

In the schools

Sam Sherratt School

Staff and students of Sam Sherratt School would like to share with their readers some of their work and activities.

POETRY CONTEST

Our student council through our staff liaison Mrs. J. MacFarlane and Mrs. S. MacArthur recently invited all pupils to participate in a Remembrance Day poetry contest. Many poems were composed and from these, staff members selected winners from each of the Primary, Junior, and Intermediate divisions.

These poems were presented as an integral part of our school Remembrance Day program. Honourable mention was given to the following poets: David Ross—grade three; Chris Cheevers—grade five; Michelle DiRuscio—grade seven. We are pleased to include the poems that won the contest.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day is a day when you think of the soldiers who died for us. Moms scream and Dads die Poppies grow today and tomorrow The sun will glow on the people who died in the war The war is bad to think of.

Emma Cason

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Row on row of unmarked graves, The unknown men who died in a clash of steel. The men who died for their homeland,

In the trenches deep they fought, As the shells thundered across the sky in a flash of orange and red.

While in the sky more guns blazed, And on it continued 'Till we the dead lie in Flanders Field. Heath Walton

REMEMBER

R is for Remembering: Remembering the soldiers who fought to make us free.

E is for Everyone: Everyone of the soldiers one, two and three, M is for Misery:

Living in misery knowing that someone you loved died, E is for Enemy: The enemy who made widows cry.

M is for Mourful: Mourful people who worry.

B is for Bombs: Bombs that made people get out of the way in a hurry, E is for Endless:

Endless fighting night and day,

R is for Remembering: Remembering thoughtfully; glad that the memories won't go away.

Vanessa Slack

VOLLEYBALL NEWS

The Sherratt boys and girls volleyball teams have been playing in inter-school competition. In the North area, six schools are participating. An area playoff for the North Halton Championships will be held at E.C. Drury on Nov. 25. This playoff establishes the team for the Halton Championship to be held at E.C. Drury on Dec. 3.

We are pleased to list the members of the boy's team who, after scheduled games and two tournaments, remain undefeated.

Coaches, Mr. J. Hall and Mr. D. Toderick, agree that the boys' team is shaping up to become a very skilled group of players.

The players include, Chris Turner, Mark Brisley, Don Durand, Cam Murray, Jay Garces, Eric Karp, Danny Van Zuylen, John Maltby, Paul Starkiss, Jason Bowers, Tommy Woodward, Alfie Mula, Nick Chronopoulos and Todd Thomson.

Stephen Kolbus is the team manager.

G. Southworth, the girls' coach, says of his team, they are a "fantastic, dedicated group of kids" who make up a "great team".

Their skill and good sportsmanship are evident in their wins in tournaments and exhibition games to date.

We wish the team members continued success in upcoming competitions; Claudia Massey, Myrna Neuman, Jennifer Hastin, Michelle Boughton, Michelle Hjeltn, Delyne Morrison, Stephanie Young, Gillian Young, Joanne Atkinson, Rebecca Massey, Jenny McKenzie, Kathy Stedman, Tracy Laroque, Michelle Morette, Tracy Liburd and Jo-Jo Tyler.

The staff and students of Sam Sherratt Public School hope that you have enjoyed reading our column. Our school will be featured again in January, March, and June. Thank you for your interest.

John Wise charges

Farmers in trouble get no help from Trudeau

By STEVE ARNOLD
Champion News Editor

Canadian agriculture is facing the tightest economic squeeze since the Great Depression but the federal government is doing nothing to help, according to John Wise.

Mr. Wise, MP for Elgin County and agriculture critic for the federal Conservatives, told the annual meeting of the Halton Region Federation of Agriculture recently that firm steps have to be taken.

"For the last 18 months Canadian agriculture has been in the tightest squeeze in four decades," he said. "Something has to be done to provide some measure of relief for those Canadians who are producing our dearest life resource."

"This country simply cannot afford the continued heavy loss of productive farms that we have been experiencing," he said.

Statistics on the current economic crisis in Canadian agriculture, he said, are frightening. Between 1976 and 1981 6.2 million acres of land were taken out of farm production and 18,000 people left the business.

In roughly the same time period, the number of farm bankruptcies has increased by 60 per cent, a situation that the federal Minister of Agriculture has dismissed as the result of bad management.

Mr. Wise quoted a statement Eugene Whelan made Aug. 18, when he said "I know you are worried by the bankruptcies you see around you. But don't forget that many of those bankruptcies were the result of too much expansion too quickly. The federal government just can't afford to bail out all the farmers who made bad business decisions."

"With an attitude like this, no wonder the federal government has done virtually nothing to assist the farm community in alleviating its economic crisis," he said.

Mr. Wise was part of an emergency task force established by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture last year to examine the economic crisis of farming.

That committee made 20 recommendations, including an immediate moratorium on farm bankruptcies and foreclosures and an increase of \$300 million in the money available through the Farm Credit Corporation to give farmers the financial assistance they need.

Most of these recommendations were ignored by

the Trudeau government, he said, and the ones that were acted on were mutated beyond recognition.

In his June 1982 budget, Mr. Wise noted as an example, Allan MacEachen announced an increase of \$200 million in the money available to the FCC, but \$116 million of that was produced by shuffling the existing budget of the agency.

At that time, the finance minister argued that Canada didn't have all the money requested for the agency.

"If we compare that request with \$150 million spent for a defunct computer company and \$150 million for a foolish monument in Algeria, we have found all the money we need," Mr. Wise said.

"Despite this fact, the Liberal government is apparently willing to risk our future security by cutting its assistance to the FCC instead of cutting its wasteful expenditures on forced metrication and self-congratulatory advertising."

Another of the proposals being supported by the Conservatives, he said, is a plan to create "Agri-bonds" that would establish a pool of capital for low interest loans to farmers.

"We believe that any short term loss to the Treasury would be more than compensated by the long term benefits accruing from a healthy Canadian agricultural industry," he said.

Mr. Wise added that while federal programs would be one step in solving the economic troubles of farming, a three-way program between federal and provincial governments and the producers would be more effective.

Other federal measures required, he said, would include a change in the capital gains tax which "adds appreciatively to the cost of farm land."

Mr. Wise warned that unless the provisions of this tax are changed, farmland will increasingly be owned by foreigners, "because the land will become available to those who have the cash first."

During their short tenure in power, the Conservative government proposed a program that would allow farmers to protect their retirement income by rolling the first \$200,000 from the sale of the farm into a registered retirement savings plan. That has not been acted on by the Liberals, despite the repeated urgings of the Opposition.

Engery prices are yet another area where farmers have been especially hurt by the actions of the Trudeau government, Mr. Wise said.

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Better education in store for all

Better quality education for all students will be the ultimate impact of Bill 82 feels Ruth Taber, Special Services liaison for Halton Board.

She expressed her views in conjunction with Bill Lawson, retired trustee of Ward Two, and Agnes Ruhl, Psycho-Educational Associate for the Halton Board, during a panel discussion at the recent University's Women's Club meeting.

Lawson outlined the importance of electing trustees carefully as their impact on future education at the municipal level is immediate. According to Lawson, a trustee, in order to be effective, needs to be in tune with the public he represents, to work well with other trustees and public groups, and to investigate key proposals thoroughly by doing extra research on them, thereby better enabling him to make informed decisions for his constituents.

Lawson also emphasized the importance of a contributing public. Parent groups and individuals can influence the Board of Education particularly if they research their concern well and work with their trustee to present their issue constructively.

He sees future trends placing more emphasis on skills and co-op education as well as equal educational opportunities for all children.

This last point forms the basis for Bill 82 explained Taber. The Bill requires "free and appropriate education" for every student including the mentally, physically and emotionally exceptional, as well as a protection of the rights of the child and their parents.

Due to the complexities of adjusting the present system to accommodate these goals, the government is not aiming for full implementation of this law until 1985.

Taber explained that Halton had been voluntarily working towards these goals before Bill 82 became law but further work is needed in perfecting assessment procedures, providing improved buildings, training personnel and improving public awareness.

Taber feels that with better training for teachers, better support systems and better resources to fall back on teachers will improve and so will the total quality of education for all children.

Ruhl, along with several other Psycho-Educational Associates in Halton in directly involved in the assessment of exceptional children and the developments of individual programs for them. She works closely with parents, teachers, social worker, child care worker and psychologist to develop the best program for the child.

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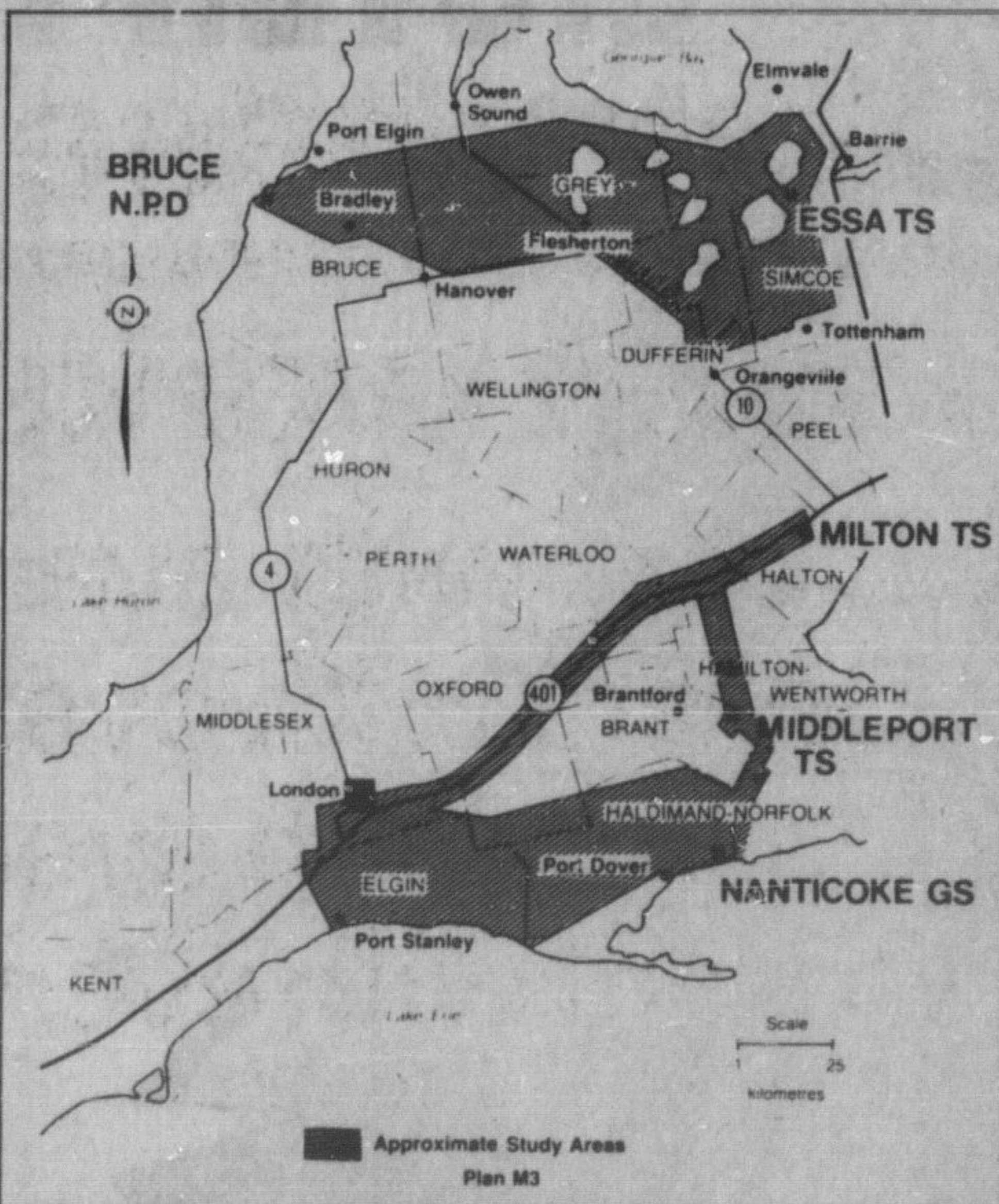
Hydro Transmission Studies

Hydro Begins Studies

Ontario Hydro is beginning studies to find acceptable routes for high voltage transmission lines and a site for a transformer station within the shaded areas shown on the map below.

This expansion of the electrical power system in Southwestern Ontario is required to:

- provide adequate facilities to deliver existing and approved generation from the Bruce Nuclear Power Development (NPD) to the consumers of the province;
- supply the electrical demand in Southwestern Ontario; and,
- maintain an adequate power interchange capability with electrical utilities in Michigan.



The Approved Plan

In 1981, Ontario Hydro conducted studies involving public officials and members of the public to review six alternative system plans (M1-M6) for the expansion of the electrical power system in Southwestern Ontario. An environmental assessment was prepared and submitted to the Ontario Government in October 1981. Public hearings were held January through April of 1982 and plan "M3" was approved for detailed studies by a Joint Board (established under the Consolidated Hearings Act). The facilities associated with plan M3 are:

North Study Area

- A double-circuit 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Bruce NPD to the Essa Transformer Station (TS) near Barrie.
- Expansion of the transmission facilities at the Essa TS.

South Study Area

- A new 500/230 kV transformer station in the London area.
- A double-circuit 500 kV line between Milton TS and Middleport TS.
- Two single-circuit 500 kV lines from the new London area TS to one or more of the following terminal points: Nanticoke Generating Station (GS), Middleport TS, Milton TS (a 6 km wide corridor centred on Hwy. #401 between London and Milton TS will be studied for this alternative).
- 230 kV transmission lines to connect the new London Area TS with Hydro's existing 230 kV system; and,
- Expansion of facilities at Milton TS, Middleport TS and Nanticoke GS.

Approval of Routes and Site

Hydro will submit an environmental assessment identifying routes for the transmission lines and a site for the transformer station to the Ministry of the Environment in early 1984. Public hearings under the Consolidated Hearings Act are expected later in the year.

Information Centres

Ontario Hydro is holding a series of information centres in the study area. Members of the public are invited to visit one of these centres, which are listed below. Maps and charts will be available and Hydro staff will be on hand to discuss the study, answer questions and receive your comments.

Information Centre Locations:

South Study Area

SIMCOE
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food Agricultural Services Bldg. Auditorium, (Blue-Line Rd. off Hwy. 3), Wednesday, November 17.

MILTON
Herigate Inn, 161 Chisholm Drive, Monday, November 22.

PETERS CORNERS
Beverly Community Centre (Hwy. 8 near Peters Corners), Wednesday, November 24.

OXFORD CENTRE
Oxford Centre Hall (exit Hwy. 401 at Tower Line Road, near Woodstock), Thursday, November 25.

CAMBRIDGE
Holiday Inn (corner Hwy. 401 & 24 north), Monday, November 29.

TILLSONBURG
Community Centre, Lions' Auditorium, 45 Hardy Avenue, Tuesday, November 30.

Open to the public 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Further Information

For more information concerning the Southwestern Ontario transmission study, please contact:

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