

## Food policy could hurt farmers

By MAGGIE HANNAH  
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The Ministry of Agriculture and Food should hold off passage of its proposed Foodland Preservation Policy until a number of issues are cleared up.

In a written report to council last Monday, town planner Ian Keith said the ministry's plan to limit the planning period for municipalities to 10 years could work against the agricultural community.

He feels a 30 year planning period would be more suitable to ensure a "permanent, secure and economically viable" agricultural industry.

The province needs to update its population projections and agricultural land consumption on sequences to better measure the implications of adopting the policy.

The great increase in production and efficiency needs to be examined in relation to continental and world markets for food for the foreseeable future.

Mr Keith said the detailed review of the demands for rural land in the next 25 years needs to be completed since its conclusions will be "central

to the direction established" for the policy.

More information is needed on special programs and ministry experience in compensating for higher municipal costs for relocating industries to lower quality agricultural land.

The ministry needs to finish its Canada Land Inventory update as promised since this will be essential to municipalities planning for agricultural land.

This policy will give the ministry the right to decide on the suitability of local and regional planning and growth priorities. Mr. Keith questions how the ministry can base its judgements more accurately than the local or regional governments can base them.

Mr Keith said Halton Hills has to start trying to determine how it will

get the industrial designation it wants along Highway 401. The region and other agencies opposed that designation in the town official plan when it was proposed some time ago. Now those approvals are coming through, but they are being opposed by OMAF.

Mr. Keith agreed with Mayor Russ Miller the town may have to give up something else in order to get the designation, but even so he predicted a difficult negotiating session.

The guidelines indicate a prohibition of commercial and industrial uses on even marginal lands unless those uses are related to agriculture. Yet getting industry growing in Halton Hills is crucial and that is the one area where the town gets development permit requests weekly, Mayor Miller said.



### Blue ribbon affair

Federal Minister of Communications Marcel Masse (centre) cuts the ribbon, officially opening the new facility at Varian Canada Saturday. The new facility will be used for the production of power supplies and millimeter wave satellite communications products. On hand for the official opening were (left to right) Connell

Smith (Varian Group Executive), Joe Caldarella (Varian General Manager), John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown MP), Mr. Masse, Pam Sheldon (Regional Councillor), Russ Miller (Halton Hills Mayor) and Klaus Beecker (Varian Research and Development Director). (Herald photo)

### Compensate farmers

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In addition to endorsing the town planner's concerns about the proposed provincial foodland preservation policy, a local farmer would like council to suggest compensation to farmers for loss of their rights.

Peter Branch, a retired Norval sheep farmer, said if council was interested he could recommend endorsement of the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee's position on all residents sharing the burden of preserving farmland.

HAAC said all Ontario's residents should have to share in the burden of preserving good agricultural land and farmers wanting to get out of the business should be entitled to get the same price for their land as if they could sell it for development. The only way to provide this sort of market value for agricultural land would be through provincial subsidy or land banking.

Mr. Branch said council should also address the proposed right to farm legislation too but so far the Ministry of Agriculture has not

released sufficient information to allow council to do this.

Mr Branch said agriculture can adapt even in the urban shadow but there needs to be flexibility in the Ministry policies to provide for this.

### Leaking gas

Firefighters were called to the parking lot of Miracle Food Mart on Guelph Street to wash down gas leaking from a car Thursday at 10:43 a.m.

The ground around a car leaking gas in a parking lot on Church Street was washed down by firefighters Friday at 10:54 a.m.

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### Marilyn wants to tour industries

Ward 4 Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson thinks council should tour industries in the town so they know what local businesses do. A tour of a plant Saturday during an official function convinced her that councillors don't know enough of what their local industries do, she said, and she would like that changed. She suggested tours be done in the next few months but council made no comment on her suggestion.

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### Fender bender

An Acton woman found the fender and frame of her 1973 Oldsmobile damaged after going over the railroad tracks on Eastern Avenue and Hillcrest Drive April 14 at 8:40 a.m. Damage to the car was \$1,000. The track was about two inches above the road surface, police said.

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# Refining The Gold EDUCATION WEEK



Grade 11 Theatre Class performing original children's play.



Ryan Roberts, student in Grade 11 Clothing & Textile Course



Gord Nokes and Teacher Al Rye in Gr. 11 Electronics Class



Dave Barrow Grade 11 Art Class

### In memory

The first recipient of the Jason Leonard Citizenship Award is John Waller, a 10-year-old Grade 4 student at George Kennedy Public School. School principal Jack Reed presented the young man with the plaque this week. It's in memory of a Norval boy who drowned in the Credit River last summer. Jason Leonard, he was also 10. (Herald photo)

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Andrew Schum in Grade 8 Drafting Class

### COOPERATIVE EDUCATION STUDENT WINS O.C.E.A. REGIONAL BURSARY

It is with pride and pleasure that we announce a recent outstanding achievement by one of our students who graduated in January. Craig Banks, a Co-operative Education student in both the spring and fall semesters of 1985 won recognition by the Ontario Co-operative Education Association (O.C.E.A.), as top student in the Golden Horseshoe region which consists of 8 school boards. Craig was chosen as the student showing the most improvement in his subject area and the most outstanding contribution and commitment to Co-operative Education. He was presented with a framed certificate and a \$50 check by Mr. George King, vice president of O.C.E.A. at a gala dinner event held at the Hamilton Convention Centre on the evening of Tuesday, April 8. Craig has been hired by Moldmasters Ltd., his former Co-op employer.

### G.D.H.S. STUDENTS EXCEL AT ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR

A Science Fair Project offers a unique educational experience for the students. The object of a good project is to solve an original problem. A really good problem is one that is within the student's capabilities to design an experiment and collect sufficient data to enable the formulation of a significant conclusion. Some examples from a recent Science Fair give an indication of their scope and variety: "Ergonomics" - a study of the effects computer monitors have on worker behaviour; "Heliexes" - Tailors that affect them, such as age and sex; "Aloe Vera" - isolation of the chemical component of this plant responsible for the healing properties.

### SOCIAL SCIENCE

As one of our means of evaluation in Social Science, students are asked to write critiques or "Journals" explaining their reactions to a recent classroom experience such as a field trip, simulation or visual resource. These journals encourage the student to analyze more carefully what has taken place and provide valuable feedback on relative success of our strategies.

### FAMILY STUDIES

The Food and Nutrition classes have been working hard this year and have been creative in the area of Food Preparation. As part of their contribution to Education Week, Mrs. Kukde's class will be making some non-traditional snacks to serve to visiting parents. The Clothing Classes under Mrs. Cosgrove's direction are creating exciting garments using precision techniques.

The exciting news in the Parenting Classes taught by Mrs. Wilson is the introduction of a Playschool component for the 1986-87 school year.

### PHYS.ED ATHLETICS

During the course of the school year approximately 600-700 students actively participate in our Rebel extra-curricular athletic program. The program includes not just school teams, but also some athletic clubs and an intramural program. Georgetown Rebels have certainly distinguished themselves as elite high school athletes over the year, attributable to a well-balanced extra-curricular program.

### MODERNS-GERMAN, LATIN, FRENCH

Many students study Latin in order to improve their knowledge of the English language. Here is a quiz drawn up by the Grade 10 Latin class to show the relationship between Latin and English words.

Directions:

Draw a line to the corresponding word from which it was derived.

1. lunar	Mars - god of war
2. union	luna - the moon
3. calendar	unus - one
4. Octopus	Kalendae - first day of the month
5. March	octo - eight

### ENGLISH

Haku  
Soul soars to the sky  
Open arms welcome him there  
A rose in their midst

Jennifer Tetler, Grade 11

### MUSIC DEPT.

The Music Department this year has been carrying on the tradition of hard work in developing the skills and talents of its musicians. This year we have been training singers in the orchestra for our annual production "The Pirates of Penzance", which runs May 7, 8, 9, and 10 at the John Elliott Theatre. It promises to be an evening of outstanding theatre and music!

### BUSINESS DEPARTMENT NEWS

Jeff Amato and Martin Barnard, have attended the DECA Career Development Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia. Both are Grade 11 marketing students who competed in the Entrepreneurship Written Event and the General Marketing Oral Series Event. Jeff and Martin were first place winners in the Ontario Competitions held at Humber College in March. They were invited along with thirty other students to participate in the International Competition held in Atlanta.

Parents are invited to meet the Principal, Thursday, May 1st or Friday, May 2nd at 9 a.m. in her office. (Please call)



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