

# Talent bank, calendar plans of Contact Centre

A talent bank and a community calendar might seem surprising projects for a distress centre, but the North Halton Contact Centre has found there is a need for these services and is incorporating them into their information program.

Opened in November 1973 as a "friendly, confidential, listening ear," the Contact Centre willingly lent itself to the many area people with problems who had nowhere else to turn.

In 1974, there were 1,239 calls: 352 were for information (on churches, ball teams, doctors and dentists available, Alcoholics Anonymous, service clubs, etc.)

**Lonely people**  
Other calls involved family and marital problems, drugs and alcohol, but the 560 calls from people who were just plain lonely pointed out the definite need in that direction.

Hopefully the new program will ease the problem, although they were not formed primarily for that purpose. The talent bank will be a listing of any talent or service a person has to offer, whether it be gardening, singing, baby sitting, dancing, painting, small (or large) repairs, kids' bands or whatever.

The person willing to lend someone else a hand can phone the Centre, 877-1211, and leave their name. Their service does not necessarily have to be voluntary. If there is to be a fee, it will be listed in the book also.

A caller in need of a certain service will be given whatever names and numbers he requires.

A Contact Centre volunteer quipped, "We'll list anything you've got to offer—as long as it's legal."

**List events**

The community calendar is a separate listing of dates and times of events in the area, such as rummage sales, bazaars, dances, fashion shows, auctions, eueches, plays, movies at the high school, etc.

People phone to find out what's being planned for where. Others can phone to find out what's going on when.

It will make plans easier if the organizers of an event can find out if it might clash with another.

Also, people with time on their hands might discover an event of interest close by.

The Centre's last project for Youth Housing, is still in need of homes for teenagers over 16 who are unable to stay at their own home. Emergency, semi-permanent, and

permanent housing is needed. People who are interested are asked to phone the Centre.

Although there are now 80 volunteers to man the 24 hour service, more are needed as the number of calls mount and the services provided increase.

The fifth training course has just been completed and 15 new volunteers will now join the staff.

Their training consisted of

lectures by and discussion with professional people such as: Dr. Janina Zaborowski, a family counsellor who spoke on the problems of stress; Dr. G. Cormack, a Brampton psychiatrist; Peggy Palmer of the Addiction Research Foundation, as well as volunteers from North Halton and Toronto.

The next training course will be in the fall and those interested in lending a hand and an ear, are asked to phone the Centre, 877-1211.



STUDENTS FROM Stewarttown school placed first in the Class four, Senior Choir at the North Halton Music Festival held at M. Z. Bennett school, Acton, on May 7. The choir sang All Glory to God on High, and a song of their own choice.

## Ottawa Report

By Dr. Frank Philbrook  
HALTON MP



Many constituents have questioned me recently about the state of the economy and what the federal government is doing about it.

Recent headlines tend to be confusing. For instance, news has just come out about finance minister John Turner's hopes for voluntary wage and price restraint by organized labor and business. Time is running out, we are told in the headlines.

Yet the average person sees the Canadian economy as being better off than most other countries, including the United States. And the average person is right. While Canada expects no growth in its economy this year, most other countries are actually experiencing a decline.

What the finance minister is rightly concerned about has to do with the fact that we are a trading nation. About one-third of our total production of goods and services is exported. That's a lot of money. More importantly, a lot of Canadians depend on that export market for their weekly paycheques. The problem is that with double digit wage demands and price increases, we could soon price ourselves out of that huge export market, creating terrible unemployment. The trend in this direction has been evident for many months now.

I don't think organized labor or business should have to solve our problems all alone. All of us should contribute to the leadership that is required by arriving at the consensus John Turner has been working toward and voluntarily setting good examples of wage and price restraint. This is what is being asked of them and, indirectly, of all of us by the federal government.

I know that some will complain that members of parliament have not set a good example with their recent salary increase, but the 33 per cent increase is the first increase in four years (i.e., averaging less than eight per cent a year) and brings the M.P.'s' salaries up to the level recommended for 1970 by the Independent Bear-peace commission.

The whole world is experiencing rough economic times and Canada, although better off than most countries, has to walk a tightrope between inflation and recession, waiting until our trading partners' economies turn around and become healthy once again.

Last Wednesday, I joined three students from the Halton riding who were taking part in the 25th annual "Adventure in Citizenship" program sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Canada. Michael Rigo, of Milton; Tracy Porter of Georgetown, and Steven Buchanan of Acton, were in Ottawa along with 270 other students from across Canada to see their federal government in action.

I enjoyed meeting and talking with them on Government House grounds Wednesday afternoon and then again Wednesday evening at a dinner at the Chateau Laurier. Tracy is a member of the Georgetown Ladies' Pipe Band and had the honor of piping the head table to dinner. Congratulations to them for being selected to take part in this program and to all Rotary clubs for sponsoring such a practical and worthwhile program. Some of the present M.P.'s on hand to greet the students had first visited Ottawa as part of this Rotary club program years ago.

## Transport, housing studies

Halton Regional Council's decision to kill plans for comprehensive transportation and housing studies will leave Halton with "a lightweight document for an official plan," according to Regional Planning Director Ed Cumming.

Mr. Cumming told this newspaper that unless some initiative or study is undertaken, the official plan will be weak compared to what the planning staff feels it should be and compared to what other regions in Central Ontario will have.

"There seems to be real apathy towards studies on all fronts," Mr. Cumming said outside the chamber after hearing the council make its decision.

**Some in favor**  
Inside the chamber, Planning Committee Chairman Mary Munro and a small handful of councillors fought to have the studies authorized.

The two studies on housing and transportation were to be subsidized by the province by 100 percent and 80 percent respectively.

Halton Hills councillor Ric Morrow headed up the opposition towards the housing study. "I'm a member of the planning committee and sat for three hours while firms were interviewed and while they told us what we'd get. During the three hours I became disillusioned and disappointed."

"We didn't know what we wanted, they didn't know what we needed and it won't do us any good anyway. I don't believe the subsidy should alter our decision. We should do what we need when we need it, not what someone else says we need," he said.

Oakville Councillor Gord Brown opposed the housing study as well. "My municipality has been a leader in commissioning these useless reports that serve no purpose."



CLASS EIGHT, Triple Duet grades five and six category at the North Halton Music Festival was won by M. Z. Bennett girls. The festival was held at M. Z. Bennett school on May 7. Left to right are Lana McMullen, Susan Kinal, Adela Titon, Suzanne Civiera, Linda Zions and Helen Kockx.

In defending the study, Mrs. Munro indicated the region does not have the people on staff to do the study. "If we'd had this data in the past that we are seeking perhaps we wouldn't need an \$8,800,000 sewage plant or be faced with \$1,000,000 in debt charges over the next 15 years," she charged.

Oakville Councillor Terry Mannell said the swing against the study reflected the fact that councillors don't recognize the regional planning role.

"It seems that you are saying 'I'm okay Jack, leave me alone. I have my planning, my housing and my transportation' underway, leave me alone!"

Mannell interpreted the vote as a message from the four area municipalities to the region—the message being that the areas did not want the region involved in planning. "If that is the way the group feels, say so, don't play

games," he suggested. He said the attitude reflected the fact that the councillors were voting as area or town councillors rather than regional councillors, and he claimed the move was an indication of the councillors resisting the region's role in planning.

"From my year on county council it seems they were much more capable of thinking regionally than this council is," he added.

Chairman Allan Masson said he felt the planning and transportation advisory com-

mittee had been dealt a serious blow. "You've done a good job, I'm sorry to see this happen."

Both studies were killed. The housing study died on a 16-5 recorded vote with councillors Ted Ralfe, Bill Mason, Terry Mannell, Mary Munro, Pat McLaughlin and Carl Eriksen being the only supporters of the motion.

Mr. Eriksen said he had opposed regional government because he felt the costs outweighed the advantages. "It appears we will have all of

the costs and none of the advantages."

The two studies were to have played integral parts in the development of the region's first official plan. The region is committed to coming up with the plan within the life of the council and it appears now that the region won't make that deadline.

The housing study would have attempted to provide a guide as to what housing should be available and the impact of new housing on the region.

## Not much to tell groups

Members of Halton Region's Planning Committee don't have anything that they could tell the members of various agricultural groups in the region concerning potential freezes on their land.

That's the sentiment of committee chairman Mary Munro and members of her

committee. The committee entertained a request from the Halton Federation of Agriculture asking Mrs. Munro to convene a meeting of the various agricultural groups to discuss land use in the region.

The Federation has promoted a plan that would freeze agricultural land in the region and preserve that land for future generations.

Hope to sell  
That proposal brought violent opposition from many farmers in the region who

hope some day to sell their land and realize considerable gain on the transaction.

The committee agreed to send the group copies of the interim policies passed by the region and agreed to host a regular meeting of the committee in the area and entertain any agricultural group as a delegation.

"It would look like we were floundering if we attempted to tell anyone about future policies -- and we are floundering," councillor Terry Mannell said.

**Welcome input**  
Committee member Ric Morrow said the people should be welcomed if they have any input on matters that will affect them but he agreed there was little or no information the committee could give them at this point.

The committee's plans for official plan studies were rejected by council at the last meeting.

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**BURLINGTON O.P.P. Constable George Wood displays his Harley Davidson motorcycle at the Acton detachment's Police Week display last Thursday.**

**Church Services**

<p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA TRINITY CHURCH, ACTON</b></p> <p>Rev. W. Eric Nelson, M.A., B.D.—Minister Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D. Director of Music</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 25, 1975</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m.—Public Worship 10:00 a.m.—Sunday Church School</p> <p>Sunday School promotion day. Books for sale in the narthex. Everyone Welcome</p> <p><b>BAHA'I FAITH</b></p> <p>You are warmly invited to attend a fireside discussion Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m. Phone 877-3497.</p> <p>"Souls are like unto mirrors, and the bounty of God is like unto the sun. When the mirrors pass beyond all colouring and attain purity and polish, and are confronted with the sun, they will reflect in full perfection its light and glory."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Abdu'l-Baha</p>	<p><b>EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE</b></p> <p>P.A.O.C. 33 Church Hill Rd. N. Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor 853-2715</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 25, 1975</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service 7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangelistic</p> <p>Tuesday 8 p.m. Prayer Service and Bible Study.</p> <p>Thursday 6:00 p.m.—Crusaders</p> <p>Friday 8:00 p.m.—Christ's Ambassadors</p> <p><b>ALL ARE WELCOME!</b></p> <p>Excellent free town Bus Service for children and adults to and from Sunday School on the "All Red Bus." Also Rural pick-up. For information phone 853-2715 or 853-0766.</p> <p>Romans 5: 1 and 2 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ!</p> <p>By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.</p>	<p><b>THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR</b></p> <p>1872—Anglican—1974 Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Dr. Rev. Leonard Ewing Rector Director of Music Mrs. Frank Oakes</p> <p>Thursday, May 22 7:30 p.m.—Holy Eucharist</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 25, 1975</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.—Sunday Eucharist 10:30 a.m.—Church School and Nursery</p> <p>Tuesday, May 27 4:15 p.m.—Confirmation Class</p>
<p><b>ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b></p> <p>80 Mill Street East, Founded 1842 Pastor: Mr. Das Sydney B.Sc., M. Div. Pastor's Phone—853-1835</p> <p>Thursday, May 22 7:00 p.m.—Choir Practice</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 25, 1975</b></p> <p>9:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:00 p.m.—Evening Fellowship at the home of Mr. &amp; Mrs. H. Swallow</p>	<p><b>CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b></p> <p>Churchill Road North Minister: The Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, B.A., M. Div. 124 Tidy Avenue Phone 853-2386</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 25, 1975</b></p> <p>11:00 a.m.—Worship and Church School Sermon Subject: "The Larger Loyalty"</p> <p>Wed., May 28 8:00 p.m.—C.C.C.W. meeting at the home of Mr. &amp; Mrs. Frank Thompson. The church on the hill is an interdenominational congregation, ministering to the needs of the community. All Welcome</p>	<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON</b></p> <p>Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.—Minister Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 25, 1975</b></p> <p>9:45 a.m.—Minister's Confirmation Class for Teenagers.</p> <p>11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Sermon Subject: "Please, Make Up Your Mind!" 11:00 a.m.—Church School for Beginners, Kindergarten and Grades 1 to 8. Everyone Most Welcome</p>
<p><b>BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH</b> (Churchill Rd. and Hwy. 7) Minister: Rev. J. Corvers</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 25, 1975</b></p> <p>Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Pre-school Sunday School during the morning service. Sunday School during the afternoon service.</p> <p>You are welcome</p>	<p><b>MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH</b></p> <p>177 Maple Ave., Georgetown (A Fellowship Baptist Church)</p> <p>Pastor: Rev. Robt. C. Lohnes Associate Pastor: Rev. Don Gorrie.</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 25, 1975</b></p> <p>9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 6:30 p.m.—Evening Fellowship</p> <p>Thought—Christ rules the day when Christ rules the mind.</p> <p>A Friendly Welcome Awaits You</p>	