## Christian school asks for equal tax help

Georgetown District Christian School is among 45 independent schools in Ontario asking the provincial government to give them equal financial treatment with the public and secondary schools of the province. The group which includes Protestant, Hebrew, Montessori and other schools represents about 20,000 students across Ontario. An association was

formed in 1974. Lyle McBurney, executive director of the association, said there are 50,000 children attending 300 independent schools across the province. "The parents pay their full share of public school costs like anyone else, but the schools their children attend get no lax support," he said. The association claims the United Nations Declaration of

Human Rights gives all parents the right to choose the kind of education their children will receive. Today this is a right available only to the wealthy or to parents willing to make great financial sacrifices for their children, spokesmen note.

It also claims that in many cases parents are forced to support the public school system and send their children to public schools even though there are other schools which come closer to their social, educational, philosophical or religious values.

The association wants the

Ontarlo government to philosophy of education or support any school that meets methodology of education reasonable standards set by the Minister of Education. The secretary of the association of Alternative and Independent Schools said the their schools now provide excellent education generally at a lower cost than the public

At the inaugural conference, held recently in Toronto, 450 delegates urged the government to give. financial support to all schools in the province, without regard to the fices.

which characterizes those schools, provided (they) meet just and equilable standards set by the Minister of Education for all schools.

Parents of children in the Georgetown District Christian School must pay the full cost of tuition without government aid. Over 200 children from Halton Hills attend the school which is located on Trafalgar Road (seventh Line) across from Halton Hills municipal of-

## \$300 job on erosion

The town of Halton Hills will share equally with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority in a erosion control project on the Credit River. by the Logan property. The cost is not to exceed

Councillor Pat McKenzie asked if Mrs. Logan had been asked to contribute. "No, not after all the work Councillor Ern Hyde.

we did down the river," commented Mayor Tom Hill. He sald this was between the town and the CVCA. The mayor explained the

area needing work was by the river bank near the last bridge in Glen Williams. "We should get the work done and help everybody along the bank." commented

#### Evcavation rulings deferred

Council has decided to defer a decision on a by-law which would require contractors who want to do any excavations on Halton Hills streets to give the town a \$300 deposit. The money would be refunded if the street is properly fixed up after work is completed.

Town engineer Peter Morris said the by-law was drawn up to be used temporarily until an excavation by-law can be

addresses Halton Liberals Oakville's Trafalgar Hall filled with area Liberals Wednesday evening when flery Senator Keith Davey

visited the local riding with

Halton MP Dr. Frank

Philbrook, It was the Halton

Annual meeting

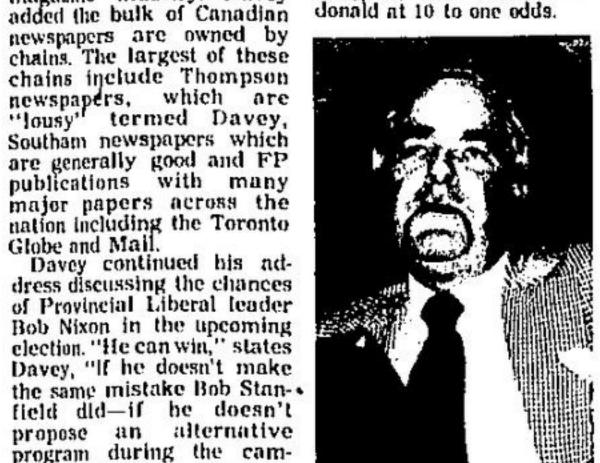
Liberals' annual meeting. Davey, best remembered for his Senate investigations into the mass media in 1970, was appointed to the Senate in 1960 by Prime Minister Lester Pearson. Davey cochaired the national Liberal campaign in the 1974 election. Davey told the Liberals

that while the media serves as an adequate check on the government, there is no check on the media-noting all forms of media can omit or include facts as they see fit, to affect the meaning of the news item. Davey feels accurate newspaper reporting is "just a rock bottom requirement."

Affects relations Davey also stated the media has a profound affect on Canadian-American relationships, noting the massive influence American news sources have on major Canadian newspapers. "The media should promote our differences," emphasized Davey.

Regarding the upcoming The senator also referred to federal Progressive Conthe Time, Reader's Digest servative leadership convenissue where the federal enacted. The works committee defered it until the next meeting, government is taking steps to tion, or "the what does it

gave Alberta premier Peter Lougheed the best chance of taking the leadership at five to one odds, followed by Kingston MP Flora Macdonald at 10 to one odds.



Senator Keith Davey

largegains in the last election because Stanfield and the Davey continued glving Progressive Conservatives present leader Bob Stanfield gave the Liberals something 15 to one odds Ontario premier to attack during the cam-Bill Davis and former prime minister John Diefenbaker at 20 to one odds along with New Brunswick premier Richard Hatfield at 25 to one. Other potenial PC leaders include

matter sweepstakes", as Sinclair Stevens at 30 to one, Davey termed it, the senator Claude Wagner at 40 to one, David Crombie at 50 to one, John Robarts at 75 to one, Darcy McKeough at 80 to one, Paul Hellyer at 95 to one and George Hees at 100 to one.

#### Philbrook address

Dr. Philbrook addressed the crowd, noting legislation Even if you're 73 years old, has been passing through Parliament at a heavy rate with "long, arduous debates" in both houses. Philbrook feels the major issues before ambitions to your abilities, the government are the economy, law and order and essential services. "The more we study them," added Philbrook, "the more we realize how complicated they

Philbrook continued, saying he had personally been involved with legislation affecting the new federal Business Development Bank, the Export Development Corporation, the Competition Bill, the Amendment to Upgrade Senior Citizens Benefits and the Status of Women as well as defence and foreign policy programs, new housing measures and budgets of several depart-

Philbrook is a veteran of close to a year in the federal legislature.

## Let's talk about horses

by Jennifer Barr



People frequently call to "talk about horses" and often end up sighing "I wish I'd learned to ride but it's too late now.

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Prix show jumper, but you can always learn to ride. have one arm and bad breath, you can still ride a horse. If you are content to be realistic and adapt your anything is possible.

Find teacher First you must find a teacher. You will probably be happier learning privately from a knowledgeable friend than go to a pony-club-orientated riding school. It's disconcerting to be struggling with the walk and have a saucy ten year old flash by at a canter.

However, some local riding schools have classes for mature adults. Phone around and go visit some.

When a teacher has been found, make sure the horse is a short, chunky, easy going fellow. Small horses are not so frightening and they are easter to get on. He must be well-trained and patient. Be patient with yourself as

well. Don't get discouraged if you are nervous and your muscles refuse to co-operate for more time than you feel necessary. Persevere and things will fall into place eventually. After 10 or 12 lessons you should be fairly comfortable at a walk, trot and maybe a canter. However, if this is not the case and you're still interested, stick with it. Something you have to work hard for is much

more rewarding. The outside of a horse is good for the inside of a human. The joy and accomplishment one feels after a good ride when you have felt 'at one' with the horse, are worth a great deal

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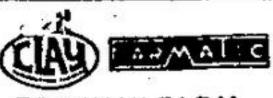
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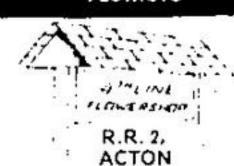
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