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Halton Farmland

## It Requires Protection

Town and city dwellers live in unfortunate isolation from the country-side, even when the two are physically side by side, as we are in this area. Under such circumstances we tend to forget our dependence on one another. In an era of increasing urbanization, the voice of the farmer is often left unheard or unheeded.

One of the benefits of regional government is that people will now be forced to re-examine that relationship. Over the next three years, a regional planning council will be setting down guidelines for the future growth of the Halton area. At a meeting of that council last week, the local representative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Henry Stanley, expressed concern over the trend of the last decade. The number of farms in the Halton region dropped 17 percent in the period between 1961 and 1971, and the size of the survivors declines by 6 percent.

Yet agriculture in Halton has a particular quality of its own, which we cannot afford to lose. Because of the long period over which purebreds have been raised here, the quality of livestock is above average. The region supports a wide variety of production, with orchards and market gardens and nurseries and the raising of cash crops as well as dairy and sheep farming. That variety is made possible in part by a favorable climate, by a longer growing season which nurtures some species of nursery stock, fruit and vegetables that could not be grown

in many other parts of the province. The Halton region is blessed, too, with a good quantity of class 1 and class 2 soil. The amount of this top quality soil in the province is limited, and it becomes much less economical to try to grow the same crops on class 3 or class 4 soil. Though the region is small in size, it has irreplaceable agricultural resources which must be protected.

The constantly rising cost of food cannot help but be further increased if we foolishly persist in turning our best farmland into subdivisions and parking lots. We mustn't kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. The fuel crisis, and the resulting trucking strike in the United States, should make us feel a bit uneasy too. We may not always be able to rely on foreign food sources, as the inflated prices for imported American tomatoes and oranges may suggest.

Beyond the primary importance of food production, there are social advantages to having a mix of urban and rural use. Nothing is more depressing than miles of urban sprawl, and citydwellers should be happy to have the sight of open green space preserved for them by agricultural zonings. It's important just to be able to see nature at work, and the promise of spring for urban man should hold more than the expectation that the snow will melt and flow off the concrete. For both social and material reasons, then, our planners should protect the remaining farmland of the Halton region.

# A Plan Worth Studying

A city of Brampton plan to adopt a significant new tax defferal plan for senior citizen homeowners represents one of those measures which has a great deal going for it-and unfortunately, against it as

The plan would allow senior citizens to have residential taxes on their homes deferred for settlement by their estate.

In effect this means that senior citizens could opt for a residential tax holiday during their own lifetime. The taxes would then be collected from their estate after death.

The proposal is, needless to say, a delicate one because it goes to the very heart of the question of what purpose material property

If the acquisition of propertya home and the land upon which it is located-is for the purpose of security of ownership and thus. some securits for retirement age. then the plan is directly applicable.

What it means is that senior citizens, who have already paid their fair share of education and improvement taxes many times over, could live tax-free in their

homes as long as no thought is necessary for the future after their death.

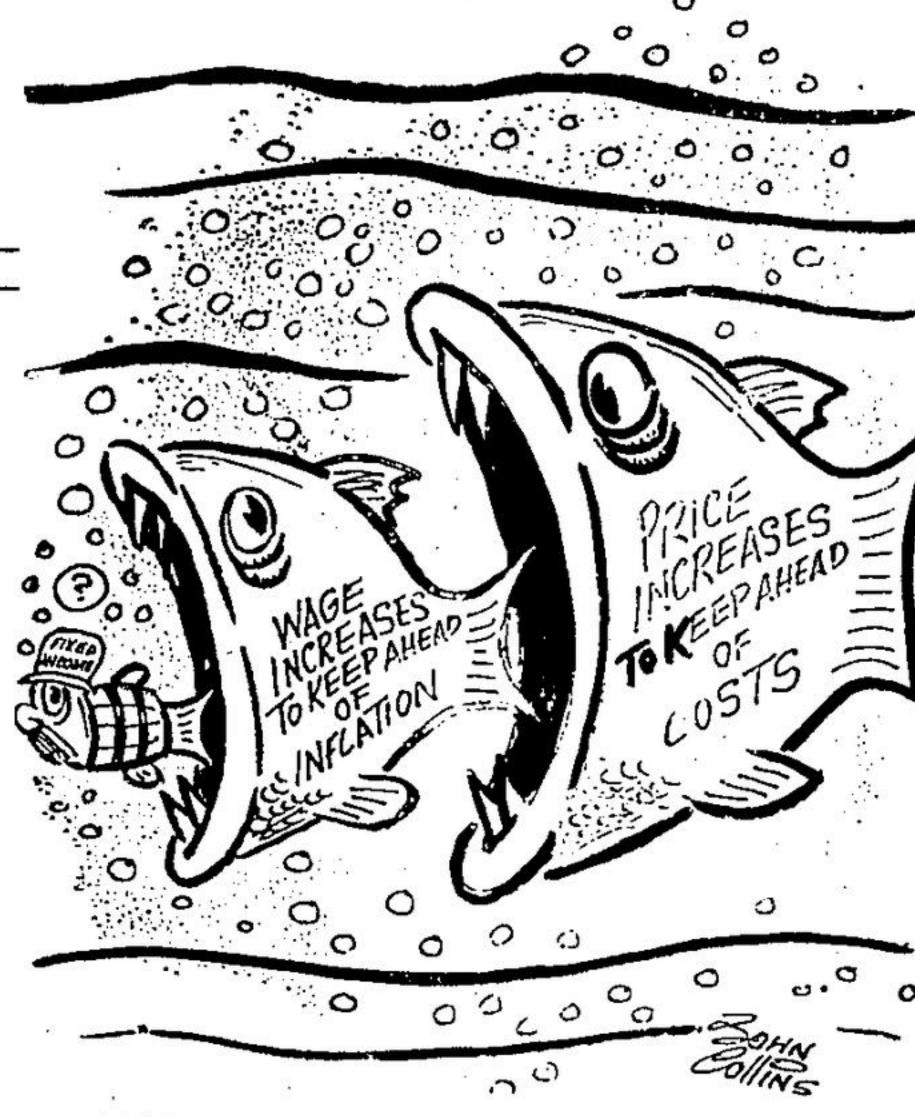
It is possible that property tax may well be a strong deciding factor for some senior citizens on whether they can afford to stay in their own homes or find it necessary to move into an institutional home.

But there is another purpose for acquisition of property in the minds of many people: In addition to the security of ownership, some senior citizens also find it comforting to be able to leave something behind for their children, something which would give their children a head start or an extra boost toward their own retirement security.

In this case, it is possible that deferred taxes could, along with succession duty, eliminate a great portion of the estate.

Both viewpoints represent a question of individual preference. For this reason, it is probably important that some choice be available. In this case, it is commendable of the city to be investigating the proposal.

(Brampton Times)



PICTURE PUZZLE - FIND THE POOR FISH

Reader's Forum

# Grape, Lettuce Boycott Urged By Union Official

remember the California grape boycott of 1970, and with the help of Canadians refusing to buy grapes for the table. United Farm Workers won contracts with the grape growers. But when the UFW on behalf of the pickers, approached the growers for new contracts, the growers refused to renew, claiming that new contracts have been signed with the Teamsters Union, All UFW members were unaware of these

sweetheart contracts. Without going into detail about the union busting and interference of the Teamsters Union in the States, the UFW is again looking for support to boycott grapes. Also, the lettuce pickers

are in the same position. Just to summarize the problems of the pickers and their families, did you know that after the last boycott of 1970 the wages went from 95 cents to \$1.75 per hour which is just a minimum wage?. Farm Workers are the poorest paid workers in the

In 1934, when collective bargaining legislation was passed, farm workers were excluded. But in 1962 Cesar Chavez became leader of the UFW and due to the use of the boycott the UFW forced

growers to sign contracts.

expired, growers refused to regotiate with the UFW and signed backdoor agreements with the teamsters, the pickers went on strike. When the strike was brutally crushed, and I mean just that, the boycott was on. The growers brought in scabs to cross the picket lines and the pickers put up a good fight. But an injunction was levied against them and they were not allowed to use a bull horn to talk to the scabs and were only allowed 100 feet between each picket. When they broke the injunction, 6,000 people were arrested and many were beaten by sherriff

been killed. One thing we must remember is that because the wages are low everyone in a family must work to earn averages of \$2,700 a year per family. Therefore, the children are not in school getting an education.

deputies. Two persons have

Another dispute is the poison of pesticides. Most of them are banned in Canada but not in the U.S. The UFW is asking for strict control of the untested pesticide Modular Four, DDT, DDE and Endrin. The average life expectancy of a United States farm worker is 49, in Canada it is 71.

Medical facilities are deplorable and with working In 1973 when contracts 11 to 12 hours per day, seven

student is a free individual

and is generally interested in

education at a Grade 6 level

is completely false." This

holds interesting im-

plications for those of us who

deal with children of this age.

them are; teach children

The alternatives, as I see

days a week, people are sick and exhausted but must go on to live.

The boycott has reached us again in Canada with the picketing of food stores. Labor, churches, city councils, and large rewspapers and others are backing the boycott in Canada but Dominion still

says No! Dominion, which is the largest buyer of grapes and lettuce in Canada, refuses to take these items off its shelves. Instead of helping, Dominion is paying \$8.50 per hour for security guards to interfere with peaceful picketing in front of its stores. Some Loblaws Stores are siding with Dominion and are being picketed also

We must convince these giant chain stores that the grape and lettuce pickers deserve a decent living too. I ask people to back this boycott and not buy California grapes or lettuce. If you know of a store that is selling these items, tell the manager you will refuse to shop in his store unless he supports this boycott. Dominion must listen to the shopping dollars you spend in

Dan O'Connor, Georgetown,

#### Aim Message At The Young

Sir: Your editorial about education deserves much applause....To think of words and be able to put them in their proper perspective is indeed an art and your article proved to be enjoyable reading and one which I heartily agree with.

One can tell this writer is indeed educated. May we please have more of your thoughts and let's hope that your meaning gets across to the young folk who are really in the middle of it

all and just follow suit. Mrs. Janet C.C. Orwin Georgetown

BACK HOME Back home again, there's V-P, UEW, Local 531 the Battle of Queenston Heights, which nobody knows much about except the

> **Bible Thought** "Jesus Christ the same

residents of Queenston, and

few of them. But this

produced a great, pure,

yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Hebrews 13:8 Nothing has changed! Put this great truth up against

the greatest trial you are facing and let Him solve it. O God, in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit, send many miracles in the lives of each of us today Amen.

### Tax Credit Service **Answers Enquiries**

Ontario has established a multilingual tax credit information service to answer telephone enquiries about this year's consider lax credit program.

Hevenue minister Allan Grossman explained that the Ontario Tax Credit Information Centre can be reached by telephone, free of charge, by any Ontario resident

"So far, we have received close to 5.000 telephone enquiries on the property tax credit, the sales tax credit and the pensioner tax credit, which residents apply for by completing a federal income tax return," he said. "This degree of interest, particularly by pensioners. demonstrates the value of quick public access to information on an important

new government program. The minister continued: "In establishing our information service, we realized many Ontario residents were not fluent in English. To surmount this language barrier, staff was recruited with a capacity to provide information in 20

Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian,

languages." in addition to French, the languages available are: Bulgarian, Chinese, Czech, Danish, Estonian, Filipino, Finnish, German, Greek,

Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Ukrainian, Yiddish. CONTACTS

Mr. Grossman said that many residents have already contacted the Ontario Tax Credit Information Centre, in their own language and he expects enquiries to increase as the multi-lingual services becomes more widely

known. The Ontario Tax Credit Information Centre can be reached, free of charge, by dialing "()" and asking the operator for ZENITH 8-2000. Residents within the Metro Toronto local-calling area should dial 965-8470.

Ontario's expanded tax credit program provides financial benefits for two out of three Ontario residents who file a federal income tax return. The three fav credits are based on the amount of property tax or rent paid in 1973, total personal income tax exemptions, personal income and, in the case of

pensioners, age. Even residents who have no taxable income can claim the credits by filing a federal income tax return. Pensioners who are not waiting for T4 income slips or T5 investment slips are advised to claim now before the rush. of tax returns begins in March.

Is Townsend Study Canadian image, Laura Secord chocolates, without which Canada could probably not have mainits integrity, tained

Battle Of Britain

BILL SMILEY

I've just been reading a

book about the Battle of

Britain, written by Peter

Townsend. He was a World

War II fighter pilot and was in the battle himself.

He's also the chap the royal family wouldn't allow

to marry the then Princess

Margaret, because he'd been

divorced. He was probably

lucky. Later she married

that pipsqueak photographer called Jones or Smith or

something. He is now Lord

Something-or-other. His wife

is Princess Northing-or-

Anyway, it's an excellent

book, for anyone interested

in battles that have changed

the course of history.

Townsend has consulted a

mass of material from both

German and British records,

and gives a balanced picture

of the B. of B., tooking at it

from both sides of the

changed history, besides me

and a few history buffs?

There are quite a few of

them, and one must wonder

what would have happened to history if the battles had

At least one of them has

If the Persians hadn't been

slowed down at Thermopylae

and trounced in Marathon,

they'd have wiped out the

Greeks. Think what that

would have done to the

restaurant business in

Canada. Not to mention

Jackie Onassis' \$20,000 a

If Drake and his fleet had

not beaten the Armada, half

the people in Canada would

be talking Spanish, eating

garlie and going to bullfights.

out a bullfight this afternoon

(it's 15 below outside), sitting

in the shady side of the

arena, and shouting "Ole",

at a bullfighter and a bull

frozen, literally, into the

classic stance of the bull-

And what about the battle

of the Plains of Abraham? If

the Limeys hadn't won that

one I'd be happily back in

Ireland right now, cutting

peat in a bog, instead of

sitting here wondering how

in the name of energy I'm

going to meet my fuel bill.

D'Arc (later St. Joan).

hadn't lifted the siege at

Orleans, there'd be no

French, no Separatiste

Another dandy was the

Party, no Canadian problem.

Battle of Culloden, where

Bonny (retarded) Prince

Charlie was beated by the

English.. Instead of the

Scottish invading England in

kilts, they were forced to

invade with their brains, and

they took over the financial

affairs of the British Empire.

Which, as we all know, are

somewhat less

remarkable.

Go father back. If Joan

How would you like to be

week in spending money.

BULLFIGHT

ring?

probably affected you.

English Channel.

been lost, not won.

BATTLES

nationality, and rotten teeth. The Yanks have theirs. The Alamo, for example. One of the most stupid affairs in history. (If anyone ever tells you that you are going to fight to the last man, throw away your gun and begin running in all directions, preferably at once.)

There was, of course, the Charge of the Light Brigade, which didn't change the course of anything. But It did serve as a lasting memorial to the utter stupidity of the British ruling classes. And from that war we did get the Cardigan sweater and the Raglan coat. Not to be sneezed at. Or on. PURPOSE

Perhaps you have sensed my purpose in this little essay. Or, perhaps, like me, you haven't. By the way, is anyone, interested in the battles that

Well, like, it's been a bad day, y'know, and y'take an' put your average Canadian up against something, and he'll come up with something, eh? Oh, yeah. I remember. I

was wondering what would have happened if we'd lost the Battle of Britain. It would have been a Jolly Good Show Hitler was prepared to make generous terms, and divide the known world with

Britain. Pretty good deal, I'd

OBSTINATE But the obstinate, stupid British decided to fight. And even worse, they won. The Luftwaffe did not destroy the R.A.F., which had the privilege of being attached to

me (or was it the other way around?) during the war. Result, Britain is sliding down the sluice into economic anonymity. Germany is master of Europe, financially.

It pays to lose wars. Germany and Japan, the big losers in WW II, are riding an incredible winning streak in peacetime.

Italy won a short war in Abyssinia, bombs against arrows, machine-guns against spears. She's in her usual mess. France "won" two wars

and is in chaos. Britain "won" two wars and couldn't borrow a quarter for a pint of bitter.

America "won" two wars and the dollar is about as healthy as a wet tissue. Maybe we should have lost the Battle of Britain.

FIRSTAID

First Aid Posts at public gatherings are provided by St. John Ambulance as a public service. They are manned by trained volunteers who are ready to serve the public.

#### Queen's Park



## Tourist Project **Economic Device**

BY DONO HEARN Queen's Park Bureau Of The Herald

TORONTO - A year ago if you had mentioned Maple Mountain to pretty well anyone in Ontario you would have received a blank look.

Today if you mentioned Maple Mountain to pretty well anyone in Ontario would would receive a blank look. Except for one area: the riding of Temiskaming. Next year if you mentioned

Maple Mountain to pretty well anyone in Ontario? Who can tell? Maple Mountain is said to

be the highest hill in Ontario (about 1,000 feet). It is situated in the general area of the tri-towns:

Haileybury, New Liskeard

and Cobalt. This area has been depressed. And a bit more than a year ago when John White was still minister of Industry and Tourism he decided something should be done about it - as well as the rest of that part of northcentral Ontario beyond North Bay which was economically in poor shape. His immediate thought

was tourism and he sent out a team to investigate. The first idea it had in mind was a series of half a dozen or more attractions

spread across the area which would draw tourists on a grand circle tour. The survey team couldn't come up with any such half

dozen spots. But it did come across Maple Mountain, and got excited, and also got Mr. White excited.

Here it felt was a potentially exceptional year-round recreation resort; with admirable skiing, beautiful countryside and lakes and rivers, also with hunting and fishing.

To them it had the possibilities of a super, and year-round, Sun Valley or Mt. Tremblant.

And it began talking it up. particularly to the local people, and the local member PC Ed Havrot Figures tossed about were something like \$80 million in

vestment. NO LEADER But then White moved on to

public and private in-

the Treasury. And what was left was a small group of civil servants. and Ed Havrot, talking about an \$80 million mountain. The new minister, Claude Bennett showed little interest (it wasn't his idea, of course). Now the mountain may

move into politics. Stephen Lewis has made an issue of it. He isn't condemning it. But he is saying let the government do the

explaining. To date the only reply to requests for information have been that this is still

"confidential." The government, Mr.

Lewis says, should break this confidentiality. What he doesn't know, of

course, (or perhaps he does) is that the only ones who could really give information is a little group of civil servants who have lacked a knight to lead them into battle, and lacking this have been told, more or less, to "shut un!"

### O'CONNOR'S OTTAWA

Over the last two weeks we have looked briefly at what I consider the major pieces of legislation introduced by the government and passed by Parliament in 1973. Of the 19 mentioned, I

considered 10 to be major social bills, most involving direct transfers of cash from the Treasury to individual Canadians, I made no comment, critical or otherwise. these programs, I and my party agree with some and not with others, but in most cases we would place a different emphasis on the program or the amount spent than does the present administration.

Some analysis of the figures involved provide an insight into the government's philosophy toward the appropriate manner of fairly redistribution of wealth in Canada.

In 1972 baby bonus payments were \$611 million. In 1974 the cost of this program will have jumped to \$1,800 million.

In 1972 Old Age Pensions

cost the Treasury \$2,430 million, in 1974, \$3070 million. Comparable figures for other programs are as follows-Unemployment Insurance Benefits-1972-\$1.869 million; 1974-\$2,311 million. Federal government pension plans such as veterans' allowances, civil servants pensions, etc.- 1972-\$1.208 million: 1974-\$1.402

million. Thus the totals of these transfer payments to persons have jumped from \$6,118 million in 1972 to \$8,643 million in 1974 for an escallation rate of 41 per cent over two years.

The Economic Council of Canada has recommended a maximum increase of transfer payments of 11 per cent annually or about 22 per cent over two years, half of the actual increases.

Large increases in transfer payments can be paid for only by significantly reducing the rate of growth of other government expenditures or by increasing taxes. It doesn't take an economic genius to figure out which method the government has chosen.

As the Economic Council has pointed out many times. there is a limit to which the productive elements in the economy can sustain the unproductive sector, by way of tax increases, without the result of massive inflation.

Herein lies the difference in the philosophy or approach of the two major parties. Every responsible party and politician recognizes the necessity for collective, ie. government, assistance to the sick, aged, generally those genuinely unable to provide for themselves. However, I feel some more emphasis must be placed on considerations such as the need of the recipient and particularly on whether he is able to obtain such payments through his own initiative.

A headlong rush toward welfare for everyone is potentially disastrous in a free enterprise economy. It discouraging frustrating to the productive sector and equally debilitating to those who are encouraged to become

dependent on it. If you have a problem,

idea, comment, criticism, or simply wish to get in touch with me, please stop by my riding office at 347 Kerr Street, Oakville, or telephone Fran Baines, 877-6475.

# **ECHOES FROM THE PAST**

10 YEARS AGO Albert David Harris was Georgetown's first baby of 1964, but ironically he arrived home, after gaining strength and weight in a hospital incubator, on a new year's day, Feb. 13, the Chinese new year.

plans for a parkette, on vacant land at the Edward-Byron corner. Ron Snow asked town council to have the property staked out so a fence could be erected. Two local women, Mrs. Joyce Van Leeuwen and Mrs. Beth Szwec, were among members

Kinsmen Club planned to proceed with

Crackup. George Kennedy Home and School Association held a comic fashion show during an evening of cards and dancing. Fashions were constructed from such everyday materials as toilet plungers, newspapers, bowling pins, scrub brushes and tin cans. G

of a sarong-clad chorus line when the

Brampton Players presented Spring

Corbett was master of ceremonies. Mrs. G. Dwyer and Mrs. E. Baxter convened a Valentine Tea held by Catholic Women's League in the auditorium of Holy Cross School. Decorating theme was red cupids and hearts.

Spring flooding conditions were expected to be about normal, Stan White, field officer for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, reported. He said snow levels were not great.

Winners from the Lions 200 draw were a Georgetown man and a Port Credit resident. Prize money of \$50 went to George Williams. 116 Raylawn Cres., and Brian Wilson.

20 YEARS AGO Massey-Harris-Ferguson announced the appointment of Murt Allison as an authorized dealer for Ferguson tractors, serving the

Market and Mill streets.

Georgetown area. Ferguson products were

on display in a building at the corner of

Receiving a master breeder shield from Ontario agriculture minister Fletcher Thomas, was Kyle Bingham, representing Harold Bingham and Son, Georgetown. He was one of five farmers in Ontario who received gold ribbon certificates for longtime production of milk by Holsteins.

Mrs. Harry Shortill was chosen to head Loyal True Blue Lodge 583, with Mrs. Albert Carter as past mistress, Mrs. Ernie Hawson as deputy mistress, Mrs. George Greig as recording secretary and Mrs. Victor Me-Niven as financial secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kentner were off to Florida from Georgetown for a few weeks, exchanging the cool of a Canadian winter for the warmth of a Florida sun

Georgetown council said okay for a fourroom addition to Howard Wrigglesworth Public School. Need for the addition was outlined by board chairman Ray Salter.

Rent control was scheduled to end in March in Georgetown, but a proponent for such controls. Reeve Stan Allen, said landlords had nothing to fear from controls if fair rents were levied. Coun. Garfield McGilvray suggested that council act as a rent control board for a period of three months, but his

suggestion was rejected by council. 30 YEARS AGO Parents and friends of Acton boy scouts learned more about the scouting movement. during a special scout week presentation at

the Legion Hall. Fusilier Mervyn Kirby of the Picton Highlanders was home on leave from New

Brunswick. Public-spirited businessmen in Georgetown began a series of meetings to organize a board of trade. George Muckart served as pro-tem chairman, with Garfield McGilvray acting as the secretary for the organizational

LeRoy Dale was named president of the Georgetown district branch of the Red Cross. with Ralph Ross and Mrs. J. Hepburn Sr. as vice-presidents. G. W. McLintock was treasurer, with Miss Y. Adams as secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Cleave of Norval held an At Home, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

### Man Has The Ability To Transcend Himself

Sir: Thank you Ior your editorial "Seek Out the Eves of the Eagle," a poignant account of an experience in personal growth. To quote: relationship between two concepts, a bunch of winter hikers on the Bruce Trail, or a couple of kids taking a look at the first snowflake.

"And so we sit surrounded by our electric machinery, secure in the knowledge that it represents life." It is my sincere hope that child and man will experience many of those moments when: "All the trivial and petty things shrink from the mind and leave only an overwhelming and unknowable truth" to occupy it. I am sure that you who know this experience will agree with me when I say it can be shared by a Scout leader and his boys in a canoe, a math student who suddenly understands a new

Man has the ability to Iranscend himself, and he is not suddenly endowed with it at the age of twenty-one. To quote your second editorial. "Educated or Learned" "But the idea that each

Sir: This is an open letter

to MP Terry O'Connor

regarding the National

Heritage "rip off." Come off

it Terry! Heritage is another

ripe fruit picked off the

political plum tree. Previous

plums were picked by

Fidinam and Moog, not to

speak of windfalls that fell

into the laps of Bates.

McKeogh, Yaremko, Mc-

The big "Blue Machine"

has turned out to be a big

"green machine" working at

full capacity to further the

finances of the party elite

and the party bag men. For

the lesser fry it grinds out

iobs as regional chairmen,

Nichal.

facts to help them fit the coin slots of our present industrial society; or teach children how to find the facts and keep on learning because the "facts" of today may be different tomorrow. The trouble with the first alternative is that by the time our children leave school, the industrial coin slots may have been re-

a child learn a core of necessary skills - and providing him with personal growth experiences. "The eagle faced the wind. strong and proud of stance

designed. The second

afternative involves helping

The eyes-staring at some invisible object in the skies.

(Mrs.) A Callaghan

Heritage Ripe Fruit From Political Tree

seats on the Niagara Escarpment Commission, in general, jobs for the boys Getting back to National Heritage, apart from the unancial linanging of the company. I question the claim that no other company could build the fort. Had the job been subject to tender. other teams may have been assembled, for instance out

Mentionite craftsmen may have shown interest. As taxpayers we have the right to an honest job for an nonest dollar with no strings attached

> William A. Johnson Rockwood