

Report on Energy is to receive close examination

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Two major items this week with which I have been involved have had some major play.

The report of the Select Committee on Energy has been tabled in the House and will get further study in committee. There was considerably more to this Committee's mandate, than dealing with the Darlington Nuclear Generating Plant.

Our first recommendation called for a close examination of the relationship between the Provincial

Government and Ontario Hydro.

We want to clarify this relationship and set out the responsibilities of each. We must also set out these responsibilities and define the mechanics that can activate the responsibilities.

The growth predictions for the next few years had to be adjusted between the high estimate of Ontario Hydro and the low load growth predicted by other groups. We finally settled for a consensus at a prediction of 2.6 percent.

We as the majority of the committee, feel it is

better to err on the side of too much generation rather than settle for a forecast too low. This could result in "brown-outs", and would certainly curtail industrial growth.

We have recommended continuation of Units one and two at the Darlington Generating Station and we have called for a hold on Units three and four to the extent that no further significant construction material be tendered within the next six months.

We as Members of the Progressive Conservative Party have been railing against the new

flat tax set out in Bill 51 by the Treasurer, Robert Nixon.

This tax is just slightly more than half a cent per litre. It doesn't seem a major item until you look at the costs to commuters who travel to work in Toronto and other centres even farther away.

Consider the farmer who uses both gasoline and diesel fuel as a means to operate his business, transport operators, senior citizens and tourists alike will feel the impact of this tax.

This is the highest gasoline tax ever im-

posed on the people of this Province.

The ad valorem tax the Progressive Con-

servative Party had when we were in government would decline when the price

declined. With a flat tax, it stays as is regardless of how low the world price of oil goes.

At Georgian College

Culinary management course can't get enough students

Students who enter the Culinary Management Program at Georgian College in January couldn't be starting at a better time.

New facilities have been constructed for the program, providing students with the most up-to-date equipment possible. About \$750,000 has been spent outfitting the area with five new teaching kitchens and a 100-seat dining room where students can put what they learn into practice.

"This year will be the best year to date for quality of education", said program coordinator, Trevor Howes. He added that the program's advisory committee is quite involved with the program, taking a keen interest in both the students and teaching masters.

Culinary Management is a relatively new program at Georgian and is an extension of the apprentice cook program. The two-year program started last September and, because of demands in the hospitality industry for more trained staff, it was decided to start more students in the program in early 1986.

Howes explained that first-year Culinary Management students take similar courses to those in the one-year apprentice cook program, but they also take basic hospitality accounting and communications which teach them how to deal with people. In the second year of the program, there is an emphasis on management skills which includes kitchen design and computer use in the industry, and the finer points of food preparation.

In addition to subjects studied at the College, students are sent on two sessions of co-operative work terms where they learn their trade working in the hospitality industry. They are paid a salary during that time.

Georgian's Culinary Management Program can take up to 24 new

students in January, but this won't fill the job market.

"We get phone calls all the time (from businesses wanting students)," Howes said. "We can't get enough students."

He explained that taking more students into the program in January means there will be graduates available in both winter and summer. This continuous outflow of students is something the industry wants, he said. Howes also pointed out the demand for graduates exists in the Georgian Bay area where there are many year-round resorts and other tourism-related businesses.

About 20 percent of those who started Culinary Management in September are mature students and many already have a high level of education. Howes expects this percentage to increase in future years.

The hospitality industry is fully aware of the importance of qualified, trained staff, Howes said.

"If you don't have a good food person, you

could lose your shirt," he said.

Graduates from the program should be able to take an entry-level position in a kitchen and move quickly up the promotion ladder.

"Within five years they could build themselves up to a position of responsibility," Howes said.

Howes explained that recently efforts have been made to standardize the education food preparation students receive in colleges. Consequently, Georgian students will be taking the same program as those at George Brown College which has one of the largest chefs' programs in Canada.

Students interested in starting the Culinary Management Program at Georgian in January include those who are graduating from high school early in the new year and those already in college or university who want to change programs. As well, those who have taken the apprentice cook programs at any college and would like to expand their education might also be in-

terested. The program is taught at the Barrie campus.

For more information on the Culinary Management Program at Georgian College, call 1-800-461-9696 (toll free). In Barrie call 728-1951.

PGH births

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dubeau, Lot 13, Con. 9, Perkinsfield, are pleased to announce the birth of a baby boy, December 9, weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz.

Dec. 20, and 22
Midland Alliance Church Choir presents the dramatized Cantata "The Glory of Christmas", Friday Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. in the Mountainview Mall, and Sunday Dec. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church, 829 Yonge St.

Admission is free to Penetanguishene Establishments' celebration of a traditional community Christmas, Dec. 21, 22, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Enjoy a sleigh ride, examine Christmas cards, listen to tales of Christmas as it used to be, recalled by local residents.

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