

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 tax 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

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

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

\$300 job on erosion

The town of Halton Hills will share equally with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority in an erosion control project on the Credit River, by the Logan property. The cost is not to exceed \$300.

Councillor Pat McKenzie asked if Mrs. Logan had been asked to contribute.

"No, not after all the work

Excavation 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 enacted. The works committee deferred it until the next meeting.

philosophy of education or methodology of education which characterizes those schools, provided (they) meet just and equitable 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 offices.

we did down the river," commented Mayor Tom Hill. He said 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 Councillor Ern Hyde.

Annual meeting

Senator Keith Davey addresses Halton Liberals

Oakville's Trafalgar Hall filled with area Liberals Wednesday evening when fiery Senator Keith Davey visited the local riding with Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook. It was the Halton Liberals' annual meeting.

Davey, best remembered for his Senate investigations into the mass media in 1970, was appointed to the Senate in 1966 by Prime Minister Lester Pearson. Davey co-chaired 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 effect on Canadian-American relationships, noting the massive influence American news sources have on major Canadian newspapers. "The media should promote our differences," emphasized Davey.

The senator also referred to the Time, Reader's Digest issue where the federal government is taking steps to

cut back Canadian support of these American based magazines. Davey feels less support given American publications will encourage growth in the Canadian magazine industry. Davey added the bulk of Canadian newspapers are owned by chains. The largest of these newspapers, which are "lousy," termed Davey, Southern newspapers which are generally good and FP publications with many major papers across the nation including the Toronto Globe and Mail.

Davey continued his address discussing the chances of Provincial Liberal leader Bob Nixon in the upcoming election. "He can win," states Davey. "If he doesn't make the same mistake Bob Stanfield did—if he doesn't propose an alternative program during the campaign and concentrates on attacking Tory policies."

Davey told the crowd the federal Liberals made such large gains in the last election because Stanfield and the Progressive Conservatives gave the Liberals something to attack during the campaign.

Regarding the upcoming federal Progressive Conservative leadership convention, or "the what does it

matter sweepstakes", as Davey termed it, the senator 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

Davey continued giving present leader Bob Stanfield 15 to one odds, Ontario premier 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 potential PC leaders include

Sinclair Stevens at 30 to one, Claude Wagner at 40 to one, David Crombie at 50 to one, John Roberts at 75 to one, Paul 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 has been passing through Parliament at a heavy rate with "long, arduous debates" in both houses. Philbrook feels the major issues before 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 are."

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 departments.

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."

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE! You may never be a Grand Prix show jumper, but you can always learn to ride. Even if you're 72 years old, have one arm and had breath, you can still ride a horse.

If you are content to be realistic and adapt your ambitions to your abilities, 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-oriented riding school. It's disconcerting to be struggling with the walk and have a savvy 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 easier 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.

Why not?

When you want to purchase a horse, make sure it's a safe friendly animal, not too difficult to handle. Get a comfortable saddle too. Why be miserable when you don't have to be.

If you end up loving horses but not really happy riding, why don't you get a donkey? A nicer pet is to be found—easy to keep, amusing, affectionate, fun for the grandchildren, and you don't have to do anything but love it.

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