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"The House never experienced that with Premier Frost and Premier Robarts. They were both gentlemen." Aikens criticized the province's handling of regional governments in the province. He said regional government takes government away from the people where it is hard to know who to call for what problem and who is your representative.

Balanced growth Aikens told the meeting that the province should take greater steps to encourage a balanced growth in the

province. "I don't know how you feel about growth down this way but up our way we have some land that isn't as prime as yours and would like to have some developed to give the people a chance at a better way of life."

He pointed out the way it is now, young people from the Lindsay area have to come to the Toronto area to get jobs. "We don't need new communities. All we have to do is to stimulate the ones we have now. They are fine places to live in."

Halton MP Frank Philbrook spoke briefly and reported on a number of issues currently being discussed in Ottawa.

Philbrook pledged his support for Ontario Liberal Leader Stuart Smith. "We'll not only pull for him but we'll be out to help him win."

The MP said he was continuing his fight to keep Georgetown in the Halton federal riding but acknowledged he was up against tough odds.

## Grant Caseley leads Liberals

Grant Caseley of Georgetown was acclaimed president of the Halton-Burlington Liberal Association Wednesday night at a meeting in Milton.

Caseley replaces long time president and party worker Frank Allen of Georgetown. Mr. Caseley served as treasurer last year and was one of several Halton Liberals attending the Provincial Leadership race in Toronto at which Dr. Stuart Smith was elected leader.

Name executive Elected to serve with Caseley on the executive are the following people, executive vice-president Laurie Reed of Milton, treasurer Bruce McIntyre of Georgetown, vice presidents

## Have banjo will speak

Have banjo will travel could be a theme for Halton Burlington MPP Julian Reed. Reporting to the riding association's first meeting, Mr. Reed said he had been to many riding associations as a guest speaker since being elected.

"That doesn't indicate that I am a good speaker but simply that I had the audacity to play my banjo at the leadership convention."

## Philbrook reports

Halton MP Frank Philbrook had no shortage of puns when he spoke to a Liberal annual meeting in Milton Wednesday.

"The Lockheed deal is still up in the air, the Law and Order Bill is under the gun and the Capital Punishment Bill is still hanging around."

"On our new energy policy, we sold India Canda reactors and now we are telling them what they can't do."



## "Sandy" retires

Alexander "Sandy" McEachern retired from Goy Cartage after 27 years as a road driver.

Mr. McEachern, 62, took an early retirement because of health reasons, John Goy Sr. said.

Mr. McEachern, of Side-road 25, recently was awarded the 19 year pin for safe driving.

Goy employees gave Mr. McEachern a special wall clock with a truck figure during a party at Stephen Goy's place. Mrs. McEachern received flowers while her husband was given a wallet.

Mr. McEachern started as a road driver in January 1949.

TORONTO RADIAL RAILROAD in Nassagaweya opened for another season on Sunday. To celebrate the opening, a bake sale was held for the people waiting for their train. Mrs. Mary Coleman and Mrs. Joan Johns were busy during the morning setting up all the delicious-looking goodies.

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## Route opponents meet on June 1

Members of the Interested Citizens Group asking for an independent study of the Bradley Junction to Georgetown hydro corridor are holding a special meeting at Stewarttown hall on Tuesday, June 1, at 8 p.m.

Officers of the Interested citizens point out everyone is invited to attend who is interested in the effects of the proposed hydro corridor and expropriation by Ontario Hydro.

The group is still fighting Hydro's plans to continue with the corridor despite Energy Minister Dennis Timbrell's permission for the work to begin. The corridor, with its 160 foot high towers and 500,000 volts, marches almost through the centre of Halton Hills.

Both the NDP opposition and the Liberals have advocated an independent study

Mr. Timbrell has argued he cannot wait for another independent study because Ontario must tap the energy sources at the Bruce nuclear plant which will soon be available. The interested Citizens maintain alternative corridors already owned by Ontario Hydro are available to carry the power without disturbing prime farm land along the Bradley to Georgetown route.

The decision to proceed with the corridor has precipitated several violent incidents against Hydro officials by farmers in the Mount Forest and Durham areas.

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