

Bilingualism important Chretien tells students

The importance of bilingualism was emphasized at the Acton high school Thursday, when the Honorable Jean Chretien, federal Minister of Finance visited.

Mr. Chretien spoke to the cafeteria full of students in both English and French, on the request of teacher Keith Black. The Minister joked his English was as poor as the students' French.

Mr. Chretien told the audience some years ago he could only speak French, but was motivated to learn a second language when he married a bilingual woman. In order to stay at least equal with her, the politician said, he learned English. It was when she decided to learn Spanish also, he laughed, that he decided he couldn't win at home, and became a politician.

Being a bilingual country, Mr. Chretien said, makes it unique, in that the country has two separate cultures which have been able to get along peacefully for so many years.

"To speak the French language should not be dividing us, but uniting us," he said emphatically.

While travelling internationally, Mr. Chretien said, he meets leaders of countries who are envious of Canada. While dealing with the Minister of Trade of Algeria, the cabinet minister said, he was told Algeria wanted to learn about North American technology, but, being a French nation, needed their own language. The country ruled out the United States to do business with, and turned towards Canada, where they could learn the proper technology, and still deal in French.

"To have access to another language is always an asset," Mr. Chretien said.

"The problem of national unity has always been around," the speaker pointed out.

Mr. Chretien blames the OPEC nations for the economic troubles of not only Canada, but many countries around the world. Since 1973, there has been a revolution, when the oil producing countries of the world raised the price of oil greatly, quadrupling prices in some places.

Being an industrial country, Canada was greatly affected by this move, and was forced to absorb this problem. Canada, Mr. Chretien said, is the only country to keep its people working during these crisis years. In fact, he said, some 400,000 more Canadians were working this year than last.

"We have managed not to go into a recession, such as the United States did for 27 months." In the past ten years, Mr. Chretien claimed, Canada has managed to create 2.8 million jobs. There are, however, many more people on the work force now than then, he admitted.

In addition to absorbing students coming into the work force, the country has also absorbed the great influx of women out working now. Statistics show 45 per cent of adult women are working now, as compared to 32 per cent ten years ago.

The effects of the post war baby boom are also now just levelling off, he claimed, which will also help future work forces.

Canada has always been a country to allow immigrants in to make their home here. These people, too, must have employment. In some countries, such as Germany, immigrants are welcome as long as the economy is secure. However, if there is a job shortage, Mr. Chretien said, they send their immigrants back home.

Mr. Chretien asked the audience to compare lifestyles now with 25 years ago. People have more, he said. There is a new phenomena to travel to Florida, but at the same time, rent has to be paid, as well as other bills,



Jean Chretien addresses students at high school.

hinting that there is more money around now than before.

There is a \$1.8 billion tourist deficit, Mr. Chretien said. In some areas in Florida, there are so many Quebecers, stores sport signs saying "We speak English."

"This is a country of freedom," the Minister of Finance stressed. There are no restrictions, he noted. Anyone can go anywhere or say anything and not be stopped.

A strong federal government is needed to maintain a strong country, Mr. Chretien says. If not for a strong federal government, he said, Alberta would be able to overcharge easterners outrageous prices for

their oil. Instead, the federal government has stepped in and said Ontario and Quebec bailed them out when they were poor provinces, now Alberta, in its wealth, must do the same thing. The same holds true with the Maritimes, Mr. Chretien said. Central Canada helped them financially when they needed it, now it is their turn to turn the tables.

The Opposition, Mr. Chretien said, wants the provinces to have more power, which he claims, would destroy the strong federal ties which keep the system going.

"Sure we have had problems over the past five years," Mr. Chretien admitted. "And we are go-

ing to have them for the next five years. There are always problems in every country," he stated.

On a recent visit to the world bank Mr. Chretien said he was complaining to Ministers of Finance in other countries, about his problems. He was laughed at he said. Others wished they had as few problems as he.

Cathy Upton, a high school student asked Mr. Chretien what the national debt was. After some hedging, Mr. Chretien admitted he could not tell her the exact figure as there were two ways of figuring it out. He guessed it would be around \$60 billion. The interest, he said, would probably be

in the billions of dollars also.

Miss Upton persisted in her questioning and asked him about opposition leader Joe Clark's plan to deduct mortgage payments and municipal taxes from their income tax.

Mr. Chretien accused Mr. Clark of trying to raise the national deficit. To implement the plan as Mr. Clark outlines it, would be bringing in less money to Ottawa he noted.

Miss Upton wondered why the government could not just lower the interest rates on mortgages, surmising this move would be a shot in the arm of construction businesses. Mr. Chretien explained Canada, for economic purposes must stay one percentage ahead of the United States in order to attract the foreign dollar. He pointed out in the past seven weeks the Canadian dollar has risen from 83 cents, United States, to 87.50 per cent. People are buying the Canadian dollar now, he said.

Canada must seek alternatives to oil as an energy source, Mr. Chretien said while answering a question by teacher Ken Ellis. The government, he said, is concerned about the safety of nuclear power. He does not believe solar energy is the answer in Canada because of the many winter months, and lack of sun.

Petro Canada is suddenly becoming very important to the country, Mr. Chretien told the students. In 1977, while on a visit to Iran, the minister said, he was convinced of the firm's importance when leaders of the country told him they do not sell oil to Canada, but to Shell, Gulf, Exxon, etc., who in turn sell it to Canada. "We must get back to the country to country dealings," he said, and eliminate multi-national companies.

Mr. Chretien also had a few kind words for Halton Member of Parliament Frank Philbrook, (Liberal) who introduced him. The cabinet minister told the audience they had a fine representative in Ottawa, through Mr. Philbrook and urged them to vote for him May 22.

Home buyers, sellers learn legal details

When house buying it's helpful to write in the contract exactly what you want, a Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic learned last week.

The Wednesday evening seminar on "Buying and Selling A Home" is one of a series offered free by the clinic.

Georgetown lawyer William Kort outlined what home buyers and sellers may wish to take into account when entering contracts only. Six people attended the seminar in Acton YMCA.

If someone decides to sell, it's up to the buyer to write into the contract what he wants, Mr. Kort indicated.

One couple wanted to learn the ins-and-outs of beating capital gains tax with a home. "It is possible for each of a couple to have a principle residence," Mr. Kort said. Each home, though, must be in a different name.

Mr. Kort advised sellers to have their property appraised. This is one useful way of determining the price one may reasonably ask. An appraisal usually costs between \$100 and \$200 but it could mean the difference of \$1,000 in the price, said the lawyer.

Real estate agents offer more services than

just listing a property. They also are able to arrange financing for the buyer. However, the seller should keep in mind that whatever the price, about six per cent will be handed to the agent as his fee, said the lawyer.

Most agents employ an exclusive multiple listing service—that is the home is advertised within the company—that means a wider market and possibly an early sale.

Advertising for private sales is usually limited to a sign on the lawn, he said. A person with much time may try a private sale.

Lawyers' fees in connection with property sales are negotiable, Mr. Kort said. Sellers often call lawyers to price a transaction.

Condominiums are still popular. Mainly they are apartments which the people own rather than rent. Usually one owns what is inside, while the outside of the building is owned in common. Mr. Kort informed the audience there may be high increases in common expenses for condominiums which may make the difference in the budget. "The lower purchase price is the attraction."

The next legal clinic

seminar is on the subject of Highway Traffic Law.

Obituary

Norman Cornwell

After a lengthy illness Norman Cornwell, a founding member of the Halton Off-Road Riders Association, and consultant and service manager for Malco, Canada, died April 7 at age 40.

The husband of Halton Hills librarian Betsy Cornwell, he grew up in Deep River and graduated from Queen's University with a B.Sc. in mechanical engineering. He worked for a number of firms including Continental Can, Atomic Energy of Canada, and Union Carbide, before leaving the field to become a motorcycle mechanic. He owned his own shop in Toronto before moving to Georgetown about five years ago.

He helped coach his son Jonathan in his motorcycle racing career.

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Halton Hills Recreation & Parks Department
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'PUBLIC TENNIS'

The Town of Halton Hills will be operating the two court locations at Joseph Gibbons and Emerson Parks. Most of the playing time at these two locations is now public with no membership fee required except for Ladies Mornings (see other ad on this page for information)

The courts are open for play from 7:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. daily. The lights will be operating by May 1st, 1979.

Your co-operation in assisting with the care and upkeep of your courts is requested by observing the following:

1. All players must wear a soft soled shoe (tennis/running shoe preferred).
2. There is a 1/2 hour playing limit and players shall vacate the courts on the hour and half hour.
3. The courts shall be used for tennis only.
4. When players are waiting, the courts shall be used for doubles play.

In addition to these courts, the Town of Halton Hills has two more court locations, Gordon Alcott Tennis Club (beside Alcott Arena) and Acton Tennis Club (beside Acton Arena) and 25% of the playing time at these courts is devoted to public play. Those wishing more information concerning these Club activities and membership are asked to contact Mrs. Joan Morris (853-2354 - Acton Tennis Club) or Mrs. Carole MacLeod (877-8515 - Gordon Alcott Tennis Club).

Town of Halton Hills
1979 Public Tennis Hours

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	A (1) JG (2) EP (2)	A (1) GA (1) JG (2) EP (2)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2)	A (1) GA (4) JG (2) EP (2)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2)	A (1) GA (1) JG (2) EP (2)
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon	A (1)	A (1) GA (1)	A (1)	A (1) GA (4)	A (1)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2)	A (1) GA (1) JG (2) EP (2)
12 noon - 4 p.m.	GA (2) A (1) JG (2) EP (2)	GA (2) A (1) JG (2) EP (2)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2) GA (2)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2) GA (1)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2)	A (1) GA (1) JG (2) EP (2)
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	GA (2) EP (2) JG (2) A (1)	A (1) GA (1) JG (2) EP (2)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2) GA (2)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2) GA (1)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2)	A (1) GA (1) JG (2) EP (2)
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	A (1) JG (2) EP (2) GA (1)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2) GA (1)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2) GA (2)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2) GA (1)	A (1) JG (2) EP (2)	A (1) GA (1) JG (2) EP (2)

EP - Emerson Park
JG - Joseph Gibbons Park
GA - Gordon Alcott
A - Acton
() - Number of court (s) available for public play

Frank Philbrook proud to be Liberal

The next Liberal Federal government must have a strong mandate to keep this country alive, according to Halton Member of Parliament Dr. Frank Philbrook.

Dr. Philbrook was speaking to a group of Acton high school students Thursday morning during a special visit from federal finance minister Jean Chretien.

The M.P. said a strong national government was needed to meet the competition overseas and to bring equity back home.

There are five main issues in the present federal election, he told the students, the first being national unity. Economic development, and improving the security and quality of Canadian life were also the issues as well as the national deficit, and the guaranteeing of energy supplies.

Dr. Philbrook hinted he was going to make a major announcement about the job situation at an All Candidates meeting in Sheridan College, Oakville soon. He said high school and college students are very concerned about this matter.

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