

# The word according to Timbrell:

## Assistance program gets new lease on life

Ontario Farm Adjustment Assistance Program slated to expire Dec. 31 will be extended for a second year, Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food Dennis Timbrell announced today.

He told producers attending the Ontario Federation of Agriculture annual meeting that the Ontario Cabinet had approved an extension of the program until Dec. 31, 1983.

"Because weak commodity prices and high interest rates persist, one year will not be enough to achieve a turn around in the financial position of many participating farmers," he said.

"In addition, the steep slide in some prices, particularly for cash crops, means that additional farmers will soon need assistance."

Since the program was announced, more than 3,000 farmers have received financial assistance through the program's three options. The total value of the assistance under each option to date is: \$267,768 under the interest deferral option A; \$570,894,488 under the interest rebate option B and \$38,808,147 under the loan guarantee

option C. Timbrell said that the overall thrust of the program will remain unchanged, although it will be tempered by the fact that interest rates, while still high by historical standards, have declined significantly in recent months.

"The farm adjustment assistance program remains an emergency measure, designed as a bridge to a better system of farm income

security." He said that the provinces are now asking the federal government to join them and the producer groups to establish a voluntary, tripartite, farm income stabilization program.

"In this period of financial constraint, this continued support reflects Ontario's commitment to preserving family farm enterprises, which are the foundation to our food and agriculture industry," he said.

## Stork was frequent visitor

There were 31 new born admissions during October at Huronia District Hospital.

There were 23 in September, 33 in August, 27 in July, 32 in June, 34 in May and 19 in April.

Dec. 10

# Human Rights Day

Dec. 10 marks the 34th Anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, whose principles form an integral part of the preamble of the Ontario Human Rights Code.

The adoption of the Universal Declaration on Dec. 10, 1948 was particularly charged with excitement because, for the first time, nations of the world spoke with one voice to proclaim fundamental principles of human rights. The Declaration serves not only as an inspirational tribute of the human spirit, but also as a commitment to the furtherance of universal social harmony.

Closer to home, the past 20 years have seen great strides made in the field of human rights. Many policies

and practices which we now take for granted, were the result of diligence, dedication and vision on the part of concerned community members.

The new Ontario Human Rights Code, which was proclaimed on June 15 of this year prohibits discrimination in employment, accommodation, contracts, goods, services and facilities. The protected grounds are race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, age, record of offences, marital status, family status, handicap and receipt of public assistance.

The Ontario Human Rights Commission, as part of its celebration, will be co-sponsoring an international conference on human rights in Toronto, on Dec. 10.

## Tough decision at HDH

# Long-term care unit faces some cut-backs

by RON JOHNSON

Effective Dec. 1 Huronia District Hospital is planning to re-align its long-term care unit. Instead of having two nursing stations and two drug stations for the 36 beds in wings 1A and 1B north, there will now be only one of each.

This still leaves the unit with more than adequate nursing care. In some larger hospitals in Ontario, one station could be responsible for as many as 54 beds.

This is an effort of the administration to balance the

budget, although there will be no lay-offs of full-time nurses. The cutbacks will be in the form of fewer part-time hours worked, and a decrease in the number of part-time nurses.

The move has the sanction of the Ministry of Health and the unit's ratio of nurses to patients remains well within ministry guidelines.

The decrease in manpower is stated by Director of Nursing Munroe as going from an average of 22.8 nurses per 40 hour week, to 20.8 nurses.

## HCES report

# 'Sit upons' courtesy of Carpet Shop

by Mark Passa and Chris Conn

Mrs. Willis' Macrame Club has started and the girls in the Craft Club will be making soft sculpture Christmas decorations this week.

Mrs. Guthrie would like to congratulate her Great Canadian Fitness Test winners, Sheri Swan first, and Michelle Hunter second. Mrs. Guthrie's class has started making stained glass windows for Christmas.

Mrs. Stone's Grade Four class have started their study of Simcoe County by looking at its history. They have enjoyed predicting what the Huron Society must have been like by looking at archaeological dig maps.

Mrs. Dixon's Science class experimented with carbon dioxide and found it can extinguish fire. They enjoyed their visit to the bank and learned how to write cheques, withdraw money, and how the computers make entries.

Mrs. Tanner's Grade 2 class would like to thank Mrs. Roberts at the Carpet Shop for their new "sit upons," which are small pieces of carpet.

Miss Bruff is new to HCES and she will be teaching us French since Mrs. Houghton is sick.

Ms. Embro would like to congratulate the following winners in the Book Fair poster contest. The winners in the Primary Division are Kathryn Elliott and John Parnell. In the Junior Division the winners are Jenny Buchanan and Heather McNutt. The Senior Division winner was Gavin McKenzie.

Picture retakes were on Nov. 22 and hopefully photos will be ready by

Christmas.

Mrs. Trace's class are looking forward to Christmas and her students are starting their winter projects. They are also doing exercises using Christmas music for fitness.

Mrs. Todd and Mrs. Robertson's classes enjoyed having vegetable soup as part of their unit on vegetables.

Students in Mr. Ness' Grade 7 class are writing poetry to send to the United Nations Assembly. All are concerned about the nuclear arms race and want to do something about it.

The Annual Burkevale Volleyball tournament was played last week and Burkevale came out on top.

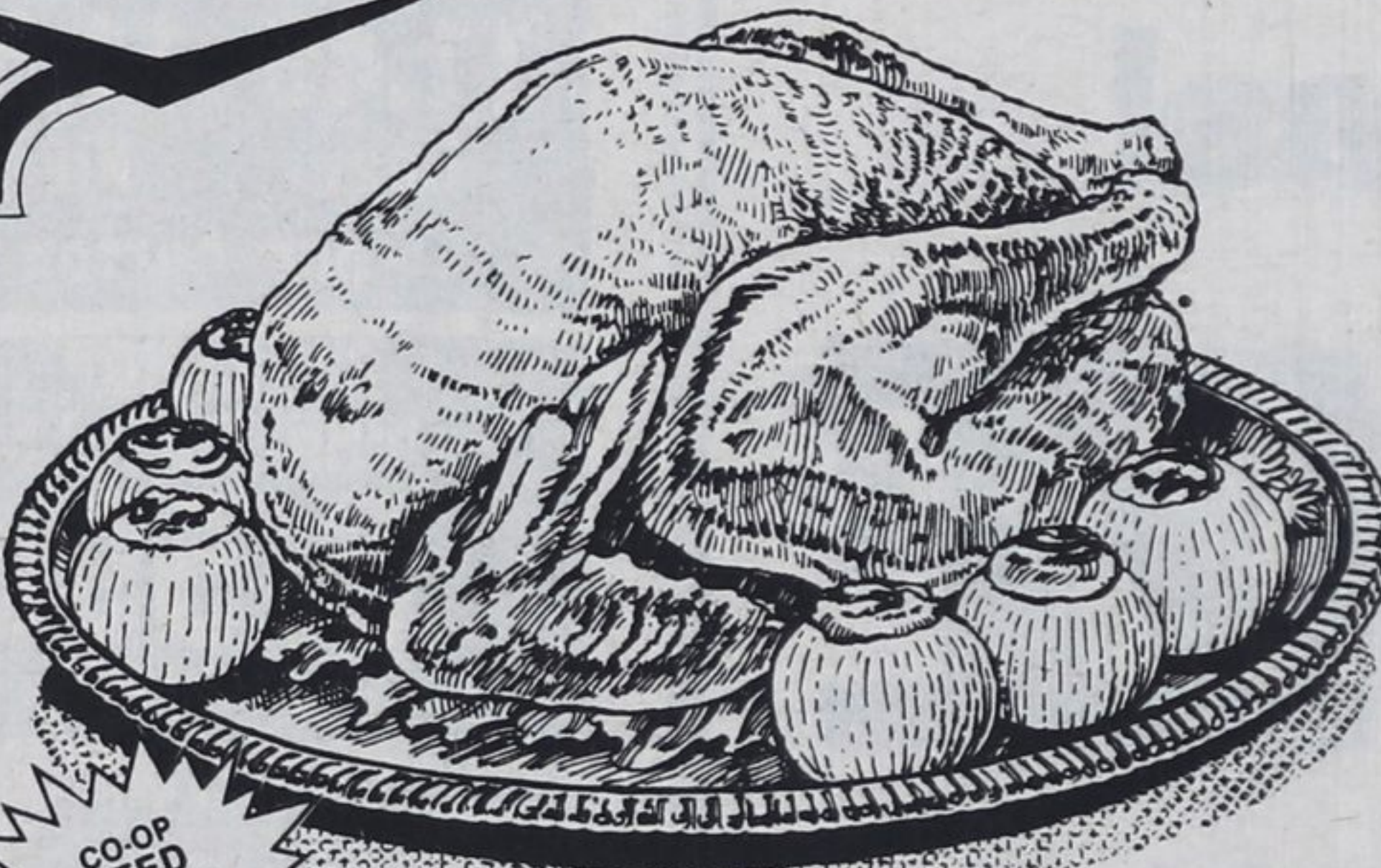
Mr. Urquhart and Mr. Ness are sorry to see Kristin Peters leave our school.

Parents will be invited to the school for an interview on either Dec. 7 or 9. A report card will go home with the parent at that time.

We are very fortunate to have a stage production of Cinderella at our school next week, on Dec. 9. The next three weeks will be very active at our school with Christmas activities. The Enrichment Group are involved in individual research projects. They are using the skills necessary for selecting learning resources, collecting information, organizing data, representing and presenting their findings.

We visited the High School Library and thank Mr. John Barz for permitting us to sign out some books to help us with our research assignments.

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