



TOUGH JOB—It's difficult being a wine-tasting judge because you don't get to drink any of the wine. You just swirl it around in your mouth. However, Judge Fred Passmore (middle) didn't seem to mind. The Dundas resident came

to Georgetown to evaluate the wine-making abilities of the Georgetown Vintners April 28. Here he is seen with his assistant Shirley Varady and President of the Vintners Bob Reed. (Photo submitted)

Toast to the Vintners

The Georgetown Vintners held their annual club competition April 28 at the home of Margaret and Peter Philpott. The club champion for this year is Myles Gilson with the most accumulated points. The winner in the Dry White Table, Semi-Dry White Table and Mature Red Wine was Bob Reed.

The Young Red Table Wine category was won by Georgy Koller. The Dessert and Country Wine categories was won by Myles Gilson and Social Wine by Les Smith. These wines will be eligible to compete in the Ontario competition to be judged in King City at the end of May. Also entered will be cider from Jim Justice. Pale Ale brewed by Peter Philpott and the Dark Ale class represented by Ray Shier.

The judge for this competition was Fred Passmore from Dundas who was very impressed with many of the wines and expects the club to come away with some medals from the Ontario competition. Fred was assisted by Shirley Varady and Peter Philpott acted as Wine Steward for the judging.



CHAMPION—Myles Gilson was the overall Georgetown Vintners Club champion for accumulating the most points over the season. He also placed first in the Dessert and Country Wine categories. (Photo submitted)

Progress on homes: builder

With three weeks of good weather, progress has been made towards finishing the homes being built called Park Lane Estates, says the builder.

Robert Duckworth said some back orders of materials such as cabinetry have arrived. In addition, painters came on site April 28 and the exterior painting is on its way to being finished, Mr. Duckworth said.

Two weeks ago, The Herald interviewed two homeowners who were unhappy with a number of problems with their new houses. Since that time, some of the problems, such as the grading, clean-up of the site and excavations of window wells have been taken care of, the builder said.

The property can't be completely graded until the curbs are in, and that's in the hands of a sub-contractor of the contractor, Mr. Duckworth said.

The builder is waiting for a vote of union Local 153 to see if people who do foundations, concrete and drains go out on strike. A vote was to have been taken Monday and if there is no strike, garage floors on all the homes are ready for flooring.

Wooden skids, numbering up to about 70, have been piling up and Park Lane Estates has threatened to burn them if they're not picked up by the brick company, he said.

One homeowner recently complained about an occupancy permit being issued while the electricity wasn't working. However, Mr. Duckworth said the power in the home had been on for two weeks previous to the permit. The electricity had been shut off to complete light fixture work, he added.

The builder said until the landscaping is done, it won't be possible to do the eavestroughing completely. That's because the bulldozers often end up damaging the downspouts, he said.

Until sewer excavations and the hydro and gas officials lay their lines, it won't be possible to do any more to the backfill and grading, he said. After the rough grading comes the topsoil.

Tresspassers the culprits, farming damage skyrockets

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Special

Total damage to livestock and crops in Halton is down by 31 per cent in 1986 but there has been an alarming increase in damage inflicted on farm land by trespassers.

The annual wildlife survey conducted by the Halton Federation of Agriculture and the Halton Soil and Crop Association released April 22 show a decrease in total damage to livestock to \$178,479 in 1986, down from \$258,961 the previous year.

Damage inflicted by trespassers skyrocketed from \$16,960 in 1985 to \$35,000 in 1986, said Ontario Ministry of Agriculture representative Phyllis MacMaster.

Damage caused by deer declined drastically in 1986 to \$50,565. That's down from \$111,469 the previous year.

But that figure can be misleading said Peter Lambrick, past president of the Halton Federation of Agriculture.

Mr. Lambrick said acres of corn planted decreased by over 30 per cent in 1986 and prices of the crop decreased as well. There were 17,000 acres of corn planted last year as opposed to 27,000 in 1985. The drop in prices would decrease the damage assessed, he said.

He also credited the increased feed available for deer for the decrease in damage.

Also included in the breakdown is damage inflicted by coyotes \$2,250, dogs caused \$1,885 damage in 1986, foxes inflicted \$87 damage and raccoons caused \$80 damage.

Sightings of coyotes reported topped the list last year with 121 sightings. Dog sightings on farmland were next with 17, followed by foxes with 16, raccoons with ten and there were eight reported sightings of wolves.

Mrs. MacMaster said there is a compensation program for farmers who lose livestock to predator attacks "but it doesn't normally pay what the livestock is worth."

She said some farmers are taking precautions against predator at-

tacks but some farmers are forking out over \$4,000 to keep their livestock protected.

She could not identify problem areas in Halton because the report doesn't break down attacks into specific areas.

Mr. Lambrick said trespassers who believe they cause no harm by going for a snowmobile ride through snowpacked fields or cut across farmland on their All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) are mistaken. "It packs the snow down which creates an ice layer and cuts off the oxygen to the plant (wheat, planted in the

fall is most susceptible to such damage)," Mr. Lambrick said.

The lack of oxygen causes moulding underneath the ice and it "definitely cuts the yield of the crop," he said.

One reason Mr. Lambrick gave for the dramatic increase in damage inflicted by trespassers is "farmers are becoming more aware of what trespassers actually cost..."

He said there are more people who want to be out in the country for recreation but they don't realize where the boundaries are located.

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hundred thousand dollar grant goes to the Toronto Barrier Free Design Centre to provide expert design consultants.

Community and Social Services will receive 4.29 million dollars over the next three years to enrich the Attendant Care program.

Increased loan assistance for physically disabled homeowners or those with physically disabled dependants for design modifications under the Ministry of Housing Ontario Home Renewal Program.

Increased funding through the Ministry of Housing's low rise rehabilitation program to enable landlords to modify existing rental units for disabled persons.

An increase of that proportion of the interest free loan available to housing suppliers to create fully modified units under the Ministry of Housing's Convert-to-Rent program.

Ten housing registries will be established and run by organizations of disabled persons as a two year project in locations across the Province and a major research study will examine the current future needs of disabled individuals.

Region hires from within

Yes, where possible Halton Region does try to promote from within staff ranks, planning and public works committee was told last week.

Although that's not always possible, it is in the case of hiring a new foreman at the Georgetown Water Pollution Control Plant.

"We have a foreman on now who is interested in taking it (new job)," Public Works Director Bob Moore said. The last three appointments to foreman have been from within the Regional staff roster, he said.

With design and construction of the expanded Georgetown Plant underway, it's imperative the new plant foreman be brought on stream as soon as possible, Mr. Moore recommended. Budget adjustments in 1987 will allow for the new foreman to begin in June.

Against the odds
PAT WOODE

A conference entitled "Defining the Parameters of Independent Living" is being hosted by the Centre for Independent Living in Toronto on June 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Sheridan Centre, 123 Queen Street West, suite 304, Toronto, M5S 1T9.

Housing can be a major problem for disabled individuals, however, the Ontario Government recently announced several new measures to increase housing options. These include:

A 1.7 million dollar grant by the office responsible for disabled persons to The Easter Seal Society to assist parents of disabled children with needed home modifications. A two

Get well wishes

NORVAL—Friends of Bruce Thatcher, RRI, who is a patient at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, send their best wishes as he awaits double bypass surgery. Get well wishes to Guy Wilson of RRI who is recuperating at home, following a lengthy stay in Georgetown District Memorial Hospital.

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