

### Jelinek poll

## Take away right to strike—voters

Most voters in Halton Conservation candidate Otto Jelinek's present riding (High Park-Humber Valley) feel the right to strike should be taken away from those working in essential services, according to a poll the MP took recently. Jelinek said he received 2,000 returns from the 35,000

households in the city riding. Eighty-three per cent said "yes" to taking away the right to strike, while 12 per cent were not in favor and three per cent were undecided. His seven-part poll also asked if people favor the PC party proposals on mortgage interest and property tax

deductibility, and 64 per cent said yes, 20 per cent no. On constitutional changes, 33 per cent favored changes while 52 per cent were not in favor. Wage and price guidelines should continue to be enforced until such time as inflation is brought under control, said 79 per cent,

while 12 per cent felt the guidelines should be dropped. Capital punishment for first degree murderers found favor with 80 per cent of the respondents. Twelve per cent were against it. Closest vote was seen in abortion on demand, which 43 per cent favored and 41 per cent rejected. A further 15 per cent were undecided.

Asked what they feel are the most important issues affecting Canadians today, the respondents listed them in this order: Inflation, government spending, unemployment, strikes and walkouts, national unity, immigration, and law and order.

## Council opposed to topless waitresses

There will be no topless waitresses in Halton Hills, if an endorsement by council of an Oakville motion has any effect.

Oakville is circulating a motion asking the province to enact legislation to prohibit topless waitresses and control the distribution of pornography, either on newsstands or in television. The original request came to Oakville council from St. Dominic's parish asking Oakville council to spearhead a drive against topless waitresses, dancers strippers or nude or partially nude floor shows. They also sought a ban on pornography on public newsstands, television, movies and magazines. Councillor Mike Armstrong said he understood the Legislature intended to leave any such decisions to the municipalities and said he would discuss it when the legislation was changed.



A TEA PARTY at Christmas time is never a bad idea, and the Halton Museum at the Kelso Conservation area held several such parties last week. Four Acton ladies, Margaret Wallis, Shirley Broostad, Margaret Wilson and Ruth

Leatherland, visited the museum and had an enjoyable afternoon relaxing among the historical artifacts. The museum is always especially decorated for Christmas.

## Planning board turns shopping plaza down

The building of a major shopping centre at the corner of Churchill Boulevard and Highway 7, Acton, was turned down by Halton Hills Planning Board this week. The board recommended against rezoning sought by Landawn Shopping Centre Ltd., the same company now building a shopping plaza in Georgetown, next to Gordon Alcott arena. They termed it premature, contending Acton has insufficient population to support the plaza, without a noticeable impact on the existing shopping areas. A report prepared by Henry Joseph, of the Research and Planning Division of A. E. LePage contended the 97,950 square foot shopping plaza could be sustained without the building of homes in the Acton East area. Another report, prepared for Acton Downtown Business Association, claimed the shopping plaza could not function without adverse effect on existing stores. Councillor Ed Wood declared a conflict of interest and said he would not discuss the proposal.

Councillor Roy Booth said there was no conflict, simply because Wood was a downtown merchant. Wood stuck to his guns and refused to comment. Planner Mario Venditti said Jerry Sprackman, of Landawn Shopping Centres wanted the discussion deferred since he was unable to attend. Told by Venditti there was no new information, planning board decided to deal with the issue immediately. Councillor Ross Knechtel commented, "I'm afraid people will think we are being cavalier with this issue." In October, planning board had deemed the matter "immature" after Mr. Sprackman claimed there had been a misinterpretation of a report on the shopping drawing and wanted to clarify it. At a meeting in early November, the board took a second look at the proposed project after Mr. Sprackman presented another report to them. At that time, they voted to refer the matter back for further staff study and a report.

### Evangelist says:

## Darwin, Freud destructive

"Our youth are being brainwashed to accept as science, the suicidal seductions of Darwin and Freud in our public schools", according to Milton evangelist, Ken Campbell, who views these philosophies as "cults which are every bit as destructive and devastating to their millions of followers as the religion which produced the horror of Jonestown!" These remarks were contained in a letter to Dr. Bette Stephenson, the Ontario Minister of Education, protesting the family life course content in the public school system. He charged that the schools are dominated by what Tom Harpur, religion editor of the Toronto

Star termed "the religion of secularism" based on "the atheistic assumptions of Darwinian mythology and the moral relativism of Freudian heresy." "Darwinian mythology cons our kids into believing that they are mere animals, a collection of meaningless molecules moving through a purposeless time-space spectrum!" "Freudian heresy dogmatizes that the only sexual sin is to 'repress oneself!'" Campbell substantiated his charge by quoting world famous psychiatrist, Dr. Viktor Frankl: "Pornography, crimes of violence, alcoholism, and the growing suicide rate among young people are only symptoms of a much deeper sickness in the modern soul...despair over meaninglessness, is the source of most of society's present ills. The doctor accused many modern educators of re-enforcing the meaninglessness felt by youth and of undermining their enthusiasm because they hold forth a view of man which reduces him to the level of 'nothing but an animal'." The evangelist reminded the Minister that he'd been paying the educational portion of his property taxes "under protest to Queen's Park" since 1974, as the

## Cost of hydro up again

The cost of hydro is going up again—this time 7.4 per cent. Acton Hydro Electric Commission was forced to raise their rates after Ontario Hydro announced they would be charging local municipalities 9.8 per cent more. The local commission plans to absorb the difference. The commission applied for the increase last month, but approval just came through last week, according to office manager Audrey Urquhart. The increase will show up on the January bills, for juice used in November and December. The increase will average out to about \$1.10 per month

more on the average bill. Commissioners explain that if a family uses less hydro, their increase will be less, and logically, if a family uses more, their increase will be greater. Industries will also be receiving the same increase. The commission feels they have held the rate hike down to a minimum in light of past increases. They explained that because of export sales of hydro, Ontario Hydro did not find it necessary to ask for too great an increase from the local commissions. Local commissions in return, passed the savings on to customers.

## Commission okays course for linesmen

Two Acton Hydro Electric Commission employees will be sent to a special high tension lines course in April and May in order to update their knowledge of their jobs.

At the commission's monthly meeting Thursday, superintendent Doug Mason told the group that sooner or later, regional hydro will be forced upon them. He explained that at the present time there are no high tension lines in Acton, but if regionalism comes into effect, they will probably be installed. When this happens, the local workers will not know how to work with them and there is a chance local men will be passed over for more knowledgeable people. Mr. Mason said he did not want to see this happen, and explained there was a course in high tension lines in Milton,

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## Les Duby elected planning chairman

Councillor Les Duby will serve as chairman of Halton Hills planning board for the next year, with Councillor Mike Armstrong as vice-chairman. Councillor Roy Booth who has been planning board chairman for the past three years, said he felt he could no longer serve as Halton Hills planning board chairman, since he is now regional planning chairman. He nominated Duby for the post saying he had acted as vice-chairman for the last two years and assisted him in many ways. Armstrong remarked anyone filling Booth's shoes would have a hard job. Duby suggested it might be better to have a Georgetown councillor as chairman since the planning department is located in Georgetown. Planning board overruled him and voted him the chairmanship. Mayor Pete Pomerooy pointed out Booth brought knowledge of regional and Niagara Escarpment Commission planning to council.



Les Duby

Board defers replying to Renaissance Halton Board of Education trustees are going to do some homework before replying to a letter from Renaissance International President Ken Campbell. At the suggestion of Halton Hills trustee Betty Fisher the board deferred an immediate reply when it considered Campbell's letter during Thursday's meeting at Burlington. The Board took a position concerning morals education in May, 1976, and almost confirmed it Thursday when John Bradley, Halton Hills and Milton Separate School trustee reminded Board chairman Bill Herd that more than 50 per cent of the board changed since the last stand. "We should read the brief again, then give our position," Bradley said.

## Bus drivers okay contract

School bus drivers in Halton ratified their first collective agreement Monday with Travelways School Transit Ltd. The 180 drivers, members of Local 2177 of Canadian Union of Public Employees, provide transport in Oakville and Burlington for Halton Board of Education and Halton Separate School Boards. Transport is also provided from Halton Hills for a number of students attending classes in the south of the region. School bus drivers in Halton Hills are not, however, members of the local. The contract is for two years and the final details were worked out in a lengthy mediation meeting in Oakville during the weekend. The drivers were in a legal position to strike since Dec. 9. Main issues in the talks were seniority, wages, and qualifications for becoming a full time driver.

## Chimney

There was no damage following a chimney fire in a R.R. 1 Acton home last Wednesday evening, according to Halton Hills fire chief Mick Holmes.

## Shopper Specials

SYLVANIA 12" Black & White \$9995 Portable Model MW5010WH Cabinet in Ivory colored plastic Sylvania 100% solid-state chassis Sylvania A.G.C. Black-and-White rectangular picture tube (12" diagonal). Front-mounted speaker Monopole VHF, loop UHF antennas. W-16 1/2", H-11 1/2", D-10 1/4". WHILE QUANTITIES LAST

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