



As Charlie Farquarson, Don Harron generally takes little time to ponder. The quick witted comedian was in Milton on Friday at 91 Main St. Book Store to promote his latest history book which covers the last decade in Canadian history.

Charlie Farquarson

Historian with tongue in cheek

It weren't wun of yer normel daze at 91 Main St. Book Store Frydee when Charlie Farquarson took to push his latest history book.

The celebrated Canadian comedian, who specializes in satire and creative abuse of the English language, was engaged in a one-hour book signing session.

His fifth contribution to the literary world entitled *Yer Last Decadent, A Contemprary Histiry of Canda*, published in October.

His appearance in Milton represented his 76th signing engagement promoting his book which reviews events from 1972 to 1982 or as the author puts it, "yer fall of one decadent to the deekline of another."

Beneath the tarnished exterior of Charlie lies Don Harron, who as Charlie puts it, is currently writing his "autobiography out in his car."

Charlie admits that writing a book is only half the job, the rest is in promotion. It is simply a necessity, he explains.

Sporting a crocheted red rose on his well worn sweater, Charlie explained the flower indicates that he will be running for Prime Minister in 1984. He noted that the current Prime Minister wore

the same rose (and three different suits) during his three televised "sermonettes", an example of how he is "constraining himself."

Charlie's new book picks up where his first history book left off. It contains a comprehensive account of noteworthy events like "yer yeer of yer wimmen's rib, yer yeer with child and ye yeer of yer sepperater" in 'Charlie's unique tongue in cheek fasion.

In addition to admirers seeking his signature, Charlie was visited by Heather Smith, campaign manager of Milton United Way.

Mrs. Smith thanked Charlie for producing two promotional films for the United Way. One of the films features Charlie's sidekick Valerie Rosedale.

In the second film, admits Charlie, he was beside himself, as it included Don Herron interviewing him. In the same charitable vein, Charlie wrote a message to area "volunt ears" thanking them for their help in the local campaign.

Charlie can be seen as a regular performer on Hee Haw a television comedy production and heard delivering his stinging editorials twice a week on radio station CFRB.

Outdoor education at Crawford Lake

World-famous wildlife artist Bob Bateman, who taught in Burlington for almost 20 years, is hoping that teachers across Halton Region will take advantage of the outdoor education opportunities at Crawford Lake.



ROBERT BATEMAN

Mr. Bateman and his wife, Birgit, are co-chairmen of the Halton Region Conservation Foundation education committee, which is promoting knowledge about the unique nature of Crawford Lake which is located near Guelph Line and Steeles Ave. in rural Milton.

The unique layered sediment at the bottom of the lake permits accurate dating of material found in the sediment and led to the discovery of the most accurately dated pre-historic Indian village in all of Canada.

The Foundation has already raised more than \$100,000 to rebuild the 500 year old village on its original site near the lake. Mr. Bateman's committee has distributed questionnaires to Halton teachers, asking for views on developing a Crawford Lake educational program.

The lake has already attracted the interest of educators and researchers from as far away as Europe.

up to 100,000 visitors annually.

Fund raising for the Crawford Lake Indian Village and Conservation Centre will continue for another two years, under the direction of the Foundation.

Teachers interested in learning more about the Crawford Lake education program, or in undertaking school fund raising projects should contact Gary Hutton, manager of Community Relations, Halton Region Conservation Authority, 310 Main St., Milton, telephone 878-4131.

Separate board settles contract

The Halton separate school board ratified a two-year contract with its 532 teachers at a regular meeting recently.

The teachers and board reached a tentative settlement on Nov. 19. On Nov. 25, the teachers ratified with about 75 per cent supporting the mediated package.

It calls for a nine per cent increase in the first year and five per cent in the second year as stipulated in the still unpassed Bill 179 of the Ontario legislature, said Joe Walsh, negotiator for the teachers.

Principal's increases were held to 8.75 per cent.

Many teachers opposed the deal, upset at the loss of the right of collective bargaining through Bill 179, Mr Walsh said.

But with that bill likely to pass, there seemed little value in not hammering out a two-year deal, he added.

However, if for some reason the government doesn't pass this legislation, the two sides are stuck with the deal signed last night.

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