Report From Queen's Park



Julian Reed MPP, Halton-Burlington

There has been considerable discussion in the Legislature health hazards, as a result of questions raised by Liberal Leader Smart Smith and other Opposition Members. The Minister of Health has announced that the government has inititated courses to train inspectors from the Ministries of Labour, Environment and Natural Resource to recognize potential health hazards, making simple tests on air conditions and noise. In the past, inspectors have checked on such matters as industrial safety only Following the Minister's announcement, the Minister of Labour said she would like to employ women to inspect industrial plants because "females are a little sensitive more

housekeeping conditions than perhaps some males are." At present all the 170 inspectors are men, and the Minister said she genuinely believes that women are generally neater than men and would be more likely to spot belath hazards caused by dirt and dust. The Minister of Health also

announced that he will try to ensure reports of his Ministry's Occupational Health Protection Branch are posted in work places. The reports usually go to the management of companies inspected and are not always shared with workers. In the event that there are any legislative obstacles to posting this information in work places, the Minister intends to endeavour to obtain Cabinet support for removing them.

Jack Riddell, Liberal M.P.P. for Huron-Middlesex, maintains that layoffs of former Essex Packer workers at a Hamilton abattoir were an attempt by the takeover company, Better Beef Ltd., to avoid issuing severance pay. He asked the Labor Minister to investigate the manoeuvre by Better Beef to determine whether it is grounds for ending a lease between the company and the provincial government. The Correctional Services Ministry agreed to hand over to Better Beef operation of the abattoir in the Guelph Correctional Centre on condition the Hamilton plant remain open. The Minister undertook to look into the situation.

According to the Minister of Natural Resources anyone can purchase up to 100 pounds of dynamite at a local hardware store or other licenced outlet. In an interview the Minister said that all it takes to buy explosives is proof of identity. Purchasers must also sign for the dynamite and indicate what they intend to use it for and where, but they are not asked whether they have any experience in using explosives or whether they intend "to blow up their mothers or blow up a bank or anything." The Minister had previously been asked in the Legislature whether the Ontario Mining Act will be changed to make it difficult for people to steal dynamite from mining operations. He said his Ministry has a committee composed of mining and labour representatives studying possible revisions of

the Act. Other items of interest this week include the news that a research team of the Ministry of Transportation and Communiciations is in the initial stages of collecting information on electricallypowered car models and may recommend some for testing in the fall. One possible public application would allow commuters to useelectric cars between their homes and the nearest Go-transist station. Also, the Natural Resources Minister said Ontario will not reduce the number of beach patrols in provincial parks this year, although such a reduction had previously been announced.

Halton farm news

EILEEN MARSHALL ATTENDING 4-H LEADERSHIP WEEK

BY Mark Leaby

Eileen Marshall has been chosen to represent Halton 4-Wers at the 4-H Provincial Leadership Conference in Guelph, June 20 to 26th. Eileen is the daughter of Colin and Marian Marshall of RR4 Millon. Selecton is based on the number of years in 4-H, numbers of clubs completed, participation in 4-H activities and leadership qualities. Eileen is in her seventh year of 4-H and has completed five dairy calf club projects, six horse club projects and two veterinary science projects. She attended the Regional 4-H Conference in 1973 and travelled to Buffato, Wisconsin in 1975 as part of the Halton-Wisconsin 4-H Exchange Program.

Eileen has been a very active 4-H member over the years. She is a very deserving winner.

ACTION 4-H CALF CLUB BY Brenda Brown

The third meeting of the Acten 4 H Calf Club was held on Tuesday, June 15 at Ken Murray's. Mr. Murray introduced his family and his hired man. Jeff Nurse showed us parts of the Holstein cow and told us how to judge them. Everyone judged a class of mature Holsteins and gave reasons.

David Brown and Marie Murray gave oral reasons before Jeff Nurse gave the official placing. We split up into three groups and toured the buildings. Then we went back into one group and discussed the housing of cows and beifers and what we didn't like about the barns. David Lasby thanked the Murrays. The meeting was closed.

FARMINCOME STABILITY

Fred Hill, Production Economist with the Economics Branch, ministry of agriculture and food, was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Halton Federation of Agriculture on Thursday, June 17. Mr. Hill discussed the whole question of whether or not farmers wanted their free market system, accepting profits or losses as they came along or whether they wanted some type of income protection or supply control.

Farmers are in competition with other farmers both at home and in other countries. Goods and services purchased from other countries are affected by the policies and economics in those countries and exchange control.

The individual farmer has very little control over prices of machinery, oll, fertilizer, goods, etc. He does have some control within his own line fences as to what and how much to grow, or when to sell but he has very little control over prices and costs as an individual.

Mr. Hill stated that some farmers want to try to get along as individuals, reaping the profits and losses as they come along. But, if farmers feel that this system is too severe and if they want some protection, income stabilization programs are necessary.

There are many levels of income stabilization, ranging from the base level which just covers the producer in the case of disasters or up to the incentive level where prices are high enough that they have a real effect on production. If the level of support is too high, people will forget about the signs in the marketplace and over produce lacome stabilization in most cases involves control of supply or some type of quota. Some 40 percent of production in Ontario is under supply control at the present ume

Mr Hill concluded that if you want an effective program to ensure a fair income for farmers, there must

be control of costs as well as prices The directors of the Halton Federation of griculture were generally in favour of the income stability program as proposed by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture This allows each commodity group to

decide the level of support desired by their producers GRIDALE CARNEGIE - FIRST IN CANADA

BY Mark Leahy Closing ceremonies for the first 4-H Dale Carnegie Course in Canada was held at the Holy Rosary Church hall on Saturday. June 19th at 7:00 p.m. The 16-week course was completed by 43 4-H agricultural and homemaking club members in Halton This was the first 4-H group to be offered the course in Canada

The course consists of 14 four-hour sessions. The key to the program is personal development through the buiding of self-confidence. At graduation exercises the evening began with a hanquet arranged by the 4-H members. Each 4-Her invited guests who were introduced at thebeginning. Many parents of the 4-H members were

Dale Carnegie people from K.D. Krone & Assoc. from Hamilton took part in the program. 4 H pins were presented to Dale Carnegie instructors Teresa Holland and her Assistant, Jeff Currah

Mrs Holland presented diplomas to the following graduates Ann Marie Corker, Martha Corker, Debbie Dufour, Randy Fish, Ross Fish, Roy Fish, Ivan Hearns, Tha Holland, Holly Hurren, Beth Marshall, Eileen Marshall, Laura Marshall, Eartha May, Jane Mulins, Teresa McCarron, Glenn McClure, Marilya McNabb, Door McPhail, Marianne McPherson

Debbie Oldford, Lorie Parsons, Cecil Patterson, Kim Peddie, Randy Peddie, Bill Robinson, Frank Robinson, Mary-Jean Robinson, Diana Royce, Valerie Scott, Richard Stanley, Darlene Stark, Donna Stewart, Lynne Stewart, Paul Stewart.

CathyTurner, Kim van der Eyken, Joseph Weeden, Dale Wickson, Karen Wickson, Paul Wilkinson, Bev

Wingfield, Brian Wingfield, and Kim Wingrove. Top awards were presented to Doug McPhail, Tina

Holand, Donna Stewart and Karen Wickson. Lynne Stewart expressed appreciation to Teresa Holland and the Dale Carnegie people for putting the course on for Halton 4-H'ers. She emphasized that this was an opportunity which they would not have been able to take advantage of otherwise. The gathering showed their appreciation by applause

Mrs. Holland explained that this was the first youth group that she had worked with and was quite pleased with the mature attitude of the 4-H'ers The evening finished off with a dance

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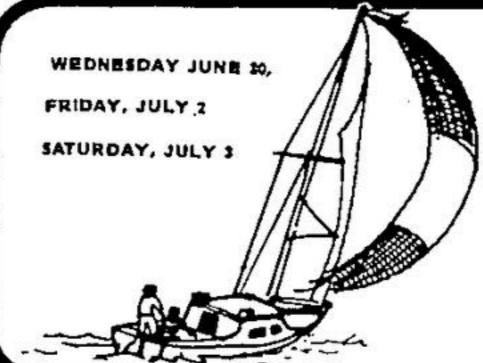
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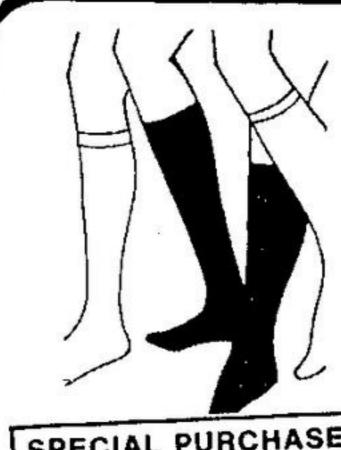
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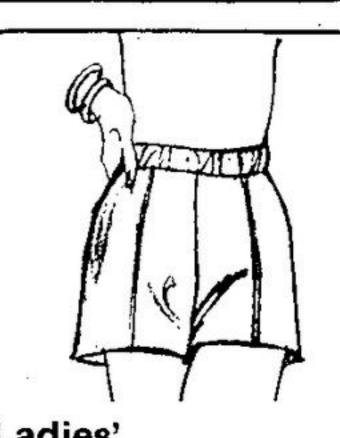


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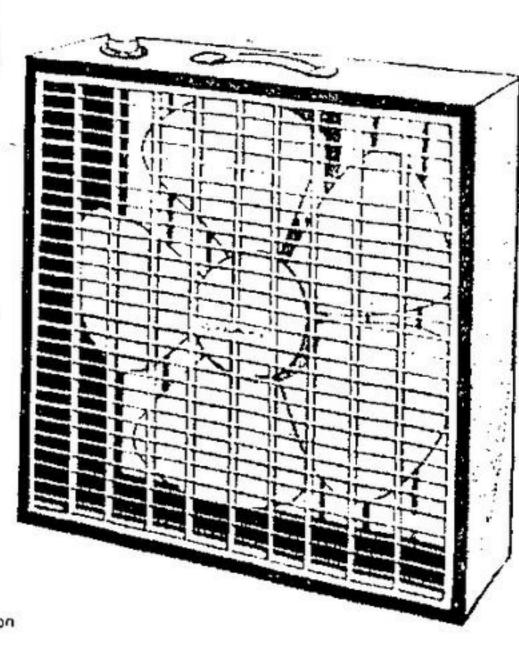
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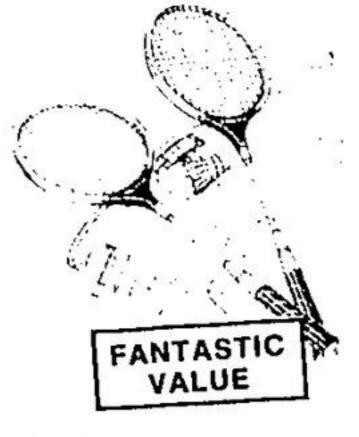


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