



JOHN McDERMID

New tourism chief

Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid has been named chairman of the Conservative caucus committee on tourism.

McDermid was elected by the 12-member committee, which has representation from across Canada. The committee was appointed by the minister of state for international trade, Mike Wilson.

The committee will study items such as the duplication of tourism departments between the federal and provincial governments, and the Canadian Governing Office of Tourism to study its effectiveness.

The committee will report its findings to the minister before parliament resumes Oct. 9.

WARP ends lists

Herald Special

Women Against Rising Prices (WARP) has decided to stop issuing boycott lists. Ellen Mitchell, a WARP founder, told the Herald.

The group attracted national attention with its novel idea to boycott selected items in the hopes that if enough shoppers participated, it would distort grocery store inventories, forcing down prices. WARP was founded Feb. 28 of this year, during a period of rapidly-rising food costs.

At a meeting Thursday, members of the Brampton-based food boycott group decided they will still meet once a month to keep the group together, Mrs. Mitchell said. But WARP will no longer prepare a list of foods it considers overpriced for publication in the media.

WARP originally issued boycott lists weekly, then switched to twice-weekly lists until last week.

Mrs. Mitchell said the original idea of the group was to operate for six months and then consider its effectiveness. WARP was definitely effective, Mrs. Mitchell said, but members' commitments to families and jobs had to be taken into consideration, too.

She said the organization will continue in case there is a major issue to deal with. That way, members will have more time for their other commitments, Mrs. Mitchell said.

After its founding, the group attracted attention from both the media and shoppers across Canada. It became the parent organization of similar groups in several cities.

Mrs. Mitchell said most of the groups in other cities prepare their own lists and could carry on without the Brampton group.

Outdoor Centre opens

The Outdoor Education Centre at Terra Cotta Conservation Area is open for the fall season.

The Outdoor Education Centre provides education in ecology and conservation for elementary school students from Peel, Dufferin and Halton. Between September and June, 4,000 students visit the centre to learn from education officer George Roberts and education assistant Sandra Beecham.

The students are encouraged to make use of their senses in examining the outdoors. So Conservation and the different aspects of ecology are covered in an orientation session indoors, but the students spend most of their time outdoors. Teachers may select a topic they would like covered, such as the forest, insects, mushrooms, life in a pond, animal tracks and hibernation, or any of a number of other possibilities.

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