

Milk imports hurting Ontario's farm production--Newman

The federal government should decrease by 10 percent imports of dairy products because Canadian and especially Ontario dairy farmers can produce all that is needed for local consumption, Ontario minister of agriculture, William Newman, told 100 members of the Halton Federation of Agriculture at a meeting February 2 at Hillcrest United Church.

"Call Me Bill" Newman also told the farmers that Farm Income Stabilization was not a scheme to make farmers rich but instead was protection for farmers and encouragement for young farmers to remain in farming.

As for land planning,

Newman, who became minister last October and holds the seat from Durham North, told the federation, "We mean business when we say we want to preserve agricultural land."

Over the needs of resource development, recreation, and urbanization he said "the overriding need is for land to feed themselves."

Praising Halton farmers for their production of high quality dairy commodities, the minister told his audience that although the export market for Canadian dairy products had fallen, he expected it to increase before long.

Production of milk and milk products is controlled by the

Ontario Milk Marketing Board which regulates the amount of fluid milk dairy farmers can produce and by the federal government which controls industrial quality milk.

The minister told the farmers that Ontario farmers "have fulfilled our share" and said that the recent cut of 30 percent in the federal program was "not good."

He expressed concern with the "500 million weight of market quota" in Canada that was not taken up and vowed that a "hard line" would be taken with provinces, such as Saskatchewan, which did not fulfill their quotas.

"No way," the minister said,

"can we import more dairy products into Canada...because dairy farmers in Ontario and Canada can produce."

He predicted a butter surplus this year of 20 million pounds.

On the farm income stabilization program, Newman said, "If the various provinces all go their separate ways on stabilization, eventually the program will be destroyed." He added that on top of the stabilization program, there should be a federal provincial farm insurance program.

Newman called for a nationwide farm income stabilization program as well as a "com-

plete review of G.A.T.T. (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade)" because "we can't compete with Taiwan or Mexico."

Saying that he was a believer in free trade, Newman said the government must not trade prime agricultural commodities for other types of commodities.

Newman said that it was difficult not to step on someone's toes in land use planning but that the ministry is "determined agricultural land must be preserved as much as possible."

During the question period various farmers expressed concerns with the difficulty of young people getting started in

contact one of the directors of the ladies section.

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'Call Me Bill' Newman

Growing enrollment

Tinker Bell needs your help

Tinker Bell Nursery for the Mentally Retarded, sponsored by the North Halton Association for the Mentally

Retarded, needs at least 28 volunteers for the nursery. With the nursery enrollment growing constantly and the

programs in the nursery increasing rapidly, Tinker Bell Nursery is finding its present staff and volunteers now

totalling 85, not large enough for the nursery to be as effective as desired.

Most of the present volun-

teers are from the Georgetown, Acton, and Milton areas and travel each day to the E.C. Drury School for the Deaf in Milton, where the nursery is.

Jenny Kuiken, director of Tinker Bell and her staff, Carol Robertson, Peggy McAndrew, Sue Evans and Jan Van Soelen, conduct five volunteer development days throughout the year. Recently, 35 volunteers and the staff visited the Oaklands Regional Centre for the Mentally Retarded located in Oakville.

The development days consist of illustrating the general basic techniques in helping mentally retarded children and presenting films showing work with the children.

As little as two hours a morning is all the time asked of volunteers.

Those who wish to become involved in this rewarding experience are asked to contact Jenny Kuiken at 878-7656 or pre-school chairman, Edith Hillman at 853-2588.



TWO BROWNIES FROM the 2nd Georgetown East Brownie Pack flew-up last Thursday evening to the 5th Georgetown East Guide Company. Lisa Broadworth and Jane Mercer receive their new Guide insignias from Tawny Owl Iris Blendell (left, back) and Brown Owl Gail Stone (right), after the two Brownies had travelled through a tunnel formed by their former Brownie mates Leanne Blendell, Patti Stone, Sherri Smigelski and Susan Masson.

Acton fall fair prize lists on their way

The holding of a combined euchre night and penny sale was the major fund-raising event decided upon by the Women's directors of the Acton Agricultural Society at their monthly meeting held last Thursday evening at the Acton Public Library.

The directors agreed that some type of fund-raising event was needed to increase

their present purse of monies. A committee was formed to arrange the event which is planned for some time between the end of March and the beginning of April.

With the Acton Fall Fair scheduled for September 17, 18 and 19 the advanced prize lists are being prepared now and are expected to be ready within a month's time. Those interested in receiving a copy of the advanced prize list, which at present only covers the ladies section, are asked to

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Town musician performs in rock concert

Drummer Graydon Hillock, son of Mrs. Dorothy Hillock, 1 King Street West, and Senior pursuing a Degree in Composition at Berklee College of Music in Boston, will perform in a concert on March 2 at the Berklee Recital Hall with his group, "Septet DeFunk".

The Georgetown District High School graduate will join fellow Berklee student Frank Sposato in presenting a selection of original compositions in the currently popular funk-rock vein.

The five instrumentalists that will accompany Hillock and Sposato are all students at Berklee College.

Our Rent office is in Hamilton

A rent review office to handle complaints or questions of Halton residents has been set up in Hamilton. The office, one of 28 set up throughout Ontario, is located in the Hess Towers, 55 Hess Street, Hamilton. Their mailing address is Rent Review, Box 2006, Hamilton.

That one office is handling not only Hamilton-Wentworth and Halton but Haldimand-Norfolk and Brant County as well.

Landlords and tenants may call the Hamilton office free of charge by dialing the operator and asking for Zenith 9-6000.

Ramautarsingh to chair session of Reading '76

Tom Ramautarsingh, Georgetown District High School teacher, president of Holy Cross Parents Association, senator on Wilfrid

Secondary School Teachers' Federation, will be chairman of one of the major general sessions at the Reading Conference, being held at York University from February 18 to 21.

Mr. Ramautarsingh will also assist in the presentation of the Ginn Reading Award. He is the chairman of the Reading Award Committee. The Ginn Award is being presented for the first time to a person who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of reading.

Some 1,500 delegates from Canada and the U.S. are expected to attend Reading '76, the ninth such conference held.

Two keynote speakers at the conference's banquets are Hugh Faulkner, Secretary of State, and Dr. Jean Chail, of Harvard University.



Tom Ramautarsingh Laurier University's Senate, and former president of Halton

Canada Packers bank prize

William McBain of Moultry Crescent in Georgetown is the winner of a \$1,000 prize in the Bank Account Contest sponsored by Canada Packers.

McBain was one of 25 prize winners of \$1,000 across Canada. Top prize of \$25,000 went to a Copper Cliff, Ontario resident.

Sir John pays a visit to Stewarttown

Sir John A. Macdonald will be in Ballinafad this Sunday evening. Louis Riel will visit Stewarttown on Friday night and he'll be back for a second visit Saturday.

Well, we may be stretching the truth just a bit.

Who will be visiting those two communities are actors portraying those two important figures in the development of Canada. They'll be just two of the ac-

tors in "Tales of a Prairie Drifter" a presentation of Theatre Max, a new theatre company which is touring the Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo and Halton Hills area.

Theatre Max is made up of University of Guelph graduates and students of drama. Some of their members might be remembered by Ballinafad residents as characters in "1837: The Farmers' Revolt" presented

last summer in the Ballinafad Community Centre by the 99c Theatre Company.

"Tales from a Prairie Drifter" is a documentary-drama concerning the opening of the Canadian west and the building of the CPR. The Metis Rebellion is the central issue in the play, but the play revolves specifically around the personalities of the notable figures involved, particularly

highlighting their individual abilities to cope with a drastic situation.

David Colgan, producer of Theatre Max, notes that "Theatre Max will do numerous Canadian plays

hoping to help in the development of Canadian theatre, although it will not restrict itself exclusively to Canadian plays... Having been turned down for an LIP grant to finance their endeavours

Theatre Max must receive strong audience support to continue to operate."

The play will be presented in the Ballinafad Community Centre and the Stewarttown hall.

Marian Roke tops Acton HS graduates

Marion Roke, completing grade 13 with a percentage of 87.5 at Acton High School, topped the Ontario Scholar's list at the school. Also honored to reach the list, after completing the semester at the school recently, were Marion Jamieson and Steve Brunelle, each with a percentage of 84.3 and Peter Arbie with a percentage of 80.5.

To qualify for the honor of

being an Ontario Scholar, a student must have achieved an average of 80 percent or over in grade 13, or the fifth level of high school.

Other students who will receive their diplomas for completing grade 13 with honors include; Bill Break, Eric Dubuc, Cindy Lott, Lene Larsen, and Jeff Inglis.

To receive their secondary school graduation diplomas for completing grade 12 are; Connie Albano, Diane Buck-

man, Lorella Deperi, Holf Hoyer, Colleen Jordan, Kim McIntyre, Laurie Mellor, Mark Munro, Alex Pitt, Colin Price, Marg Slingerland, Hjalmar Tiesenhansen, Debbie Tuffin and Cathy Weldon.

All the students who completed secondary school in the first semester will receive their scholarships and diplomas at the annual commencement exercises held in the fall.

Halton Milk Committee elects Marshall

New officers were elected to the Halton Milk Committee at its annual meeting held February 3 at Hillcrest Church.

Elected chairman was Colin Marshall; vice-chairman, John Kitching; secretary-treasurer, Horace Blyth.

Also elected to the committee was Craig Reed and John Bird. Bruce Nixon was elected representative to the safety council.

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