

# Season's Greetings



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### Liberals 'irresponsible'

## Jelinek on warpath

It was "irresponsible and unfair" of the opposition not to give the Progressive Conservative Government's legislative programs a chance, according to Halton M.P. Otto Jelinek.

"I find it very irresponsible of the opposition to have forced a premature and costly election on the Canadian public at this time."

Mr. Jelinek said in response to the government's defeat in parliament last week.

During meetings with local PC officials on the

weekend, Jelinek said he recommended a date for a nomination meeting in early January so the public won't be bothered with political campaigns over the Christmas period.

"My intention is not to bother the public with campaigning until after I get nominated."

Mr. Jelinek said his campaign will zero in on explaining what programs and policies the Conservatives had been implementing and those that will follow.

"We're an open govern-

ment with long-range programs.

"I hope to outline clearly what we have done and what we intend to do."

"If we made one mistake, and I emphasize the if, it was that we haven't explained in detail some of the far reaching programs we are working on," he said.

According to Mr. Jelinek, the issues in which all Canadians are still interested are the economy and energy.

In his campaign, Mr. Jelinek said he will

further explain his party's energy package and the necessity of increasing domestic oil prices.

"This is a reality Canadians have to face. It's better to face reality today than live in an Alice in Wonderland world. We brought down what Canadians look at as a realistic budget."

"The longer we put off facing reality, the worse it will be," Mr. Jelinek stressed.

Although no official announcement had been made, Jelinek said Mon-

day morning that he fully expects Pierre Trudeau to lead the Liberal party into the Feb. 18 election.

"My predictions is that the Canadian public will not be fooled again by Trudeau."

"He'll just govern as he did before and put Canada further into debt."

"Once we (Conservatives) explain things we were doing and trying to do, the Canadian public will give the Conservatives a needed majority in Ottawa on Feb. 18," he said.

## Liberals mum

The current election campaign could be half over before the Halton Liberal Association fields a candidate.

Association president Al Wilson said Monday an announcement would be made (today on the date of the party's nomination convention. He speculated the convention would be held in the first or second week of January.

The election was forced by the defeat of the minority Conservative government of Joe Clark on Dec. 13.

To date, Mr. Wilson added, no one has declared an intention to seek the Liberal nomination for the Halton federal riding.

"I've heard rumors that several people are thinking of running, but there haven't been any announcements yet," he said.

Mr. Wilson a small group of Association members has been established to organize the nomination meeting.

"We have a very excited group of people now," he said, "they're much more hyped up about this campaign

than the last one."

Mr. Wilson said the Liberal Association is better prepared for this campaign than they were at the start of the May 22 election that defeated Pierre Trudeau.

"We only had a mailing list of 200 when that campaign started," he said, "but now we have 2,000 members."

"Finding a candidate may be the most difficult step for the party. Local councillor Ron Planche has expressed an interest, provided Dr. Frank Philbrook doesn't run again."

Mr. Philbrook, who took the Halton seat for the Liberals in the 1974 election and then lost in 1979, is playing his cards close to his chest.

"I can't make any statement on that right now," Mr. Philbrook said when contacted, "as you can appreciate we don't have an average situation here."

Since losing his seat in Parliament, Mr. Philbrook has accepted a position with Wyeth Laboratories in Downsview.

On Monday afternoon, Mr. Philbrook was still undecided.



Otto Jelinek



Frank Philbrook



Doug Black

## Black is back

Doug Black's hat may be getting a little tattered but he has decided to toss it in the ring for the second time this year as he seeks the Halton federal seat for the New Democratic Party.

Black made the decision to run Monday, after pondering the question over the weekend, he said he is optimistic the NDP's chances in February are much better than they were in May.

Black led the NDP to a third place finish behind Liberal incumbent Frank Philbrook and the eventual winner Conservative Otto Jelinek.

However, despite the distant third place showing, the NDP gained 1,000 votes in May than in 1974.

"One of the things that made me go this time was the feeling that we have an opportunity that we perhaps didn't even have in May," said Black a local lawyer.

"I would think that this time people will be looking to us from the beginning of the campaign as a credible and reasonable alternative."

Black received the NDP nomination by acclamation for the last election and is unsure whether or not that will be the case again on Jan. 3 when the NDP select a candidate.

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## 90 years young

"Aunt" Kaye Roszell celebrated her 90th birthday Saturday. An open house was held at the home of her niece Marguerite Patterson Sunday. Some 85 people attended. See Page 8.

## Town lowest debt in region

Halton Hill has the lowest per capita debt in the Region of Halton.

According to the regional treasury department, Halton Hills per capita debt is \$38 with the next closest being Burlington with \$73 per capita, Milton with \$101 per capita and Oakville with \$127.

The whole municipality of Halton itself comes in at \$39 per capita, one dollar more than Halton Hills.

In Halton Hills total debt amounts to \$1,280,000 with a population of 34,051. In

Milton, with a population of 22,706, the total debt is \$2,303,000, in Oakville with a population of 69,881 the total debt is \$8,851,000 and in Burlington with a population of 108,254 the total debt is \$7,883,000.

Commenting on the low per capita debt in Halton Hills, Mayor Pete Pomeroy pointed out financing out of operation budget, with little or no debenturing and resultant interest charges, has put the town in the favorable per capita debt position.



## A medieval Yule

Ye olde English Yuletide feast, complete with glazed boar's head, turkey bird, candles, and hot plum pudding, was celebrated by Trinity United Church congregation and friends.

Monks, jesters, peasants, and priests carolled to 500 diners. Jim Knapp, Miriam Beaton, John Watson were part of the entertainment.

Photo by JENNIFER BARR



Investigations are underway in connection with suspected arson at the Barry and Susan Buchanan home on Acton Blvd. last week. Acton Firefighters were called to the scene shortly after 9 a.m. last Wednesday. Three fires were set in the brick home. Damage from the fires amounts to about \$10,000.

## Christmas section's full of ideas recipes

Make sure you read the special Christmas Greeting section in this week's paper.

It's chock full of ideas for Christmas cooking and fun and gives a lot of the background on some of the season's traditions.

Also featured in the special section are Christmas greetings from local merchants and businesses.

You may want to save some of the recipes and ideas.

## Appeal to Ottawa

# I.C.G. challenges Hydro's right to construct corridor

by Eric Elstone

The Interested Citizens' Group (ICG) is attempting to pull the plug on Ontario Hydro export sales by appealing to the National Energy Board (NEB) concerning the 500 kW line through Halton Hills.

The ICG appealed to the federal agency for four orders Tuesday in Ottawa. The application asked for a public hearing "to determine the present and future public convenience and necessity" and environmental impact of the international power line.

Before the hearing the ICG asked NEB to stop Ontario Hydro's construction of the line. Also requested are orders compelling Ontario Hydro to apply for permission to construct the line and an order revoking or suspending an Ontario Hydro licence.

With the ICG at a press conference at Queens Park were representatives from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the provincial Liberal party and Energy Probe, a research group.

"Ontario Hydro is breaking the rules by construction of this line without clearance from the NEB," Norm Rubins of Energy Probe said. "This has not been done properly. It has not been justified."

"We intend to pursue the civil rights that have been denied in Ontario," said the ICG's John Minns.

The NEB may examine the financial feasibility, environmental impact and available alternate routes.

Energy Probe lent its expertise and lawyer to the ICG.

The ICG is directing the federal agency to examine the cost of electrical power to Ontario ratepayers and the price that's being charged to US utilities.

If the NEB grants a hearing the ICG intends to present evidence that Ontario ratepayers are subsidizing the cost of power exported to the US.

The ICG charges American utilities

with making considerable profits from Ontario taxpayers. Ontario, the ICG claims, pays to build generators and lines, sells power to the US, at a marginal profit while the American utilities increase the price to their customers.

Ontario Hydro, states Minns, sells electrical power to US utilities at 1.9 cents per kilowatt hour. Power in Ontario is generated in various ways: nuclear generation costs 1.33 per kilowatt and fossil fuels average at 2.355 cents. Some of the power is being sold at a loss.

The ICG says it doesn't quarrel with Ontario Hydro concerning international exports as long as there is sufficient supply and that Ontario taxpayers are not paying for the export.

If the NEB grants what the ICG wants, construction of the 14 mile section through Halton Hills would stop says Minns, until alternative routes are examined.

The ICG complains that Ontario Hydro has begun construction of an international power line through Halton Hills for the purpose of exporting electric power without a certificate as required by the national Energy Board act. Also the ICG complained Ontario Hydro intends to operate the line without certificate as required by federal law.

The ICG claims Ontario Hydro intends to export power in contravention of its licence number EL-95 and in contravention of the regulations made in the act without regard for full disclosure of information provided for also under the act.

Halton-Burlington (L) MPP Julian Reed regretted he could not attend the conference because of illness. However, a statement was read detailing his support for the ICG. As the Liberal energy critic he stressed that the need for the line has not been established.