

# Campbellville boy, 12 is Queen's Park page

By Linda Kirby  
 Twelve-year-old Paul Erickson of Campbellville probably has more knowledge about the procedures at Queen's Park than most students his age. He knows the name of every last member of the group of 130 provincial representatives and he also knows exactly where each member sits. Paul was recently hired by the Ontario government, and for the next four weeks, he

will be kept running. He was one of 20 students chosen from across the province to work as a full time page in the Ontario legislative buildings at Queen's Park. "I always wanted to learn more about how the government is run," explained Paul. His initial interest in the job was sparked by a friend who had been one of the lucky few to be chosen for the month long job. In June, Paul began writing to inquire about the

possibility of securing a position. His letters included such contacts as Julian Reed, Liberal MPP for Halton and George Kerr, whom he knew from Burlington. He received support from both men, and in August received an application form for the job. Aspiring pages must be in grade seven or eight and must have an academic average over 80 per cent to be considered, according to the job requirements of the job.

Paul received word in September that he had been accepted. He was excited, but his parents were more than pleased. "It's a fantastic experience, and an opportunity for him to have a few responsibilities," explained his father, Roy Erickson. As far as Paul is concerned, "it took me a whole lot of work to get in there and I'm excited I got it." For the past few months, he has devoted almost every spare minute to learning the names of all house members and their seats. That is crucial. His work will entail relaying messages back and forth to the members and to speakers and the press gallery. The Brookville Public School student has also spent time learning about procedures and motions. Running messages is not quite as simple as it sounds. There is a method in the delivery of a note. Paul cites one example, where a page must bow after giving a message to the speaker in the house. Pages must not pass between the mace and speaker and on no account, is he allowed to run. Pages are, in fact, models of good manners and efficiency if they do their jobs properly. Work begins at approximately nine in the morning and goes until one in the afternoon. After lunch, pages can expect to be kept busy until six in the evening. One evening per week they work until 10 p.m. A grade seven pupil at Brookville School, he receives tutoring in math and English on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Grade eight students have different hours. Despite the discipline of the job, there is fun provided as well. A page mistress and master (the Sergeant-at-Arms) make sure that their 20 workers receive plenty of fresh air as well as enjoying fun and games in the common room at the parliament buildings, according to Paul's mother, Milou Erickson. She paid a visit to the legislature, before her son began his duty and is impressed with the care administered to the youngsters. His mother is now looking forward to a glimpse of her son, neatly attired in black pants, white shirt and a black modified tux, in the evening television news broadcast. Paul will reside in Mississauga with relatives of the family during the week and return to Campbellville on the weekends. Most of his school friends think the experience is "pretty neat", according to Paul. In addition to the learning experience, he will receive monetary compensation for his efforts, at \$9 per day. He plans to set part of that money aside for Christmas shopping, as well as using some to pay towards his room and board in Mississauga. The work and effort required to land the job will be well worth it, he is quick to point out. He already has ambitions to one day represent an Ontario riding in the very same building.



PAUL ERICKSON checks out his list of names with parents, Roy and Milou ERICKSON prior to his start at his job as a page in the Ontario parliament buildings. He began Monday and will be hard at work for the next four weeks, along with 19 other grade seven and eight pupils from across the province.

# Anne MacArthur vows she'll return

Anne MacArthur says she will return to town hall. The Voice of the North, as she is sometimes called, said she will return, not as an elected representative, but as a person representing people who have a problem.

"I'll never lose interest," the 66-year-old veteran politician said. "It's not part of my nature. If people have a problem and ask me to help, I'll be very willing to do so."

MacArthur was defeated in

her bid for mayor in last week's municipal election, for the second time in a row. During the campaign, she said she received an inking of which way the electorate was turning. However, she said defeat is part of the game of politics.

MacArthur received the title The Voice of the North by her outspoken views on behalf of North Halton.

Beginning as a councillor on the old township council of Nassagaweya and then its reeve, she was the last warden of Halton and then the first mayor of Milton during the first three years of regional government.

MacArthur distinguished herself as the first woman councillor on Nassagaweya's council, its first woman reeve and the first woman mayor of Milton.

She has held a variety of other positions during her public career.

Her career as an elected official appeared to come to an end when she was narrowly defeated in the municipal election of 1976 by Mayor Don Gordon. However, when a vacancy arose on council in June, 1978, she was appointed to fill it.

Last week's election saw her effort at a comeback decisively defeated. She polled only 2,251 votes to Gordon's 4,742.



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