

## New agenda for commitments made



**M.P.P. Report**

by Don Knight

With the reading of the Speech from the Throne, the Ontario Government has set a bold new agenda to ensure that our province takes its place as a world class society in the 21st century.

With the leadership of Premier David Peterson, the Ontario Government will continue to provide an environment in which all Ontarians may reach their full potential.

The new agenda builds on commitments made in last year's Throne Speech - restoring excellence to the education system, dealing with the social and economic implications of changing demographics, and meeting the challenges of an increasingly competitive international environment.

Ontario is currently enjoying a period of sustained economic growth. During the last two years, 330,000 new jobs have been created in the province and the unemployment rate has fallen to 6.9 per cent, the lowest in Canada.

The current economic buoyancy has allowed the Government of Ontario to address many of the chronic underlying problems that have diminished the capacities of our public institutions.

Our goal as a government is to revitalize our institutions and programs to serve the people of Ontario, make them more accessible to everyone in all parts of the province and equip them to meet the challenges of an increasingly technological world.

The Ontario Government is committed to strengthening the pro-

vince's capacity to compete in the international marketplace by involving the people of the province in all the decisions that affect their economic and social future.

The Ontario Government will extend the hand of opportunity and social justice to all Ontarians and assist those who are unable to grasp it on their own.

Programs and services will be made available on a decentralized basis; close at hand and easy to find. They will respect the dignity, independence and unique needs of each individual as well as Ontario's cultural and regional diversity.

This new agenda for the Ontario Government will give priority to the following areas:

- Ontario's competitive position to preserve and create jobs;
- full and equal economic opportunities for women;
- more affordable housing;
- independent living opportunities for seniors and the disabled;
- environmental protection;
- health and safety protection for workers;
- prevention of illness and adoption of healthy living habits while enhancing medical treatment and research facilities;
- multicultural diversity in our political, social, cultural and economic institutions which reflect the cultural and regional diversities of Ontario;
- greater opportunities for Northern and Eastern Ontario.

Building on the initiatives set out in the last Throne Speech, the Ontario Government will continue to provide open and fair government. The Government, led by Premier Peterson, will provide the sensitive, responsive leadership required to see the fulfillment of this new agenda.

In pursuing the new agenda, the Government of Ontario will be guided by the principle that the government which governs best is the government that reaches out to the greatest number of people.

## DC 103 takes off as Orangeville's first radio station

By CHARLIE GIBBS

Herald Special

If you weren't still sleeping at 6 a.m. on May 1, you might have been one of the possible 5 million listeners as a new radio station in Orangeville was formally opened.

The mayor of Orangeville, Gord Courtney, officially opened the airwaves of DC103, the newest addition to our radio frequencies. DC103 is on frequency 103.5 FM.

"The community response has been terrific," said Kim Couse, the news and programming assistant for the radio station.

DC103 calls itself an "adult contemporary" radio station, playing music that is more up-beat than easy listening. The station concentrates on those in the 25-40 age bracket.

Mr. Courtney opened the station with the song Celebration by Kool and the Gang. The station is also emphasizing 60's and 70's music.

DC 103 is a "regional radio station" which means that news, weather and public service reports will not be limited to the Orangeville area. The potential listening audiences stretches from Toronto to Collingwood, and past the New Market and Kitchener-Waterloo area.

There are a total of 18 full-time employees of DC103, of which Ms. Couse was the first to be hired. There are five disc jockeys.

DC103 is a project of Dufferin Communications, and it is their first radio station. The frequency had always been available, previously

assigned to the Guelph area. There were no contesting applicants, from either the Orangeville or the Guelph areas.

"No one else thought of the idea," Ms. Couse said. "We're not stealing it from anybody."

The application to start a radio station was originally prepared for the CRC (Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission) about two years ago. A licence was approved in September of 1986, and the firm has been working hard since for the official opening last week. Music and commentary had been played over the airwaves earlier for test purposes, and to give the public a sample of what is to come.

DC103 had its broadcasting tower put up in late February and early March. As it turns out, the tower is one foot higher than the CN tower in Toronto from sea level, due to the height of the landscape in the Orangeville area. The tower itself is 300 feet high.

"We're filling a real void in this area," Ms. Couse said. "The closest FM stations around are Barrie, CBNY from Brampton, and Guelph."

"We're already selling out of the Orangeville area. We get new sponsors every day," she said.

Although it is not certain how many advertisers from the Halton Hills area have taken advantage of the new radio station, it is expected that DC103 will become the "local" radio station of our area.



Beavers and Cubs, graduated, recently from 1st Glen Williams Cubs going to Scouts, are: (back row, left to right) Jorg Schmidt, Sean Horner, Michael Annett (front

## MAKING PROGRESS



The following girls from the 2nd Georgetown Guides are moving up to Pathfinders. They were part of a Brownie, Guide, Pathfinder ceremony last week at St. John's

United Church. Seen here are: (front row, left to right) Lillian MacDonald, Cathy Ingham, Joy Swain, (back row) Denis Guise and Debby Thompson. (Herald photo)



The First Limehouse Brownies held their 11th anniversary ceremony for eleven brownies at Limehouse Public School May 12. Front row left to right, Lisa Fisher, Janice Brooks, Lindsay Brown, Yvonne Ng and Karen

Newman. Back row left to right, Heather McAnsh, Michelle Teller, Jackie Jahn, Kathy Shier, Alaina McFee and Roanne Bones. (Herald photo)



Jean Layman and Granddaughter Melanie Hammond of 20th Guelph Guide Company are seen here as Melanie accepts her all-around cord at a ceremony at Rosary Church Hall May 13. Commissioner Mrs. Hunter and Guider Mrs. Nora Daniels also congratulate Melanie.

## John Murphy Meet the teacher

John Murphy of Harrison Public School is a teacher who is looking to the future.

For three years, Mr. Murphy has been supplying the school with computers, and software for student use.

"Computers are going to become a very important part of our life," Mr. Murphy said. "Students should have the opportunity to use them in school".

Mr. Murphy teaches Grade 5 at Harrison, and taught at M.Z. Bennett Public School in Acton for nine years previously. He graduated from York University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1973, and has taken leadership training and computer-in-classroom courses.

"Seven of our current 11 com-

John Murphy



puters have been purchased through parent support and fundraising," Mr. Murphy said. The school has Apple computers, and a software library that is commendable for the K-5 school.

"It's going to be a part of their lives," Mr. Murphy said. "It shouldn't be a mystery to them".

Mr. Murphy is a Ministry of Education Computer Specialist, but most of his activities with computers have been beyond the requirements of his position. In the future, he wishes to "continue finding more information about computers." He adds: "There's a lot to be done yet."

## Milton's Showcase

Showcase Milton '87, May 22, 23 and 24 is a consumer event at Memorial Arena in Milton, showcasing the goods and services available in the community.

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## Developers petition lot levy regulations

Knowledge that a petition is circulating in Acton and Georgetown development circles about lot levy deferrals caused council to put a hold again on making a decision that would affect apartment and condominium developments.

Georgetown developer Al Pilutti brought news of the petition, appearing for the third time before councillors on this issue.

He wants council to extend the 90 days grace not only to condo and apartment developments of 25 to 50 units but also to developments of 12 to 25.

He said he has a proposal for a 23 unit building currently with the

town's planning department.

Planning staff had originally recommended the 90 days grace in payment of lot levies be for developments of 12 to 50 units.

Councillors are going to wait until they see the petitions.

Coun. Betty Fisher noted developers of subdivisions take out building permits for 12 homes at a time. They have to pay the lot levies at the same time as getting their building permit. Why should the rules be different for a developer of a 12 unit apartment or condominium building, she questioned.

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