

IT'S A PARTY!

# Celebrate with us

It is less than a week till the Cultural Centre's First Anniversary and there are plenty of events planned for the celebration. Seats are going fast, but you can still get tickets for "Brigand", "Amateur Night", "An Evening of Song and Music", and "Long John Baldry". For children, there is "Dick Whittington and His Cat" a lively performance by the Inner Stage Theatre Group. Don't miss these great performances! Come out and celebrate! For tickets and information, call 877-5185, ext. 60.



## Guelph's Brigand opens anniversary

If you enjoy the music of Steeley Span and Fairport Convention, you'll no doubt take a special interest in Brigand, a five-member electric folk band which is promoting in Canada what has already been widely accepted in the U.S. and Europe.

Popular on the Canadian university circuit and seen on Global TV, the CBC's "Search for the Stars" series and at Harbourfront in Toronto, the Guelph-based Brigand appears at the John Elliott Theatre next Monday (Nov. 1) at 7:30 p.m., kicking off the library-cultural centre's first anniversary bash.

Brigand's joint instrumental prowess made for an eye-popping evening, one Globe and Mail reviewer commented recently. "With its pot-pourri of nautical jigs, original airs and born-again ballads, Brigand's (music) will appeal to folk and folk-rock fans of all ages."

What makes Brigand's honorable efforts especially interesting to Canadians is its members' fervent admiration for the nation's musical heritage,

which is articulated again and again in their concerts.

A handful of well-respected bands around the world plumb their national heritages for influences, contemporizing traditional Canadian music through the keyboards, dulcimer, tin whistle and melodeon. A gifted actor blessed with an excellent sense of rhythm, bass guitarist John Black is a predominant sound on Brigand's new album "Same Old Songs - Same Old Habits".

Trained in vocal, piano and theory, lead singer Ann Orr also plays guitar in Brigand. From country rock to reggae, percussionist John Claus of Elora brings exceptionally well-rounded experience to the band. And finally, Sherrie Powell's bachelor of music degree heralds says enough about her vast talent as a fiddler who also teaches music at colleges.

Tickets for Brigand's 7:30 p.m. concert next Monday cost \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors and students. Buy them through the recreation department (877-5185, extension 60) or at the door.



The Georgetown Jayettes are making sure local children aren't left out of the celebrations for the Library-Cultural Centre's first birthday. They're sponsoring the Inner Stage Theatre Company's production of "Dick Whittington and His Cat" a week from Saturday (Nov. 6) at 11 a.m. Specializing in lively children's and family entertainment, Inner Stage has prepared a marvelous production of the famous tale featuring singing, dancing, adventure and humor. You won't want to miss their fine performance. Tickets are \$1 for children and \$2 for adults and are available through the town recreation department (877-5185, extension 60), Pat Smith (877-1100) or at the door.

(Photo submitted)

## Local groups combine for musical night

In honor of its upcoming anniversary, the Cultural Centre presents "An Evening of Song and Music" Nov. 4. Beginning with the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band, including a soloist and country dancers, followed by the Goldenaires Barbershoppers, Debbie Eyre Tilson, operatic singer of pop, and the well-known Cantante Singers, the evening promises to be one of sterling entertainment starting at 7:30 p.m. Adults - \$2, seniors and students - \$1. Tickets at the Recreation Department or at the door.

### How's your yodelling?

Nov. 2 and 3 - "RUMPELTILTSKIN" - at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Nursery, Kindergarten and grade 1 - Advance bookings only - 50 or more - \$1 - under 50 - \$1.25

Nov. 2 and 3 - "AMATEUR NIGHT" - Fun for All! Singing, Comedy, Poetry, Yodelling and much more; 7 p.m. - Adults - \$2, Seniors and Students - \$1 - Tickets at door only.

Nov. 4 and 5 - Elementary and High SCHOOLS do their own thing. Morning and Afternoon - Free Admission.

## Board of Education director wants businesses to offer work experience

# Give youth a chance - Beevor

By ANI PEDERIAN  
Herald Staff Writer  
Georgetown's business community was asked last Wednesday night to give young people a chance.

Entreating its members on behalf of the Halton school board, director Wally Beevor said education tries to be relevant to the changing needs of society.

With 700 Halton students currently involved in co-operative education, he said he'd like to increase that number.

Co-operative education allows students to combine classroom lessons with related work experience for credit.

"I look at this as being a key program in the future, helping to bridge that gap between school and work," Mr. Beevor told his audience of about 150 Chamber of Commerce members at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Chambers of Commerce can play an important role by providing work experience to high school students, he said.

"Let's join our hands and provide co-operative education so young people can grow and learn in the business community," Mr. Beevor said.

### URGE YOU

To give co-operative education a prod in the right direction, Mr. Beevor suggested an education committee be organized by the Georgetown Chamber to bring business people together with people in the school system.

"I would urge you, as one of your goals in the coming year, to establish one," he said. "We would co-operate in such an endeavor."

The committee would look at ways in which business persons could come into schools and share their resources, and

in return, ways in which students could share their talents with business people.



WALLY BEEVOR

With the unemployment rate as high as it is, young people are staying in schools longer, Mr. Beevor said. Schools are responding to this phenomenon by offering students a diverse

curriculum and programs like co-op to prepare them for the work world.

Although enrolments are declining in Halton as elsewhere, it doesn't mean costs are decreasing at the same rate, Mr. Beevor explained.

### SAME NUMBER

Why aren't costs decreasing if there are fewer students in the school system?

Teachers are being removed, Mr. Beevor said, but they aren't the problem. He said the problem stems from the same number of school buildings being maintained despite decreased enrolment.

"Discussing the closing of a community school is not the most popular place to be," Mr. Beevor noted.

"When a business gets in trouble, you start examining every penny and ask, do I really need this? You do things like shutting off the heat in classrooms that aren't being used. In

business, you either maximize your revenues or decrease your costs," Chamber member Lois Fraser pointed out to the speaker. "I realize a lot of parents are culperts in not wanting you to close schools and I sympathize with you, but what half-way measures have you taken?"

Mr. Beevor said the board has begun a priority system of budgeting, as have many organizations in the private sector. At budget time, trustees are asking board superintendents in order of priority.

"We do nothing behind closed doors. Our budgets are open and you're wel-

come to sit in. That way, we feel the community has access to what is happening," Mr. Beevor said. "That doesn't happen everywhere, folks."

The board has closed schools, he said, and recently went through a tremendous process of trying to close several in the southwest Oakville areas.

"Our costs are like your costs. We have hydro, water and heating costs too. We still have the same number of miles buses have to travel. I don't think you can condemn the board or trustees of not making every attempt to keep costs down."

## Province moves to curb farm closures

# Agriculture needs help to stay viable - minister

By MAGGIE HANNAH  
Herald Special

Although the Canadian agricultural industry will survive because people can do without almost everything but food, there is a measure of doubt whether it will remain strong and viable or people will be forced to depend on potentially unreliable and often poorer quality imports.

Federal agriculture critic John Wise (PC-Elgin) said agriculture needs temporary government help in the form of a moratorium and emergency farm credit corporation funding.

As guest speaker at the Halton Federation of Agriculture annual meeting Thursday, Mr. Wise added that the long-term needs of the industry include FCC access to amounts of reasonably priced money, Canadian stabilization programs and capital gains tax systems must be amended and farm fuel rebates must be instituted.

Mr. Wise said the \$300 million of new funding for the FCC which the federal task force on agriculture recommended would lower a significant amount of farm debt to more manageable levels. While this money could be found in government budgets now through wiser use of existing money rather than by increasing taxes, the government just reshuffled the FCC's budget and made matters worse.

Quick passage of Bill C-88 was expected to produce immediate extra funding for FCC by allowing the corporation to borrow money privately to supplement government funds.

It was also expected to be used to establish agribonds whose interest would be tax deductible. This would permit loaning of the bonds to be loaned out several points below the

prime rate. Mr. Wise said the short term loss to the treasury should have been amply compensated for in long term gains in a healthy agricultural industry.

Expectations haven't been met, he said. The agri-bond system has been refused and instead of turning to the cheaper European money market, the government recently announced its intention to borrow in the U.S.

Mr. Wise said the Ontario Federation of Agriculture's proposal for a market risk insurance plan involving federal, provincial governments and the producer should be examined since stabilization payments are often too late. Although variations might be necessary to some of the proposal's details, the federal government has ignored the idea.

The last budget encourages foreign ownership of Canadian farmlands because capital gains tax must be paid within five years, Mr. Wise said. Farms will become available to those who have the cash and if the repayment period extends beyond five years the seller may need to borrow just to pay the government tax.

The government expects farmers to keep price increases in the six and five per cent guidelines but refuses to curtail energy increases, Mr. Wise said. Statistics blame the 25 per cent energy cost increase as a major factor in dropping net farm incomes by 17 per cent in 1982.

Energy costs in Ontario represent about one-third of the total industry, 14 per cent on the dairy farm and seven per cent for the beef feedlot operator. This sort of prominence in the scheme of food production means farmers need reasonably priced energy. Since energy price

increases can't be easily passed on to the consumer federal energy tax rebates are essential.

Those who question why farmers deserve special attention should consider the answer a chartered accountant gave the agricultural task force. Almost all independent farmers depend on credit, he said.

Of necessity they borrow heavily to start up and must continue to borrow to carry on their operation. General operating costs are fixed and unavoidable. The revenue to asset ratio is extremely low in com-

parison to other businesses. This makes an interest rate increase of 10 to 20 per cent at least 10 times harder on farmers than on retailers.

If the federal government can afford to bail out Dome, Chrysler and Massey Ferguson, it is only reasonable for them to bail out Canada when that industry and its supply and service industries make up 40 per cent of Canada's economy and provided a \$4.3 billion trade surplus last year.

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## McMurtry speaks

Ontario Attorney-general Roy McMurtry is guest speaker tonight (Wednesday) at a \$100-a-plate Halton-Burlington Progressive Conservative Association fund-raiser at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. Mr. McMurtry will speak following a 7:30 p.m. dinner and a cocktail hour that begins at 6:30 p.m.



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