

Corey Hart speaks out

Music sensation Corey Hart is supporting the Lung Association by speaking out against smoking. Directed to Canadian teens and pre-teens, the campaign theme is "Think Twice". The two-month campaign will be launched on Sept. 1.

A popular entertainer with audiences of all ages, Hart will be styling the message in his own way with a statement that he hopes will get people to "Think Twice" about smoking. "I feel that smoking is a serious threat to a person's health and I want

to help focus some attention on the real danger," states Hart. Public Service Announcements for radio, television and print have been developed featuring Corey Hart. He has publicly stated that he wants to focus attention on smoking as

a health threat. A special poster featuring Corey Hart has been produced and can be obtained for a minimum donation of \$2 at The Lung Association - Halton Region telephone 632-8499.

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DEATHS

MCLLELLAN, Herman - On Monday, September 1, 1986 at the McMaster University Hospital, Hamilton. Herman McLellan of Georgetown, formerly of Fergus, Ontario, beloved husband of Ethel Dods and dear father of Doris Woods, of Georgetown, Muriel Thompson of Bramalea and Wesley McLellan, of Burlington. Resting at the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home (new location) Tralagar Road, north of Maple Avenue, Georgetown. From 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, where funeral and committal service will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Cremation follows.

POMEROY, Raymond Vincent - Passed away September 1, Cobourg Hospital. Born July 15, 1907 at Gores Landing, Ontario. Settled in Norfolk 1928, working briefly at Farmers Mercantile Bank in Norfolk, then Provincial Paper, Georgetown as office manager until retirement in 1970 when he returned to Gores Landing on Rice Lake. Predeceased by his wife Clara in March 1986. Leaves three children, William, Marion (Mrs. S. Carr) and Peter, 9 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren. Will be resting at MacCoubrey Funeral Home, Cobourg, Thursday afternoon and evening services on Friday, September 5, 1 p.m. in funeral at Plainville Cemetery. Cremation follows.

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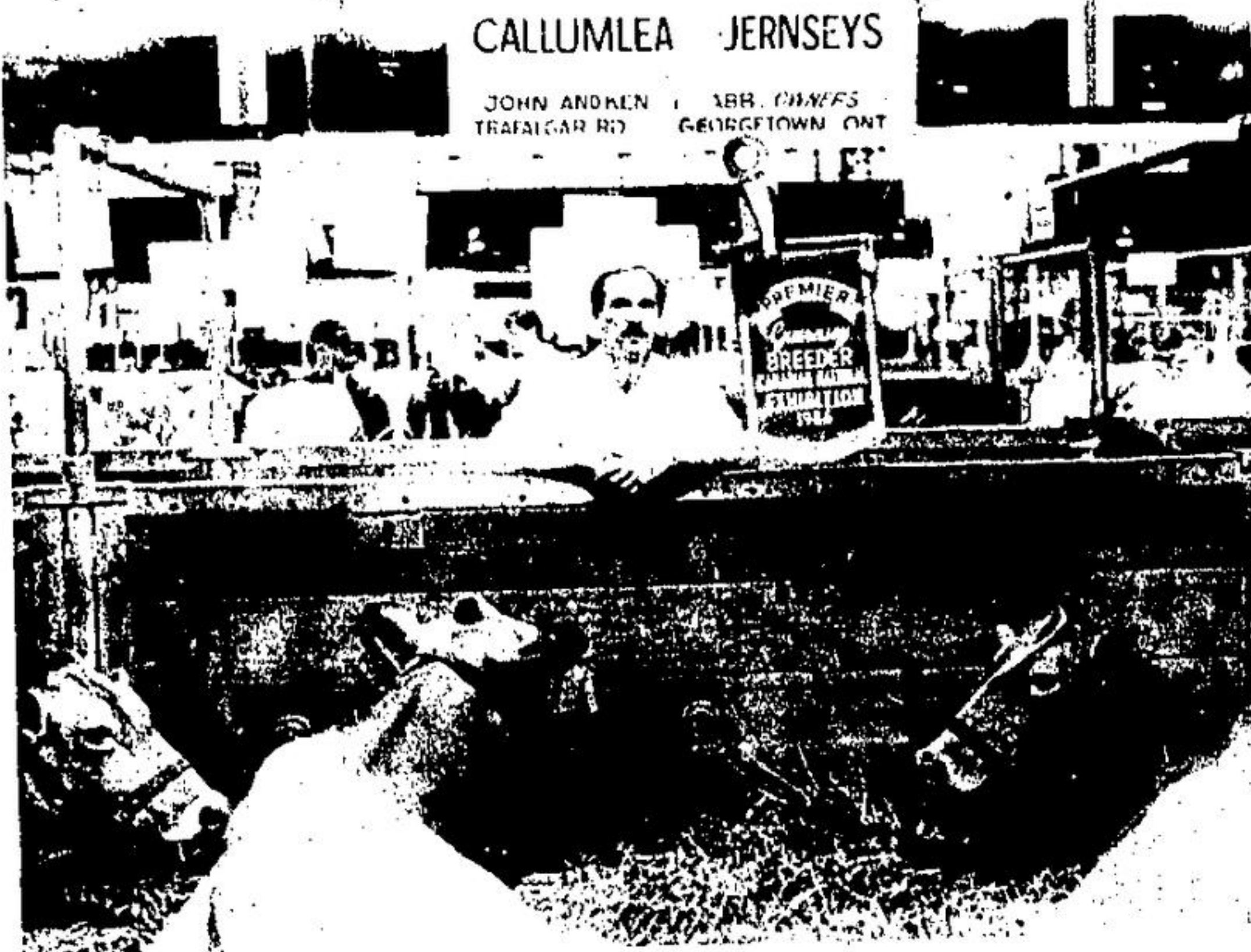
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Ken McNabb of Callumlea Guernseys stands beside the family's top prize of Champion Breeder won during competitions at the 108th annual Canadian National Exhibition. The family, led by Ken's father, John,

also walked away with a variety of top-place prizes in other Guernsey classes. (Toronto bureau photo)



Honored Legion guests

Branch 120 of the Georgetown Legion had the pleasure of hosting Legion members from Plymouth, Mass. recently at the Georgetown Legion Hall. Posing for this photo

were (from left): Ed Hurley (Post 40, Plymouth, Mass.), Richard Holbrook (Post Commander of Post 40), Norm Ward (Branch 120, Georgetown), Bruce Collins

(Branch 120, Georgetown), Harry Bottoms (Branch 120, Georgetown) and Joseph Schlechter (Post 40 chaplain). (Herald photo)

Knowledge is power when it comes to licence plates

By PETER HAGGERT
Herald Special

There's one way to stay a step ahead of the tax man - get to know his car's licence plate.

Tax review board members are just one group among many who receive recognition through the licence plates on the vehicles they drive. In the province today, 36 different types of licence plates are issued, identifying farm vehicles, judges, the handicapped and many other specially-equipped vehicles and drivers.

While the majority of licence plates in use have three letters followed by three numbers, plates issued to cars now have the letter-number combination reversed. "It's just a matter of having used up all the combinations," says Ministry of Transportation and Communications officer Greg St. Croix.

Here are some of the special series plates you'll see in the province:
1 Crown 1 - Probably the most easily recognized plate in the province is that of the Lieutenant Governor. The colorful emblem of the Queen's representative can be seen on his limousine scurrying about the province. Ministry of Transport and Communications' Tony Burt says there's no record when this special plate first appeared.

MPP 001 - You might see plates in this series parked at Queen's Park. There's a good chance you'll see it in your Canada Day parade, too. They're the plates of members of provincial parliament.

MHC 001 - You don't have to be a provincial politician to share the recognition. House of Commons members also cruise around with a recognizable plate.

MDA 001 - Is there a doctor in the house? Check the parking lot for a tell-tale sign - a licence plate with an "M" beginning the letter sequence.

PJO 001 - Be careful how quickly you pass this vehicle. If you travel too fast, you might end up visiting this provincial court judge during business hours.

HVA 001 - Hit this vehicle and you'll fall upon a little piece of history. Historical vehicles receive special recognition as well.

VE3 AAA/VE3 AA - If you aren't into numbers, become an amateur radio operator. All qualifying cars have VE3 and a combination of two or three letters following.

Special plates aren't limited to Canadian citizens in the province. Diplomats and a few well-known tourists are extended equal privilege by MTC:

CDA 001 - This is a diplomatic corps member. This person is not to be confused with a consular corps member, whose vehicle features plates in the OCA 001 series. Just to

make sure they're noticed, these plates are in red.

19 Crown 84 - Easily the most impressive plate. This red-lettered multi-colored crown belongs to a person deserving royal treatment in our country. In fact, every time the Queen visits our province, her vehicle is issued a new set of licence plates.

Miter 004 - This plate is for another crowd-pleaser. When Pope John Paul II visited Ontario in 1984, Mr. Burt said there were about a dozen of these yellow and white plates issued. Burt says it's the first time anyone but monarchy has been issued their own licence plate, colors and all.

While the majority of Ontario licence plates are in the familiar blue-on-white, you'll see the occasional red plate as described above, or perhaps a black and white plate, befitting a commercial truck, bus, or farm vehicle.

The designer threw conservatism out the window when coloring the

permanent plates of a vehicle dealer or a service driver. These plates are bright yellow.

In addition, the province has issued personalized plates, sort of a choose-your-own plate, since 1972.

In the first 10 years of the personalized plate service, 4,000 personal plates were issued. Initially, the special plates cost \$25 per set.

In 1982, the provincial government lifted a restriction which stipulated each plate must have six digits, allowing for vehicles to be fitted with plates customized with any combination of letters and numbers.

Well, almost any combination. There are about 150 combinations which aren't allowed, mainly because of obscene content, according to St. Croix.

The 4,500 vehicle owners who have purchased the personal plates in the past four years have paid \$100 for the honor, or \$50 if a resident of Northern Ontario.

7 million vehicles licensed in Ontario

There are nearly seven million licensed vehicles in Ontario.

That's quite a few more than the 178 vehicles licensed by the province in 1903, the first year the government demanded vehicle owners buy road-use permits.

The earliest evidence of an Ontario licensing policy is a 1903 act of legislation, according to Ministry of Transportation and Communications historian Tony Burt.

In 1903, every vehicle owner who drove on Ontario roads, resident or non-resident to the province, was obliged to pay a two-dollar stipend for the privilege of using Ontario's roads.

It was up to the individual to visibly display his driver registration number on his vehicle. There is no evidence of government-produced plates, and many vehicle owners either painted the number on their vehicles or fashioned their own licence plate with the help of a blacksmith or leather-worker.

It's sort of a licence plate anniversary this year in Ontario. It is believed the first year the government issued licence plates was in 1911 - 75 years ago.

The earliest government-issue plate collected in Ontario is a colorful ceramic plate of 1911.

While quite attractive, the expensive-to-produce plate was also quite fragile. The issue of ceramic plates lasted only one year.

The licence plate has evolved in Ontario with few changes. A crown was first added in 1937 after the coronation of George VI of England. The wedding of Queen Elizabeth II in 1945 saw the impressive issue of a silver licence plate in the province.

Blue and white have been the prime colors of Ontario plates since 1937.

In 1973, Ontario added the phrase "Keep It Beautiful" to its plates. That was changed to the more tourist-promoting "Yours to Discover" in 1978.

Burt says Ontario has kept the two-plate system because there's never been a demand to change. "The police like the system very well. They can identify a car from both front and back," says Burt.

Since the disbanding of the ministry's historical research branch in 1963, the ministry and MTC historian Tony Burt has had to depend on his spare time, and the generosity of residents in expanding the province's knowledge of its licence-plate past.

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