronto/Sandringham proposed to develop.

No phasing criteria are to be established and the definition of the land to be developed has been left so general that any or all of the land can be developed at any time. The City's Official Plan must now be approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of People Evaluating Agricultural Land — who are opposing the urbanization — have asked that the Plan be referred to the Ontario Municipal Board for hearings.

Virtually the only steps which the Provincial Government has taken to preserve agricultural land are ineffective foodland guidelines which are not binding upon municipalities. It thus remains economically more attractive for municipalities to approve industrial development over agricultural land preservation.

A recent major Federal Government study reported the alarming disappearance of millions of acres of prime farmland in Ontario, especially in the urban shadow.

This controversial Brampton situation is a classic example of the continued destruction of valuable farmland.

Brampton was well endowed with agricultural land, containing some 81.5 per cent Class 1 land. Only one-half of one percent of Canada's land is in this category and approximately one-half of this small amount is in Southern Ontario. Between 1971 and 1982, Brampton lost some 16,000 acres of prime agricultural land and the trend continues. Brampton only has some 27,000 acres of farmland remaining.

Last year, our party questioned the Minister of Agriculture and Food about the lack of comment by his Ministry on the application of Foodland Guidelines to the Brampton Official Plan which included the urbanization of over 7,000 acres of agricultural land and which had been circulated to his Ministry for comments in October 1980.

After three years of stony silence, the Ministry finally decided that the best way to preserve 4,000 acres of agricultural land, whose need for development has not been demonstrated, is to include it in the urban boundary and allow it to be phased in. The definition and time frame for the phasing was intentionally left vague.

Surely a more logical means of preserving farmland is to keep it out of the urban limit. Especially in view of the fact that the only justification for the inclusion of the land for urbanization which had been excluded in the Draft Official Plan was as the result of a submission to Brampton Council by R. K. Webb, the former law partner of Premier Davis, on behalf of the Ronto/Sandringham Development Group.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carron of Barrie announce the engagement of their daughter Deborah Lynn, to Stephen Mitchell Jones, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones. The wedding will take place October 25 at 8 p.m. at Collier Street United Church, Barrie.