

# HRCA's Casey Bakema is sculpture-mechanic

There's a saying at the Mountsberg Conservation Workshop that if you can't buy it or find it, Casey will make it.

Casey is the past 17 years has worked for conservation. He came to Halton from London four years ago. Prior to that he worked as a mechanic in his native Holland.

"I should never have been a mechanic," he says in retrospect. "I am happier doing more creative work." One example of his creative work with the HRCA is a metal sculpture of a beaver gnawing at a tree. This piece of art holds the sign which announces the official opening of the Hilton Falls Dam.

The metal light at the ski chalet at Kelso is Casey's work, as is one of the ski tows there.

A mechanic His work is not all of an artistic nature. Most of his duties involve the building and maintaining of much of the equipment used by the authority. A large steel trailer to haul tractors and

heavy equipment was made entirely by Casey.

Although a welder, steel-worker, and mechanic by trade, Casey has the gentleness and unassuming nature of an artist. He is married with three children, two of whom are married and one who works for the conservation authority.

His home is entirely furnished with his own steel and wood creations. He holds in a house trailer he made, including the furnishings.

No recognition At the age of 17 Casey wanted to work as a truck driver. In Holland at the time 18 was the minimum driving age so he began in the shop, building bodies and trailers for trucks. He completed a five year course in drafting and design which no doubt had a bearing on his future art work.

His name does not appear on any of the work displayed by the conservation authority. This doesn't seem to bother Casey. He confesses that his reward is in the creating of something that is unique and a reflection of his personality.



THE LIGHT AT THE TOP of the ski chalet is the work of Casey Bakema, who is employed as a mechanic with HRCA. His artistic as well as a mechanical work is evident at each conservation area. (Photos by J. Beaton)

## Lights out

### Conserve energy — trustee Goodin

Halton County Board of Education should take the lead in conserving energy, trustee Dick Goodin claims. Goodin will put a notice of motion before the board when it meets tomorrow night (Thursday).

His motion suggests the board set an example for the public to follow and initiate a program for the school system which would substantially cut down to a minimum the use of energy for lights, heat, motors and transportation.

Goodin goes further and suggests an educational program be instigated in the schools to stress conservation of energy and direct pupil, parent and public attention to the subject on an economical and efficient basis.

Study situation Goodin's motion would see the board study the energy situation as it may affect the school system in case of emergency, as well as on a long term basis.

While the motion is apt to

go before the board tomorrow (Thursday) evening, it is unlikely any discussion will take place until the next meeting. The rules of procedure for the board state that all members must be in favor of discussing the notice of motion on the same night it is presented or it will be deferred. The rule is sometimes broken in cases where the subject is an urgent one.

The Royal Winter Fair opens in Toronto Nov. 9 and runs to Nov. 17.

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## Approve carnival

A tentative budget for the 1974 version of Milton winter carnival was approved by Milton Council-elect at a meeting last week. The council had endorsed the idea of a town-sponsored carnival at an earlier meeting, but requested a budget be prepared.

Recreation Director Bob Small submitted a budget for

the event, indicating expenditures totalling about \$5,000 and expected revenue of at least \$4,000.

Snowmobile races, dog sled races, skating and other winter events will be included in the program this year. In other years the event had been organized by Milton Community Service Clubs, which has disbanded.

### Seek Funds

Councillor Brad Clements said the citizens committee organizing the event should be encouraged to seek financial support from business and industry in order to minimize any losses the town would have to absorb.

Councillor Mrs. Marjorie Powys said she agreed business and commercial groups should be contacted, but felt the event would bring people together from all parts of the new municipality and suggested the event was worthy of council's support.

Harry Barrett of Oakville and Milton's Mayor-elect Mrs. Anne MacArthur.

CASEY BAKEMA, mechanic with Halton Region Conservation Authority's Mountsberg Workshop welding a small piece of metal for one of his artistic creations. (Photo by J. Beaton)



A BEAVER GNAWING AT A TREE is just one of the sculptures made by Casey Bakema for HRCA. It holds the announcement of the Hilton Falls Dam and Reservoir official opening in October.

## Scouts honor DC John Goulding

John Goulding of Milton was honored by the Oakville District, Boy Scouts of Canada last week on his retirement after three years as District Commissioner. Goulding will remain on the district council but stepped down from the DC's post.

The Oakville District includes Milton and reports at the annual meeting where Goulding was honored indicate there are 855 Cubs, 314 Scouts, 103 Venturers, 11

Rovers and 170 leaders in the Scouting program in Oakville and Milton.

Local leaders Mrs. Ione Hicks and Mrs. Rose Lane were honored for 10 years of service when seven long-service awards were handed out.

Honorary members of the district council this year include Oakville parks superintendent Bill Bateman, Peter McWilliams, Morley Rasberry of Milton, Mayor

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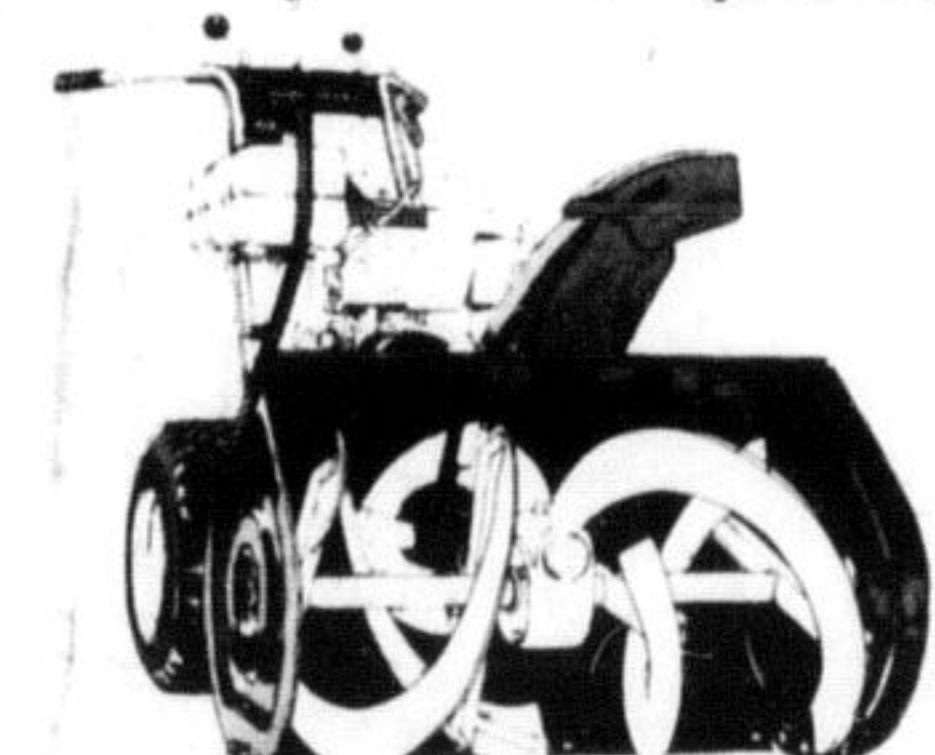
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