

PETER STEWART a Acton is seen checking weight and measurement of one of the standard hase doms Plastoflex Industries is one of approximately six similar bose manufacturing ແລະ ເປັນລອດອ

# Plastoflex products are recognized across Canada

a highly competitive plastonvolume stretching across use. Canada. The sign on Highway 7, west of Acton, reads

Plastoflex Industries. the originator of the company. He had started a chicken business on a oneacre lot just down the road from the present building. It was begun as an incomesupplementing secondary employment which grew to the point of requiring three

l'lastics From eggs to plastica! The bottom fell out of the egg business in 1963. With a friend, Harry Van Der Heyden, Mr. Marcoux decided to go into the plantle business. With the purchase of one extruder, plus Harry's know-how in the field of plastics, they set up shop in one of the three buildings. Thus Ontario Plastics was

Mostly the business was a custom one, such as supplying orders of window spline (gasketing material used as a seal for draft protection on aluminum windows), and furniture trim for binding around edges of furniture. Lawn chalr webbing in tube form was the company's greatest output.

Company -statistics show Ontario Plastics was moving on a steady level with good sales growth from '63 to '71. On Jan. 1, 1972 two more men moved into the enter-

prise. Dan Van Poucke and Ian Somers bought 50 per cent of Ontario Plastics at which time a subsidiary company

originally as a side-line has, named Plastoflex Industries 12 years later, developed into and specializes in the manufacture of hose and tubes for ics business with sales industrial and automotive

Progress

Today the amazing little company has moved ahead. Jean Marcoux of Acton was Mr. Somers, sales manager of Plastoflex, says that since 1973 anles have been phenomenal, showing a tentimes increase over Ontario Plastics. Where Ontario Plastics operated as a supply company for custom fobs, Plantoflex Industries has created a chain of distributors which carry their products across Canada, Pro-

right in the local plant. producing a range of hoses being accepted in Industrial, automotive and agricultural areas which formerly used rubber. As well as the

heavier-type hoses, Plastoflex manufactures air hoses, water hoses, chemical, beverage hoses, and other types of tubing and products for special application. Newsite From the original "egg-



OPERATING THE braiding machine at Plastoflex Industries is Florence Cousins of R.R. 3, Acton. It is one of the many braiding units at the local plant where the fibre is webbed onto large diameter tubing.

ducts are manufactured, thatics was moved to ten warehoused and catalogued acres located on the same roadway closer to Highway 7. "Target of our company is A new steel building was to penetrate the rubber hose erected which encompassed market," says Mr. Somers. 5,000 square feet. Since in-Plastoflex manufacturers are corporation with Plastoflex an addition was required to accommodate the cataloguing and warehouse needs

of the second company. Last December Mr. Marcoux decided to voluntarily retire. He had served as president of the amal gamated company since its Inception in 1972 but decided to plant his interests in other fields. New president of Plastoflex Industries is Mr. Van Poucke; Mr. Somers is vice president and sales manager; Mr. Van Der Heyden is plant manager in charge of production. The three partners look ahead to even greater sales volume in

Employees.

According to Mr. Somers, the two companies employ approximately 20 employees steadily, including office staff. At peak production times as many as 30 P required. Plastoflex Idmited is now taking on more help.

In the plant raw resin can be seen being extruded through mammoth machines as tubing for hoses or flat webbing for lawn chairs. The hoses are covered with a supporting fibre-webbing material, followed by a heavier rubber-appearing thermoplastics is a highly plastic top.

The original company, Ontario Plastics continues as a supplier for custom Plastoflex products. Industries encourages entalogue and store inventory sales. This year the company Intends sending sales repre-

PRESIDENT OF Plastoflex Industries is Dan Van Poucke. He is seen with plant manager Harry Van Der Heyden and vice-president lan Somers as they examine a supplementary unit used in the manufacturing process of hoses.

sentatives on a selling sufari in other provinces.

Wide range

Mr. Somers explains that technological field. The company wants to be identi fled with its wide use and range of hoses.

"As well as manufacturing a line of hoses, there is a continuous development policy where extensive research is being conducted," he suid.

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## The clergy speak out

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shor at the most sabble reminders of the the in the second is the Speciality reme effections were talks and mendows, Hemanyating one them, from another. Often only a consecutation of the gnarled and weathered wood betrays its coming from the period of the early settlers.

in pertans in exploring a small side street in an Mallown, you mught come across a shed with high he posts from the days the harve this bagg. With the mind's eye you can potter a corrage pulled by stately horses going nown the main street. But too naickly a spessing car jerks you out of your day dream into the reality of the present Thinking of the past often evokes a great deal or sentin est

There are many who claim that those were better days. Time moved slowly, cancer was little known, and the universe was small. And who in that day would have foreseen the advent of a machine-filled world and a pill popping TV generation?

The 19th Century was a century of and phenomenal growth in man's knowledge and mastery over nature. The steam-engine. auckly shortened vast distances; the cable and telegraph brought in communication at a level never before possible. Above and hevond these achievements was the

abounding optimism, that society was getting better, and on its way to perfection. Two world wars have burst that bubble. Today we are appalled at the squalor of our numan relations, the loss of community concern, and alienation of youth. We are shocked with the increased acting-out in crime and violence, pornography and sex exploitation, and some sociologists predict the trend will get worse before it gets better.

Rollo May, the well-known psychiatrist and author of the book Power and Innocence, traces the human violence so prevalent today to individual and group feelings of powerlessness, and the emotional condition of apathy resulting from feelings of powerlessness. Rollo May concludes that when persons lose hope that they can determine the direction of their own lives, they become dangerous both to themselves and to others.

The solution is to show them a power in the very midst of their evil and darkness, that will awaken a hope and give resourcefulness to determine their future. The claim of the Christian Church is this: In Jesus Christ is to be found that power, that imparts hope to the individual and releases in him a renewed resourcefulness to face the

Dreaming of the glories of the Past will not bring it back. The vital question is, Do you have the power to face the harsh realityof the Present?

# Industrial commission is supported, opposed

The question of establishing an industrial commission for Halton Region is before the Region's Administration and Finance Committee once again. While there is some support for the creation of such a department, there is also definite opposition to the proposition.

Onkville Councillor Carl Eriksen reiterated his opposition to the commission. He argued there were several factors that encouraged or discouraged industry from setting up shop in any given area. He fisted labor, proximity to raw materials ind supplies, proximity to a narket, good transportation nd a favorable tax structure s factors that would be con-

a shortage of industrial land available in the region now and the hiring of an industrial commission would be like a firm hiring a salesman to sell something it did not have.

Regional Chairman Allan Masson and Onkville Councillor Mac Anderson were more sympathetic to the proposition and argued that the function of such a department went further than just selling industrial land.

Masson pointed out the region did receive calls from people interested establishing industry in the be of assistance.

region and noted there was no Eriksen argued that an one person or department industrial commission within the region that an wouldn't change any of those individual could go to and factors. He argued there was gather pertinent information. Eriksen discounted

Masson's argument, noting that a prospective industry could get information concerning land for sale from real estate people and other related data from the planand engineering ning department.

Bring 'em north

Halton Hills Mayor Tom indicated municipality had some land the council would like to see industry on and felt the industrial commissioner could

#### Nixon to Liberal dance

Bob Nixon, Leader of the Liberal party has accepted an invitation from dance chairperson, Mrs. Alice Walker, vice-president of the Halton East Provincial Liberal Association, to attend the Halton Liberal dance at the Credit Valley Club March

All M.P. and M.P.P.s in the surrounding area will also be invited, including the ebullient Phil Givens, former Mayor of Toronto and backbencher in the Liberal party.

Mrs. Walker and Frank Allen, executive vice president of the Halton East Provincial Liberal Association attended the Liberal Party Convention in Windsor last week-end as official delegates, as part of a 22 member delegation from Halton and Halton East.

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## December chilly

Elections should be held in better weather than usually prevails in December, according to Councillor Ern Hyde, who balked at a Markham resolution to that affect being received and

call our office.

Hyde claimed the election date could be October 1 as the Markham resolution stated.

> Council sent the resolution back to the finance committee, with only the members of that committee opposing the move.

# Approve \$1,000 for Commission

Members of Georgetown Hydro Commission will receive \$1,000 a year if Ontario Hydro approves the motion passed by Halton Hills council, Monday night. At present the three man commission made up of Chairman Jerry McCallum,

former Georgetown Mayor Bill Smith and Mayor Tom Hill receive \$25 a meeting. Mayor Hill said they meet sometimes once a month, sometimes twice a month and occasionally three times a month

depending on what comes up. Ontario Hydro sets a limit on the salary according to the number of hydro consumers in the area.

An odd situation was brought about by the introduction of regional governments, where mayors of former municipalities remained on hydro commissions.

This has resulted in Mayor Tom Hill being on the Acton and Oakville commissions as well as Georgetown.

The live man Acton Hydro Commission received \$300 a year, and the chairman received \$360.

From the Oakville Commission Mayor Hill received very little since the number of hydro consumers in the area taken over hy Halton Hills is limited.



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#### filed. He said it was worthy of consideration. He said the present system goes back 100 years, and should be updated. "That's back when it was and the year could end warm in December," quipped October 31. Councillor Ric Morrow. Mayor Tom Hill said the fiscal year would end December 31, and the new council would not take over until January 1. Missed Your Free Press? Please Let Us Know Our carriers do their best to give fast courteous service but mistakes do happen; so if you do not receive your paper or have any complaints regarding delivery, please

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