

Byrick brothers by Pope's side (Sept. 15)

Clayton James Byrick of 635 Grosvenor St., London, Ont., took particular paternal

interest in the recent Papal tour to Huronia. His sons Bill and Bob played key roles in the

Huronian leg of the visit. While Bill Byrick guided Pope John Paul II through Sainte-Marie

among the Hurons, Dr. Bob Byrick stood on medical alert in an ambulance stationed at the entrance to the famous historic site.

Since 1977, Bill Byrick has been Co-ordinator of Programs at the reconstructed Jesuit mission near Midland. On September 15, Bill accompanied the Pope to the grave of martyred Jesuits Jean Gabriel Lalemant and Jean de Brebeuf. Minutes later, Bill was with the Pontiff during

his historic longhouse meeting with four native site interpreters.

Meanwhile, Dr. Bob Byrick and his medical team stood by for a medical emergency which thankfully did not materialize. Bob Byrick is an anaesthetist in charge of the intensive care unit at Toronto's Saint Michael's hospital. Although the Pope travels with personal and Vatican physicians, critical medical emergencies would have been the

responsibility of Dr. Byrick's team.

The Byrick brothers have special and unique impressions of the Papal visit to Huronia and they are anxious to share them with their father and sister, Mrs. Mary Margaret Pakulis of Chatham, Ontario. If there's

If there's any on-upmanship involved in the telling, Dr. Bob Byrick may win by a high-altitude nose. Like His Holiness, the Toronto medic travelled

by helicopter from Midland to Downsview on the day of the Huronia Papal visit. The medical helicopter surged ahead to overtake the Papal one and Dr. Bob Byrick found himself looking through two layers of plexiglass into the white-coated papal presence.

The Pope rose to the occasion. He smiled and produced the famous Papal salute - possibly the highest Papal wave in the Ontario tour!



Papal greeting at Sainte-Marie

Media and invited guests converged on Pope John Paul II as he emerged from the palisades after a tour of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons. Joanne Byrick (centre, plaid skirt)

greeted the pontiff. Her husband, Bill Byrick is visible at left, immediately behind His Holiness.

Photo by Huronia Historic Parks, Midland, Ontario

Farmers protected under plan by MPP

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Last month, I brought you up to date on the Provincial Government's successes at the Conference of Agriculture Ministers in Winnipeg.

At that meeting, you'll recall, the leaders of both the federal Liberal and Progressive Conservative Parties wholeheartedly endorsed our call for the establishment of a National Tripartite Income Stabilization Program in Canada.

And I think it is safe to say that the establishment of such a program in this country is virtually assured, now that PC Leader Brian Mulroney has been elected as Canada's new Prime Minister.

Indeed, I'm told that farmers can expect it to be in place by the end of the year. And that could be the major agricultural accomplishment for the Province in 1984.

Ontario's commitment to the farm community, however, does not end there. Just a few weeks ago cheques totalling \$5.8 million were mailed out to 2,817 farmers under Ontario's Sow-Weaner Program.

Delayed by the Liberal Government in Ottawa until July 18th,

the payments—including \$3.6 million in direct provincial government support—cover the period between October 1, 1983, and March 31, 1984.

We have, I might add, asked for equal treatment for our beef and lamb producers. And I quote directly from a letter from Agriculture and Food Minister Dennis Timbrell to former Agriculture Minister Ralph Ferguson.

"The Government of Canada has behaved responsibly in providing a substantial stabilization payment to Canadian hog producers," my Queen's Park colleague said.

"The plight of Canadian beef and sheep producers is no less severe, and the goodwill that could be generated by a stabilization payment may ease the bridging between the current and proposed stabilization plans.

"I am, therefore, requesting that you consider and propose to Federal Cabinet ASA payments for beef (slaughter and cow-calf) and sheep in 1983 and 1984 to all eligible Canadian beef and sheep producers.

"I believe that such a payment would be just, right and equitable treatment for the red meat producers in

Canada," Timbrell concluded.

Hopefully, Canada's new Minister of Agriculture under Prime Minister Mulroney will act on this fair and reasonable request in the near future as well.

In the meantime, your Government at Queen's

Park has moved to assist the farm community on a number of important fronts.

Disputes between farmers and suppliers of farm machinery, for example, should be resolved more efficiently under an expanded Ontario Farm Machinery Board.

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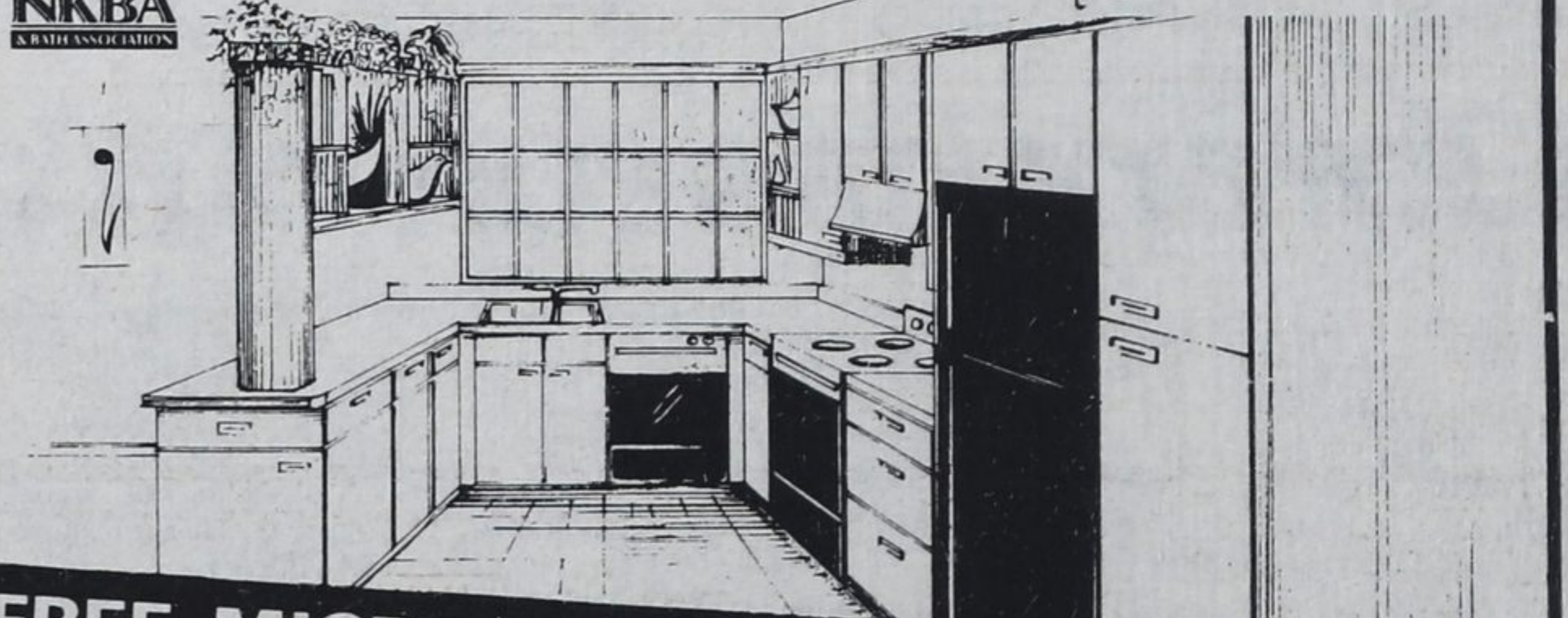
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