

# Heart fund up \$500 over last year's total

The Heart Fund campaign closed up its monthly drive in Acton by raising \$3,200, an increase of \$500 over last year, according to chairman Vic Bristow.

"Once again, the diligent and dedicated work of 86 volunteer canvassers and the generosity of the people of Acton have made it possible to turn over an amount of money that will help greatly with heart research," Mr. Bristow said. "To those who give generously of their time and their money, much thanks is due."

Of the money collected, 93 per cent goes into heart research, according to the organizer.

**Few unfair**

Mr. Bristow had nothing but praise for the volunteer canvassers. "The one thing that is hard to understand is that some of the volunteer canvassers are subjected to unfair treatment by a few people who seem to think that these people are getting something for themselves. It is to the canvassers' credit

that they are understanding enough to carry on and do their job under these circumstances. As campaign chairman I cannot find words to thank these people enough for the help they give me each year, because without them, the job could never be done. They are the ones who really deserve the credit."

Canvassers were Mrs. Colin Agar, Mrs. N. Aitken, Mrs. G. Ashley, Mrs. B. Anderson, Mrs. A. Arnold, Mrs. K. Andrews, Mrs. W. Andrews, Mrs. D. Aldridge, Mrs. F. Allen, H. Assadourian.

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**INSTRUCTOR VALERIE Johnson** shows Pamela Jodoin, Storey Dr., the next step in the making of an owl pendant in the weekly macrame class in the Y. In the foreground is Jayne Telford, also working on a pendant. The class is a popular "repeat."



**MACRAME POT holders** are fashioned in the Y class by Flo Bowen, R. R. 1 (left) and Tell Connolly, Elmore Dr., (right). The friendly class is Thursday evenings in the Y.

# Philbrook turns down free foreign trips

Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook doesn't accept free trips from other countries and doesn't travel abroad on government business unless the Canadian government foots the bill.

Recently there has been some controversy surrounding the subject of MPs accepting free trips to foreign countries.

In an interview this week, Philbrook said there is some concern on Parliament Hill regarding these free trips and possible conflicts of interest since they encourage an MP to develop a favorable attitude towards a country.

He noted many nations, especially third world countries, are offering politicians and reporters free trips. If a person goes looking for them it's easy to line up several each year.

Philbrook said he received and declined an offer last October to spend the week between Christmas and New Years in Israel.

"It's my personal rule not to accept free trips since they could appear to be a gift or an attempt to influence my judgment," he said.

Philbrook added an extra reason for turning down the trip was the tension filled conflicts in the Middle East.

"I'm not accepting any trip offers unless they are official Canadian government trips that are paid for by Canada."

Since going to Ottawa in 1974 he has taken two trips as a representative of Canada.

Early in his term he represented Health and Welfare Minister Marc Lalonde as head of the Canadian delegation to Sri Lanka, formerly Ceylon, at the fourth Commonwealth Medical Conference.

In the spring of 1976 he went to Mexico as a member of the Canadian delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, a meeting of backbenchers from around the world.

In addition he has gone to the last two Liberal International meetings and expects to attend this year's session also. He pays for the trips himself. In 1975 he went to Edinburgh, Brussels in 1976 and will go to Corsica this year.

Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe MP Ross Milne who will try for the Liberal nomination in the new riding of Brampton-Halton Hills hasn't received any offers of free trips from foreign countries.

The only trip outside of Canada he has taken since election in 1974 was last summer when he accompanied then Minister of Indian Affairs Judd Buchanan to New Zealand, Milne and Buchanan went to New Zealand for 10 days to study the method used there to settle land claims.

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**Barn destroyed**

A fire Monday, March 14 completely destroyed an abandoned barn located at Shelo Ranch on the sixth line of Eramosa township. The fire was reported at about 11:30 p.m.

# Home and School wants parents on committees

Halton Home and School would like to see parents sitting on Halton Board of Education committees, President Pat Webster told trustees Thursday.

In her presentation Mrs. Webster noted some time ago the board allowed a parent to sit on a committee and received over 30 applications for the position.

She noted the board has indicated strong support for the idea of public participation in education and it would be an excellent step in that direction to have parents on the finance ad hoc committees. The Home and School group believes the committees looking at teacher absenteeism and remedial studies would benefit from parent membership.

Mrs. Webster said the Home and School Council

believes all parents want to know more about education.

Her suggestion that the parent members of committees be full voting members wasn't greeted with approval by trustees who thought only elected officials should be able to vote.

Several however appeared receptive to the idea of parent appointees serving as observers on committees and offering input from the public.

It was also noted by board members that since only parents of children attending 13 Halton schools are members of Home and School, members of the public ap-

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# Reed says

# Cut or eliminate sales tax

Ontario should do away with the sales tax but first Queen's Park must find another way of raising the revenue it now receives from the tax, Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed says. At this time he supports a cut in sales tax to stimulate the economy similar to the cut from seven to five per cent instituted for a time in 1975.

In an interview this week, following a meeting with representatives of the Brampton and District Labor Congress, Reed says he isn't in favor of the sales tax.

He says the sales tax imposes a hardship on the people who can least afford it, low income earners. Reed notes low income earners must buy the same basic goods as everyone else.

The Liberal MPP also says it is a burden on the small businessman who must collect the sales tax.

At the same time he realizes the revenue lost if sales tax is abolished must be recouped elsewhere or government programs must be dropped.

"It would be great to eliminate the sales tax and I'm all for programs. We can't have things both ways," Reed explained.

He thinks if the government moved to zero based budgeting enough money might be trimmed from government costs to end the need for the sales tax. Reed noted sales tax brought \$1.3 billion in government coffers in 1975-76 and is expected to raise \$1.8 billion in 1976-77.

Reed says he thinks a cut from seven to five per cent would be a good way to stimulate the economy, noting it worked in 1975. "It seems to me it would be beneficial to stimulate the economy."

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