

Canfarm a loss to farmers, MP urges saving

The federal government's plans to eliminate Canfarm, a federal agricultural services agency, will be a blow to Canadian farmers and should be scrapped, Conservative MP Perrin Beatty said.

Mr. Beatty, representative for the riding of Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo, said farmers were not given the opportunity to make their opinions on the matter known before Treasury Board President Robert Andras decided to eliminate Canfarm as part of the government's cost-cutting

program.

"Canfarm has provided a valuable service to thousands of farmers. The government's decision to close it would deprive farmers of that service and cost almost 200 jobs in the Guelph area. What is worse is that there is no need to close Canfarm when it could be turned over to the private sector instead," Mr. Beatty said.

Canfarm, which has a budget of six million dollars this year, provides a record-keep-

ing service for Canadian farmers, as well as giving assistance in developing livestock feed formulas and providing an important source of farm statistics for governments. The agency has helped to reduce food costs to consumers by holding down farm operating costs.

Mr. Beatty attacked Mr. Andras for his failure to consult Agriculture department officials, the provinces or Canadian farm organizations before announcing the dissolution of the agency. Canfarm

employees learned of the decision which would result in the loss of their jobs from the media.

"Canfarm provides a service that has saved many farmers hundreds of dollars each year and helped to reduce food prices to consumers. I believe those farmers who are willing to pay more to take

advantage of Canfarm's help should be given that option by the government turning Canfarm over to the private sector instead of eliminating it," Mr. Beatty said.

Canfarm was established in 1968, and millions of dollars have been spent in program development. Mr. Beatty points out that this money will

be lost if the agency is dissolved.

Mr. Beatty said Canfarm's fees have been frozen since the agency was founded, even though Canfarm has had proposals for a new fee schedule before the Department of Agriculture for almost four years; fees, Mr. Beatty said, which would substantially reduce the

agency's operating costs. Instead of allowing Canfarm to reflect its users a fee that reflected the costs involved, the government decided to abolish the agency, he said.

"Every effort should be made to turn Canfarm over to the private sector where it can continue to provide its services to people willing to pay for

them. The government owes it to our farmers and to the employees who will be left jobless if Canfarm is cancelled to make every effort to find a private buyer," Mr. Beatty said.

"I believe Canfarm can be made profitable and that it would be a tragic waste of the tax money spent to develop

the program if it is not turned over to the private sector. If it isn't necessary to pay some transitional costs while this is being done, it would be far better than throwing the employees on to the unemployment insurance rolls and depriving farmers and consumers of a valuable service," Mr. Beatty concluded.



ARTHRITIS CAMPAIGN

Maury Vallee, a field representative for the Arthritis Society, was on hand at the Knights of Columbus meeting last week to present Bill Kent Jr. with a citation from the Arthritis Society for "exceptional public service" for his work on campaigns to raise money for the Arthritis Society. Mr. Kent has been the director of the Knights of Columbus arthritis campaign for six consecutive years.



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By ROMA TIMPSON

The party is over but the memory lingers on. The Ladies Auxiliary Birthday supper was held last Saturday and was an over-whelming success. There were more present than expected and comments such as "the best yet", "fantastic supper", the largest turnout in years "terrific", "super time" and "fantastic night" were some of the comments which seem to sum up the total efforts of Auxiliary Pres. Hazel Dumper, Entertainment Convener and Leanne Hall and Banquet Convener Jessie Hayes. Many helping hands were responsible for the success of our 50th Anniversary Supper and Hazel, Leanne and Jessie wish to thank all who helped in any way. Music for the after dinner dance was supplied by Boots Hurren and about 2 dozen friends were welcomed to the party to enjoy the remainder of the evening.

Auxiliary ladies over 70 were honored guests as were Branch President Harold Badham and wife Elsie, Auxiliary Past Zone Commander Irene Shields and her husband Bill and Dominion Command Vice President Dave Capperault and his wife Alma. Gifts were presented to Comrades Harold and Dave from the Auxiliary and two plaques were presented by Irene Shields to the Auxiliary one from the Zone and other one from Irene. Our Air Cadets did a truly fine job of serving the dinner.

A 50th Anniversary scrapbook was made up by Kathy Monk and it is beautiful and something to be proud of. Other honored guests were our charter members Mrs. Maude Sheppard and Mrs. Aleda McCartney who received a well deserved standing ovation and our lovable two-sons Jimmy and Maggie Murphy. Jan Emerson won the door prize which was a beautiful silver tray with the anniversary dates September 1828-1978 inscribed on it. Truly a night to remember.

There are two signs up in the clubroom reminding you of the Oct. 7th (Sat.) Andres Wine Tour. Those members and wives and Aux. members and husbands wishing to go may pay their \$4.25 each to our bar stewards and their names will be put on a list. Friends of members wishing to go may do the same from Oct. 2nd on if there are enough seats available. After the tour, wine, cheese and crackers will be served. Bus will leave branch at 8:30 a.m. and arrive in Winona about 10:30 a.m. Tour begins at 11 o'clock. Stop-off at another Legion on way home is planned. Should be home by 7:30.

We welcome a new member to our branch. His name is Harold Schweyer. We hope you will join in on our many and varied activities, Harold, and please make him welcome when you see him comrades.

This Friday is really a big night in our branch. This is our Elimination Draw and dinner and you know how popular that has been in the past. Dave Bell

is our man in charge of the evening and he has many helpers who can be counted on to see that this evening will follow the success of the others. The Ladies will serve their usual sumptuous roast beef dinner, so fella's check with a branch MEMBER or drop in and pick up your ticket. Many prizes are offered and you will enjoy the evening. That's this Friday, Sept. 22nd and supper is at 7 p.m.

On September 28th (Thursday) it's our general meeting night with supper before. We are hoping for a good turnout and why not? We certainly have the members and so it figures that we should have the interest. If for some reason you can't make the dinner, at 7 p.m. then try for the meeting about 8 o'clock. There is a good deal of business to get caught up on from the summer months and Secretary Linda Wright will fill everyone in with minutes of meetings during the summer. We welcome all members and particularly the new members to the President's Supper on Thursday Sept. 28th (it would be nice to see more lady members out that evening.)

Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye. Shuffleboard is going to be the point of interest in the club room on Thursdays. Members and Aux. members who are interested are asked to sign the notice on the Sports board if they wish to play. Jerry Wright will be looking after the league

and you can see him for further particulars. There will be NO shuffleboard the 4th Thursday of each month as that is Branch Meeting night. Jerry hopes to get the league started this Thursday.

Tuesday night mixed darts are well under way, but they could do with a few more players. This begins about 8 pm and don't worry about "not being good at darts". This is a good night out, lots of fun and it's a team effort, so drop in and see what's going on and get in on the fun.

The Monday night Ladies Industrial Darts League could do with a few more darters also. You do not need to be an Auxiliary member to join and the ladies would welcome you upstairs at 8 p.m. There are a few teams short of players and I know you would have a good time. See Rita Rudiger or call her at 877-4805.

Car Club Draw winners for the 11th draw are: 222 Terry Stafford, 219 E. Queenville, 101 Tom Clarke, 240 Alan Knight and 321 Cecil Soper.

Have you signed up for the euchre Tournament on Saturday September 30th? The winners will receive the Dean Harley Trophy. Look on Sports bulletin board if interested.

Auxiliary Zone Darts will be in Bramalea on Sept. 30th. Interested? Fishing trip at Glen Hatley on Sunday Sept. 24th. Interested? See Bob Burns. Auxiliary general meeting this Thursday at 8 p.m.

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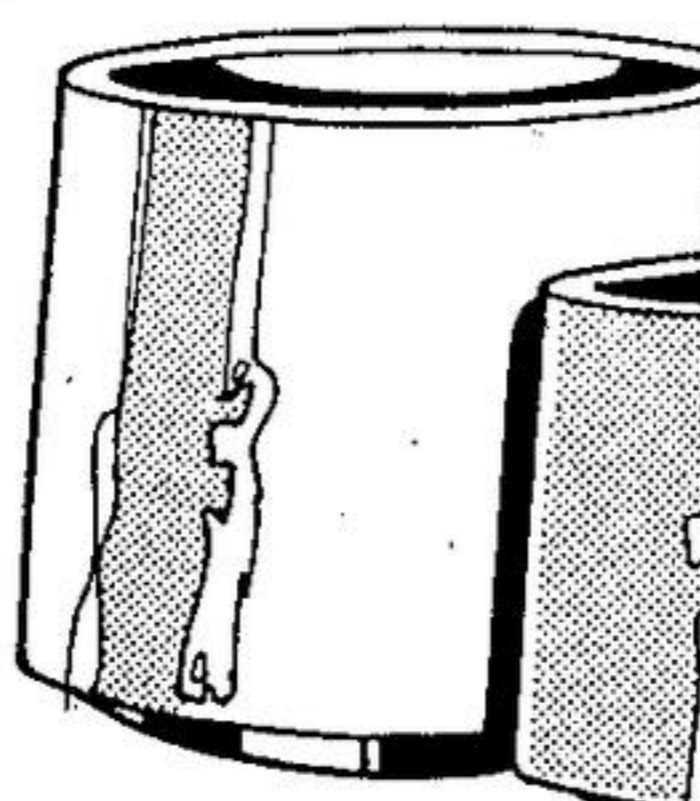
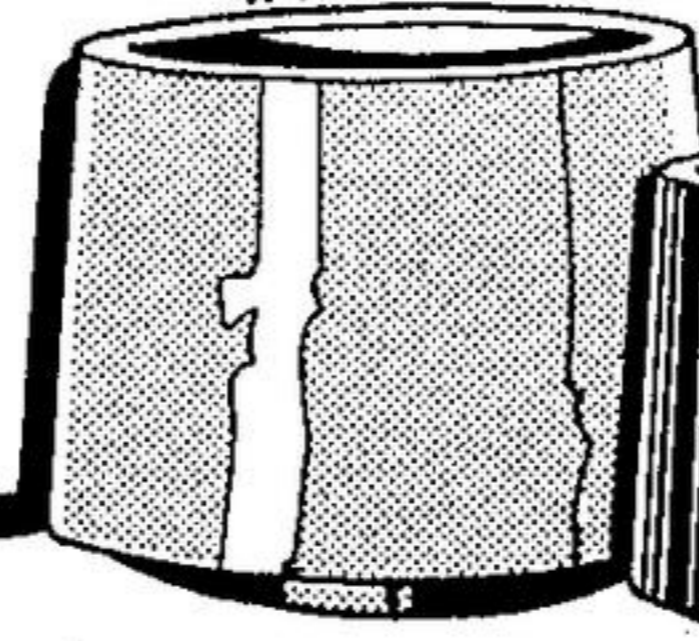
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