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**SINCLAIR STEVENS REPORTS**  
SINCLAIR STEVENS MP  
YORK SIMCOE  
Total Of \$65,000 In LIP Grants For York Simcoe

'Twas the week before Christmas when all through York Simcoe, \$65,000 in Local Initiatives Program grants were announced by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. It is likely a further amount will be announced in the near future.

This year the applications for grants were approved by a local constituency committee which worked diligently. I am pleased that the Minister followed their recommendations without change.

The committee, which plans to hold further meetings, is composed of Cathy Joyce of Stouffville, Jim Wales of Everett, Dan Shannon of Newmarket, Ken Burnett of Aurora, John Fennell of Bradford, Buddy Rodgers of Aurora, Bill Kerr of Kleinburg, John Watt of Newmarket and John Hastings of Tottenham.

Largest grant approved was to the Mount Albert and District Lions Club to build a front entrance addition to the Mount Albert Community Hall. The grant was for \$20,600 and it is proposed that in addition to providing a safe entrance to the building, the extra room will allow for better meeting and social functions. It will also allow the Lions to provide wash-room facilities for senior citizens using the hall. Upon completion, the building will be turned over to the parks board.

A grant in the amount of \$12,800 went to a project entitled "Needs Of Rural Women", sponsored by Mrs. Bette Stanley of Beeton. It is proposed to do a research study to determine the needs of rural women. The project

will focus on Simcoe County with a population of 3,000 rural women. It is hoped that 20 percent of those women will be interviewed during the program.

In Newmarket, the library received a \$9,360 grant to help them reclassify and recatalogue seventeen years backlog of 5,000 books in order to improve service to the community. A professional cataloguer will be hired. The library has \$5,517 on hand to devote to the project which will total almost \$13,000.

The Boy Scouts of Canada were granted \$10,000 in Stouffville to assist them in improving woodland trails in their camp facilities in that area. The activities will include fencing the property, building fireplaces, and picnic tables. The camp serves Boy Scouts not only in our riding but throughout the Metro area.

A child care centre grant in the amount of \$12,240 has been approved to enable the establishment of a new facility in the All Saints Anglican Church, King City. The program will have a maximum of fifteen children per week and will be open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, five days a week. The centre will be open to children up to five years of age. Deborah Munis of King City is the sponsor of the project.

In total, some twenty-six jobs will be created in the riding as a result of the grants.

I would be pleased to hear from any constituents concerning these grants or whether they feel the LIP program should be continued.

**Save Energy, Wear Wool Sheep Association Advises**

Isn't there an old saying somewhere about every cloud having a silver lining? The Ontario Sheep Association thinks that the present "energy crisis" may provide them with a small slice of that silver, restoring the sheep to a place of prominence and respect as a producer of more than mere succulent spring lamb.

An article received by the sheep association from the Wool Bureau in New York City and forwarded to this paper by the OSA Secretary-Treasurer Donald Stevenson in Newmarket, points out that if there is a rationing crisis in fuel, you can blame some of your own clothing and home furnishings.

Some 30 years ago synthetic clothing as we know it was not generally available to the public until after World War II, acrylics in the early '50s, polyesters in the mid-fifties. All of these are synthesized from petro-chemicals, derivatives of crude oil.

By 1972 synthetics consumed ten percent of the petroleum in the United States and were considered an enormous technical breakthrough and a boon to certain life styles. Today, in the U.S. alone, the man-made fibre industry produces more than seven billion pounds of fibre annually, increasing at the rate of 17 percent each year. World production exceeds 20 billion pounds per year—termed by the Wool Bureau as "a classic case of over-kill".

Rayon, too, comes in for criticism, at it has a wood pulp base—an energy source that is also in jeopardy.

The writers point out that it is time that natural fibres

— cotton, flax, silk and wool — were restored to their former status as producers of fabrics, cushioning the current energy drain and freeing fuels for heat, light and transportation.

It could also be a boon for the land conservationists, adding ammunition to their fight to conserve our rapidly dwindling supply of fertile, productive, agricultural land.

A sheep's wool is ready for clipping in two years after birth and can be sheared time and again during the life of the animal. Once used for making synthetics, there is no way to put oil back in the ground. On the other hand, bright green grazing pastures, used to nurture sheep, reappear each spring, year after year, naturally fertilized by the grazing sheep which add nutrients to the soil.

"Through the ages, sheep have produced wool to clothe us and lamb to feed us, and there was ample quantity of both to serve our needs," says the Wool Bureau communication. "They continue to stand ready to provide us with ample quantities as our demand becomes apparent. To assist in preserving our ecology, sheep growing must assume its properly proportionate position in our production of textiles. The world can double and triple sheep production. It's a question of choice!"

The question of choice is between oil to heat homes and keep industry alive and gasoline to keep us mobile (on wheels), or petrochemicals for fabrics which could be equally well produced from wool, silk, flax or cotton, and not surprisingly, the Wool Bureau advocates: "Make the better choice for nature's way."

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Comedian Red Skelton talks about old time radio programs, particularly Big Town with Edward G. Robinson.

Philip Klass comments on UFO sightings.

Such is the range of tape cassettes, the handy reel-to-reel cartridges now available at the North York Library. In addition on the "spoken word", contemporary music is available on cassette by performers such as the Jeff Beck Group, Neil Diamond and Tony Bennett.

This, the latest in the library's ever-expanding service to its patrons, began in December in all five of the system's area branches. Two thousand cassette titles have been acquired as a beginning in the need to provide for today's growing world of sound.

"Because of the limited number," says Reg Rawkins, North York Library's director of public service, "the collection will need to be restricted to two tapes per person for the time being."

For those with a cassette player/recorder, the next time you're in the library, whether you are searching for a particular record, leafing through the latest magazine or scanning the shelves for a book, stop by the cassette section. There is certain to be something in the collection to suite your interest and taste.

By simply presenting one's library card, a patron can take a cassette home and relax to music or get involved in topics ranging from astrology and psychology to economics and business.

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This Year, qualified employees will be entitled to four statutory holidays with pay: Good Friday, Labour Day, Dominion Day, and Christmas Day.  
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**QUALIFICATIONS**  
To qualify for a paid statutory holiday a worker must: Be employed for the three months immediately prior to the holiday; work on 12 of the 30 days preceding the holiday, and work on his or her regular day of employment preceding and following the holiday.

If an employee agrees, an employer may, within 30 days, substitute another working day for the holiday.  
If a qualified employee, who does not have a substitute arrangement, works on a statutory holiday, payment must be at the regular rate, plus time and a half. An employee who does not qualify for a paid holiday, must be paid time and a half for each hour worked on a statutory holiday.

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