Halton Chairman Jack Raftis stands only five-foot-eight but his new position puts him head and shoulders above the rest of regional council when it comes to leadership. Development of industry and commercial assessment within the region will be his main objectives,

\$2,100 in damages

from traffic accidents

Hammond, 125 Longfield Rd.

The accident occurred Friday

Police say one car was

going east on Meadvale Road.

while the other was west-

bound. One of the vehicles

The least property damage

# New chairman grasps helm with confidence

ience is the quality Halton Regional Chairman Jack Raftis uses to find which way the political wind is blowing.

Raftis, who has been called a fox by Mayor Don Gordon for his uncanny ability to oush the things which can be approved and to drop those which generate opposition, said he always listens when councillors are debating.

"Is he speaking with conviction or is he speaking

for political purposes?" Raftis said a person who speaks with conviction will speak with emotion, will be organized in the presentation of the facts, will probably have spoken to him and the staff beforehand and will be committed to what he

is saying. A person who doesn't exhibit these characteristics is usually speaking for political and can be

Raftis said his training as Intuition based on exper- an engineer has enabled him to cut through the rhetoric to the facts.

"That's what an engineer is trained to do," he said, "to operate on the facts.

Raftis has an ability to shift the wheat from the chaff. At the first meeting of the Halton Health and Social Services Committee Tuesday, Dec. 19, he cut through the jargon and reams of information presented by a group of consultants, to the true costs

of what they were saying. The ability was earned through 25 years in the business world, 15 in the arena of municipal politics.

Starting with Canadian General Electric after he graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in business and engineering in 1953, Raftis has been with the company ever since, rising to be manager of the northern Ontario division and then the western division, the

position he continues to hold. His philosophy of leadership is based on allowing people to follow their own heads in that they achieve on

their own merits. If they don't, or are unwilling, Mr. Raftis sald the only solution is "to scare the hell

out of them." Perhaps no other person in Halton is as well qualified to be its chairman.

As he himself said, "I have served my apprenticeship." Ratfis was chairman of the committee on regional government when it was proposed for Sudbury.

Deputy-mayor of the city at that time (1972), he investigated other municipalities which had been incorporated as regional municipalities.

When he moved to Burlington and was elected to office, he ran as regional councillor because of his experience.

His engineering abilities were recognized when he was

Having decided to step

about whether the exterior of

region's

One of council's accomp-

term was the decision to build

It and the decision to select

passing the official plan,

ment office and approving

uniform water rates rank as

Morrow's other accomp-

the new regional building.

headquarters will rust.

appointed chairman of the public works committee, a position he held for five

During that time (1974-78) the region built and let contracts for several major water and sewage projects.

Now that he has the reigns of power in his hands, Raftis said he is going to make the development of industrial and commercial assessment his main priority.

"People want jobs," he

"Where are they going to find them if someone doesn't go out and bring them here?" The chairman said he will spend most of next year with Bill Marshall, Halton's

development officer. Created by former chairman Ric Morrow, the department is the key to the future in the eyes of Raftis. A strong regional person,

Raftis said it is important for people and the communities they live in, to retain their dentity. "Everything should be

filtered through the local representatives," he said. Thus, it is important to have the four mayors on the administration committee

because it is through them regional government will be administered. . Raftis is an English name. Coming from a farming

package of golf balls. Now family which homesteaded at that he no longer has to Arthur, north of Guelph, commit his time to being Halton's new chairman is He said the hardest thing is

to shoulder the blame in order to allow another councillor to walk away with pride. Although it is difficult, the

The quip was made by responsibility doesn't bother someone familiar with the "When I walk out of the meeting," he said, "I forget lishments during Morrow's

"I don't have any problem

## Golden Agers meet for Christmas

The Christmas meeting of singing conducted by Mrs. Acton Golden Age Club was Merkley accompanied by celebrated on Wednesday Mrs. Mann and readings by Dec. 20 with a pot luck sup- some of the members. Acton

After supper the tables tained by singing and playing were cleared, followed by a carols. A choir of the group's program consisting of carol own ladies sang "The Battle Get Together".

Citizens' Band also enter-

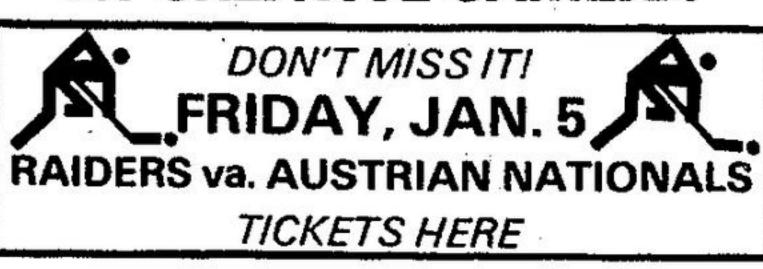
of the Aging". Mr. Fuller had several violin numbers, also Mr. Sprowl and Mr. Davidson on the mouth organ. The meeting closed by singing Auld Lang Syne and the "More We

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# If it flies, Morrow gets it

Let the prize fit the person could be the motto of Halton Hills Councillor Mike Arm-

Armstrong bid farewell to retiring chairman Ric Morrow at Halton's inaugural ceremony Wednesday, Dec.

In recognition of the fact Morrow is an Air Canada pilot, Armstrong gave him a plastic model of a jet fighter. The aircraft was one of the

from Armstrong who said goodbye to him on behalf of the region. succeeded Morrow when the latter was

presents Morrow received

police estimate. The

Ingles vehicle and one driven

by Jean Jackson, 178 Tyler

Ave., were both eastbound on

Mill Street East Friday

morning when one turned left

to go north on Wallace

from the rear. Police put the

amount of damage on the

Jackson auto at \$500.

The plane was in keeping Morrow's farewell

He compared the regional chairman, he has more time experiment in Halton to an for leisure. aircraft taking off. Once in the air, some of the down, he won't have to worry

passengers wanted to get off and go back to "the days of horse and buggy." However, the majority

pressed on. Although they encountered thunderstorms, the efforts of crew and passengers succeeded in securing a safe passage. With five years of regional government behind them,

Morrow said the plane has Site F for landfill as well as sunnier skies ahead. was given a forming a business developstanding ovation by the elected chairman two years multitude of people who at-

The two live in Georgetuwn. He was also given a

Music by Kent Tocher

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### be \$200. It was driven by Jean Blvd. That estimate was also 87% Sheridan grads employed

Police estimate damage to is \$25 on a pick-up truck with

Eastly being bet cent of the students with graduated from Sheridan University June, 1978 are employed. according to a second presented by secure vicepresident Don Shields to the college's loard of governors

property damage resulted

from motor vehicle accidents

Most of the damage on one

the week before Christmas.

vehicle-\$800-is on the car

driven by Ilsa McDonald, 178

Longfield Rd. estimate

Halton Regional Police.

The report styras a four per cent increase in placement over last year. A survey of 1,343 full-time post-secondary graduates shows 86 are employed and 318 are continuing their education. The remainder are looking for

Shields told the board employment is good and is evenly distributed through all of Sheridan's schools and divisions.

He also noted that there are more students employed in part-time jobs than in previous years. "By their own choice students are working part-time rather than full-time."

Graduates of the School of Nursing are in better situations than in past years he said. Currently there are seven graduates working temporarily in Vancouver and many nursing graduates are working part-time in Ontario rather than moving to the United States where Canadian nurses are in demand.

### Laundromat glass broken

The front window at the laundromat on Main Street was smashed by vandals early yesterday morning. The window, valued at about \$150, was broken, between 6 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

Sometime just prior to Christmas a thief got away with a battery from a parked auto on Churchill Road.

median salary for graduates 13 311 VA

compiled annually, is the result of four months' work by placement services officer Landa Spray The report will new be reproduced and distributed to area schools.

The curvey also shows the

The placement report,

the other car in the mishap to Maureen Ingles, 235 Mason Also Friday afternoon, two westbound autos on Mill

crossed into the oncoming Avenue, and the other struck

Street were involved in a \$600 collision. Damage to the autodriven by Kenneth Kamminga, 189 Jeffrey Ave., is estimated by police to be \$400. About half that amount of damage is placed by police on the auto driven by Audrey Bonnell, R. R. 2 Rockwood.

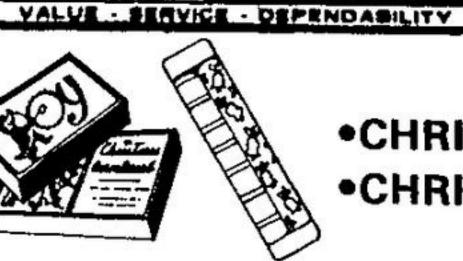
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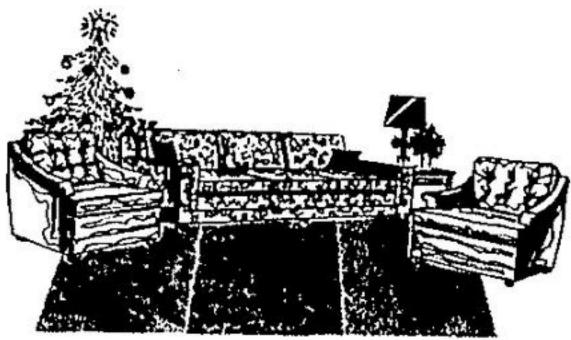
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