



**EARLY STAGES:** Peter Snow of Nellis Construction points to land beyond St. Joseph's Separate School that will soon house 60 single-family dwellings and a seniors' residence, to be constructed by the Acton Legion. (Doug Harrison photo)

## LETTERS

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with it. Is there no sense of priority left at all?

We all know that times are tough right now for many people. Must we allow the criminal element in our society to flourish and make things even tougher? Consider the cost of lost lives, human suffering, increased insurance fees, taxes and loss of freedom to go about as we please in safety.

It would be good if police were a true force for the law and were allowed to defend and protect at

their discretion instead of being constantly accused of discrimination and brutality.

It would be even better if criminals, once captured, tried and sentenced, would be dealt with in a way befitting their crimes.

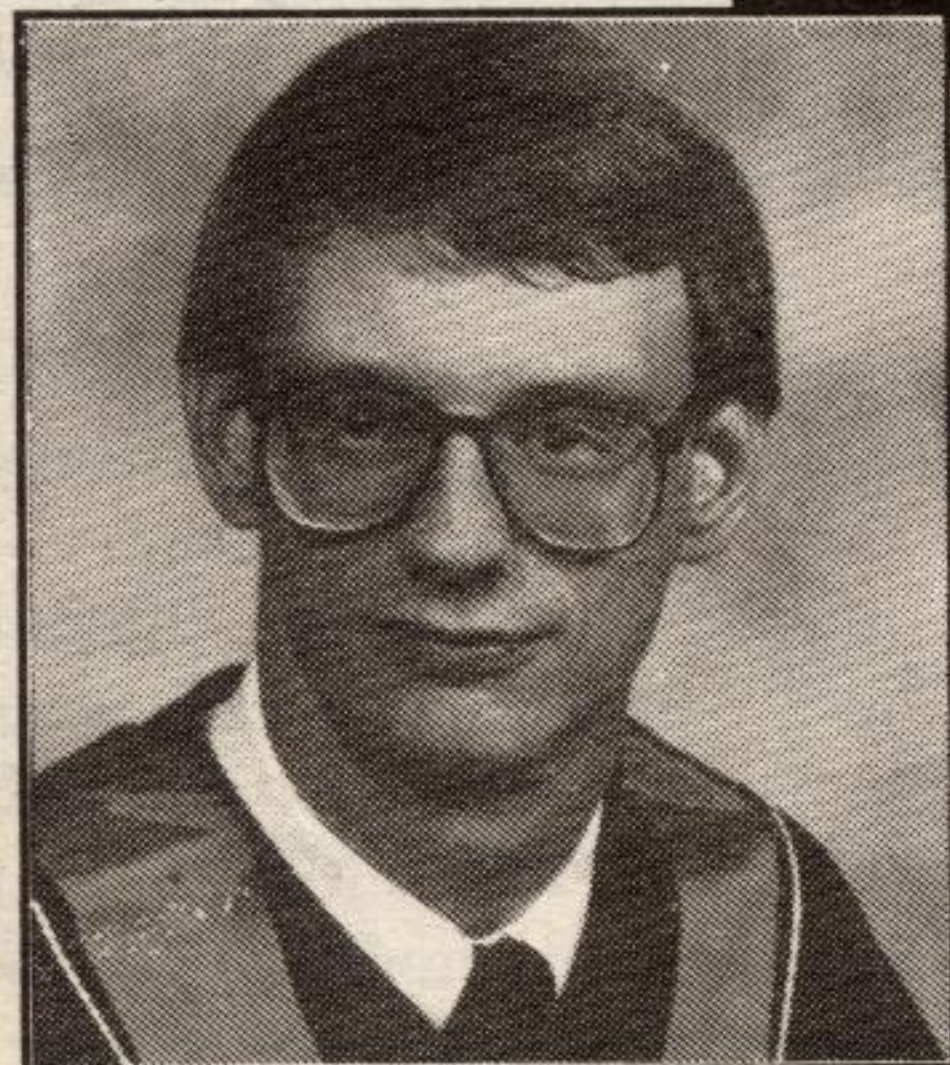
It would be just wonderful if inmates were put to work at trades or farming to teach them a sense of accomplishment, to earn their keep and to contribute to the society that they violated. A sensible plan would be to divert some of the money that goes to prisoners' wages and easy living accommodations into the public health care or educational systems. It is hard to understand why the powers that be consider prisoners' rights more sacred than those of the public. It is equally hard to understand how they can believe that leniency will bring about rehabilitation more so than suffering the consequences of criminal behaviour.

If reason, conscience and compassion separate human beings

from animals, what can we think of persons who habitually act without those qualities? In our society, an animal that attacks a human is put to death. A serial killer who has murdered and tortured dozens of innocent young people is kept in conditions that border on luxury, protected and supplied with all the necessities at the taxpayers' expense.

It will be interesting to see what becomes of the two policemen's killers who were arrested this week or if their fates will even make the news. Maybe those of us who have not been directly touched by crime are more interested in the economy and our social safety nets. If that is the case, we had better wake up and get onto our politicians' cases about the criminal situation. It is already costing us dearly, indirectly, and if not soon checked, is likely to hit any one of us closer to home at any time.

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### MacDuffee says thanks

To the Editor,

I wish to thank you and your staff for the coverage of the Reform Party and my candidacy.

It was a tough election, and an eye opener. We agreed at the outset of the campaign to take the "high road" and we stuck to our guns.

Although I did not win my own seat, I am consoled by the strong showing our party has had across

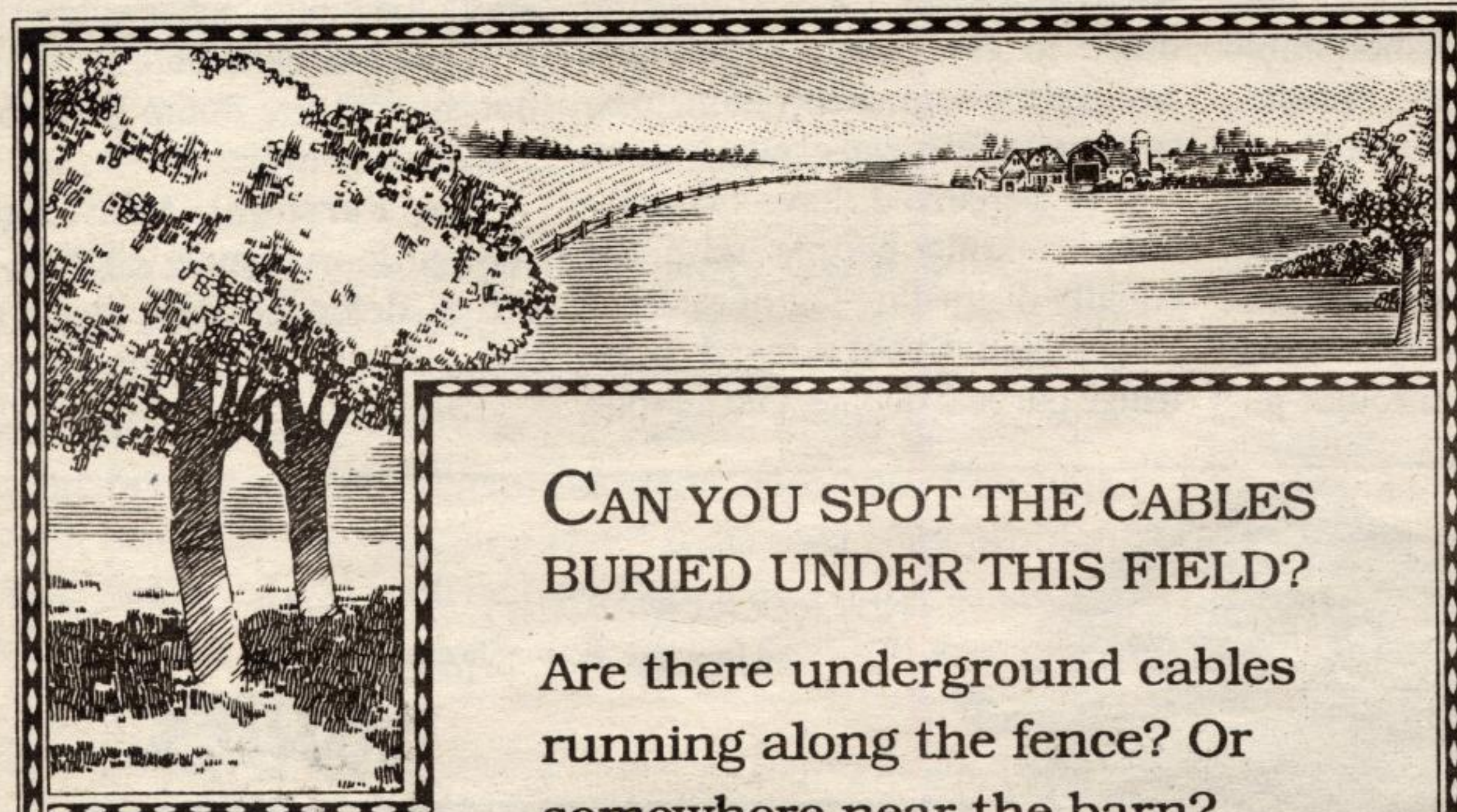
the country and feel our party is well positioned for the next election. When a new party can take second place in 57 of Ontario's 99 seats in their first election, we must be doing something right.

My sincere congratulations to Julian Reed and his Liberals on his win in this riding and in the country.

*Dick MacDuffee  
Reform Party Candidate for  
Halton Peel*

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**CAN YOU SPOT THE CABLES BURIED UNDER THIS FIELD?**

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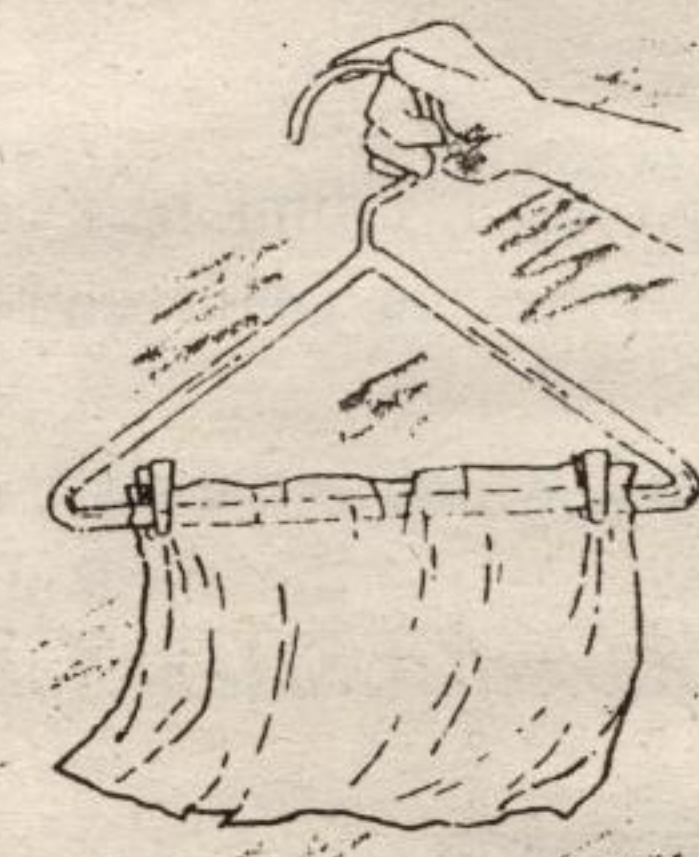
Maybe they stretch right across the field. The fact is, you can't tell where they are, either in this picture or in real life. That's why it's so important to call before you dig. Striking a buried cable could cut off power to you and your whole neighbourhood. In the worst case, hitting a cable could be fatal. So please, before you dig, call us. We know exactly where the hydro cables are buried. And we'll tell you quickly so you can get on with your job safely.

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