

Chudleigh wants to push for tax cut

Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh is urging his federal counterpart to personally commit to push the Liberal government in Ottawa for a significant tax cut for Ontarians.

With a federal budget announcement approaching, Chudleigh has sent a letter to Halton MP Julian Reed to fight for income tax cuts.

Chudleigh believes it's high time Reed pressed Finance Minister Paul Martin to follow the Ontario example, which has proven that

tax cuts create jobs.

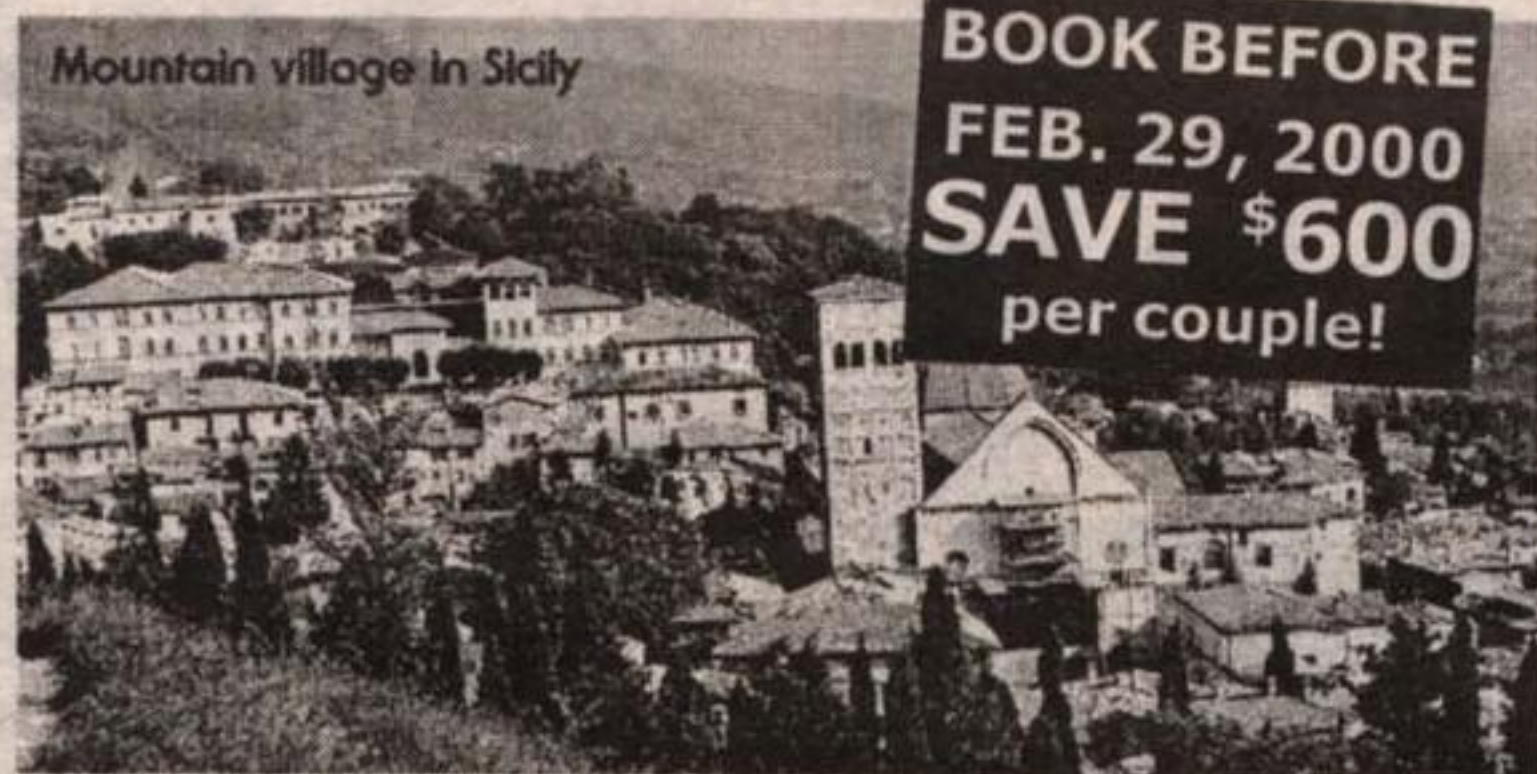
"Our government has cut income taxes by more than 30 per cent, helping to create over 640,000 new jobs. Increased government revenues have allowed us to increase health care spending to the highest level in Ontario's history."

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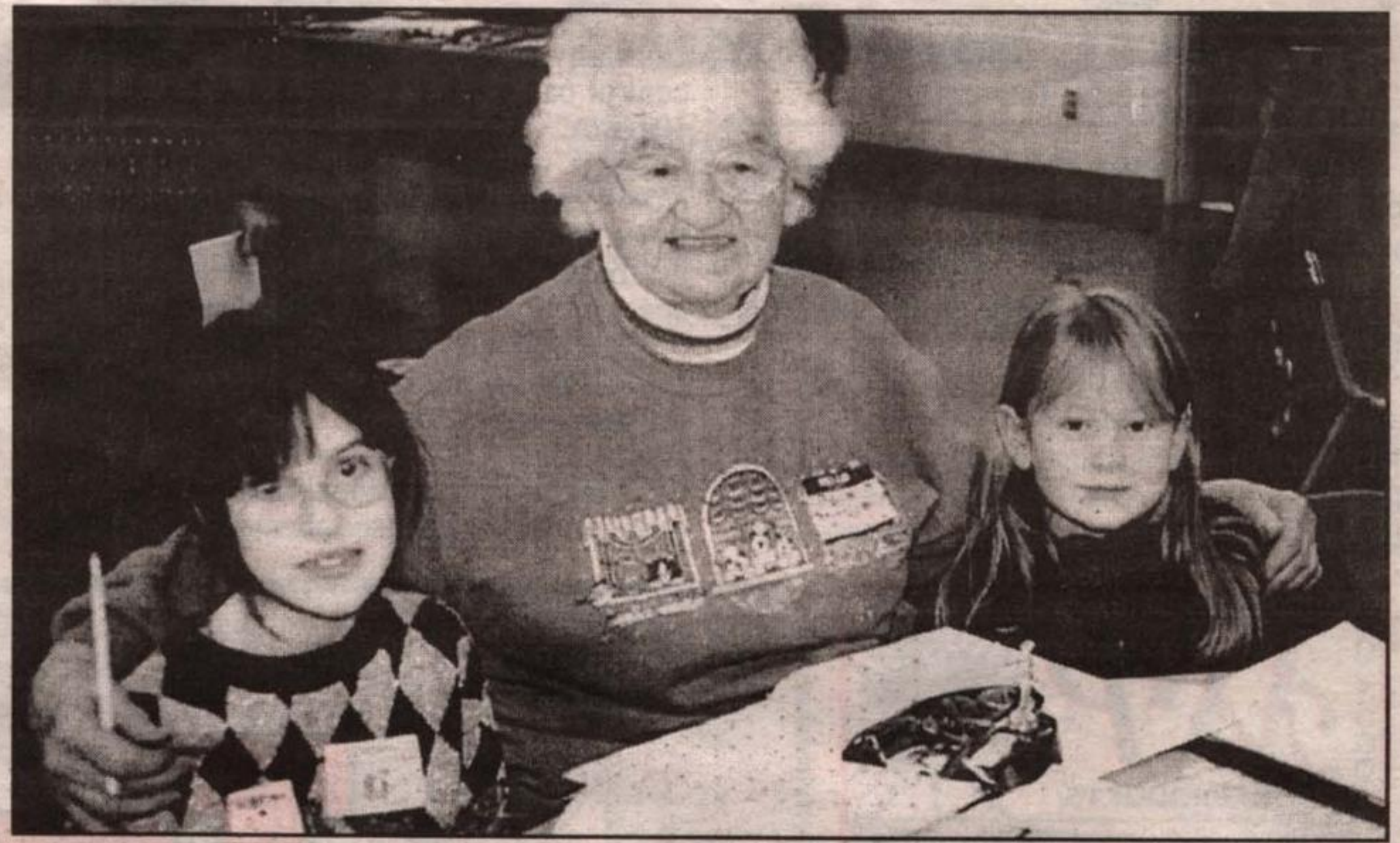
Zions Const. Business of Year

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for its quality homes and renovations. Peter Zions father, John Zions, formed a construction company in 1964, and quickly established a reputation for well-built, quality finished homes and renovations. Peter followed in his father's footsteps, opening his own company in 1982. His mother, Marie Zions, works part-time in the office and his father is retired.

The company now employs 24 employees, including Peter's brother-in-law, Don Finnie, who is the general manager and Steven Taylor, vice-president of Pat Stuart Developments. Pat Stuart Developments, named for the wives of partners Peter Zions and Pat Stuart, was formed to build phase one of the West Meadows housing development and is working on phase two.

From rented space on Perth Street, the company grew and bought what is known as the "shop" at 243 Main St. North. Two years ago, the company



INSTANT FRIENDS: There was no shyness and lots of questions as Robert Little students Margot LaFrance (left) and Emily Schlieper shared stories and favourite toys with Stella Brunelle at a recent intergenerational get together at the Acton community centre. - Frances Niblock photo

bought a neighbouring house at 251 Main Street and converted it into offices and meeting rooms.

The companies have built over 110 homes and completed over 1,000 renovation projects in the North Halton area. Zions has supported the

Acton Business Improvement Area, the Acton Agricultural Society, the Leathertown Festival, the Parent-Child Resource Centre, the United Way and numerous sports teams.

The Chamber's entrepreneur of year is Cut Right Serv-

ices Inc. Canoe Country in Norval will receive the civic pride award and the employee of the year is Town recreation manager Joy Thompson. The recipients will receive their awards at the Chamber's annual banquet on Feb. 24, at Blue Springs Golf Club.

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Record Fall Fair

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\$239,788 at the end of last year, \$200,000 available in the building fund and enough of a balance for this year's fair.

Fund raising chairperson Janis Fread said they have applied for a \$75,000 millennium grant and may reconsider the decision not to stage a door-to-door campaign for

donations. Upcoming events include a building fund information booth at the Georgetown marketplace and circus this spring.

Newly elected Society president Doug Fread said they are 99 per cent sure they will have a new building for this year's fair, but that's not his top job.

"The first priority is to organize and run our fair for 2000. The building is a very important priority, but not the first," Fread said.

In his hall committee report, Fread thanked Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson for overruling staff and allowing the Society to erect tents on the tennis courts, but doesn't think they will allow it again.

The architect hired by the building committee has been asked to go back to the drawing board, Fread said, because the Society can't afford the plans he submitted.

Without the security of a building, some Homecraft division entries were down by as much as 50 per cent, but the horse and cattle shows were the best in the past several years and the poultry barn drew 900 entrants.

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