

# PROFILES

with JENNIFER BARR



Gail Maltby

Gail Maltby is a woman of the '80's. Not only is she the active wife of Halton Hills Councillor George Maltby and mother of three boys, but she is in her fifth year as government appointee to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and chairman of its Parks and Recreation Board. She also runs her own Standardbred racing operation and is owner-manager of MGM Machining.

She's her own staff in these ambitious enterprises, doing all the work herself. MGM Machining is situated east of Queen's Tires on Highway 7, towards Georgetown, and consists mostly of Gail and an incredible hulk of a machine called a turret lathe, with which she makes bolts, studs and all manner of roll and cut threads.

All this started a year ago when Gail decided the horses on her 30 acre farm north of Acton were going to become a business. Standardbreds were her love and she thought a racing business would be just the thing to keep her happy. She already has four Standardbreds, a brood mare and foal and a yearling and a two-year-old in training at Bill Wellwoods racing establishment.

Gail decided to gamble on buying a yearling every year, putting it in training and praying she'd made a wise choice.

Husband George was quite amenable to the idea as long as Gail found a way to finance the operation herself, until the horses started to pay.

Two gambles better than one. With this in mind, Gail went into business. Most other women would have gone into crafts, a retail store, or door-to-door cosmetics. Not Gail. She went out and bought a turret lathe, investing many tens of thousands of dollars in another gamble, which is so far paying off.

Having a husband in the steel business insured Gail the knowledge that such companies were in sore need of bolt suppliers.

Gail visited machine shops, worked a lathe with a Kitchener machinist for a while, generally learned what she was doing, and then set up business.

It was quite a worry at first, she comments, until the orders started to roll in. Now she has as much business as she can handle and is coming to the point where she must either turn business away or expand.

She produces around 300 pieces a day, boxing and delivering her orders. Companies ply her with specialty orders of small runs, anything from 500 to 5,000 pieces.

Her machine is a used one, semi automatic.

which necessitates her doing half the motions herself. But a new lathe would have run her anywhere from \$40,000 up to \$250,000.

She says she's happy with the way the business has taken off and the total amount of work she has.

Women try harder. She finds she's respected by her customers - "some people burst out laughing at first," she comments ruefully.

"Women have to try harder," she agrees. "You have to convince people you can do the job. But once established, women do well."

It's tiring doing all Gail does so she finds herself able to sleep very soundly.

"If you wanted to see a physically exhausted wreck, you should have seen me last haying season," she grins.

Her horses make it all worth it. Gail enjoys her stable work, the racing, training and owning of Standardbred pacers.

Her own four horses are supplemented with a varying amount of visiting horses from nearby Wellwoods stable.

These transient boarders are usually lame and need doctoring so Gail does the work of tubbing, bandaging, massaging, and tending these horses in and around her machine work.

Not only is the lathe paying off but Gail's first pacer, racing last year, walked off with a major Stakes Race in London, winning one of the coveted Trillium Stakes.

Unfortunately the filly chipped a sesamoid bone while doing it and so was out of the running for the rest of the season.

Gail has big hopes for her this year. Her yearling will also be running as a two year old.

If hard work has anything to do with it, Gail is going to make both her businesses succeed in a very short time.

My hat is off to a lady who knows where she wants to go and is willing to work for it.

# Clark slams Trudeau

Pierre Trudeau and Howard Hughes have something in common, according to Prime Minister Joe Clark.

"He (Mr. Trudeau) is campaigning like a recluse, only popping out from time to time for publicity."

"I haven't seen anything like it since Howard Hughes," Mr. Clark said as he addressed an overflow Progressive Conservative audience at the Oakville Holiday Inn Monday.

But Mr. Clark warned the attitude of Mr.

Trudeau is far from funny, saying the framework of democracy is in trouble when "a leader will not meet the obligation of at least facing the questions."

In a long stream of castigations against Mr. Trudeau, Mr. Clark said he could not believe "the

Liberal Party and its leader refuse to join in the TV debate."

In his address Mr. Clark focused on the past record of the Trudeau government, the John Crosbie budget, and the Progressive Conservative initiatives to aid small business.

The budget of John Crosbie, which he described as an "honest, realistic, face-the-facts budget", was defeated before the government had a chance to set a number of policies "to turn this economy around."

He said Canada was "built by its people, not government."

To this end the thrust of the Crosbie budget was to "put emphasis back on the individual" and to provide "the incentive for Canadians to invest in Canadian companies."

"In our view, this country, even though we are a large nation and we will face problems yet to come, still sees small business at the heart of the Canadian economy."

Taking Canadian business as a whole, he noted 97 per cent of Canadian firms were in the category of earning less than \$2 million per year.

They provide 30 per cent of the output, 40 per cent of the employment and "this is important, two-thirds of the new jobs."

The Liberals and New Democratic Parties, Mr. Clark said, defeated a government that had five main programs to assist small business, as contained in the budget.

The first, he said, was

the extension of loans to small business at one-half the going interest rate. For the first time, employers would have been able to deduct the salaries of spouses as a business expense. He said under the employment tax credit plan in the budget, 100,000 jobs would have been created, especially new jobs for young adults.

Mr. Clark said the budget would have eliminated 70,000 firms from filling in "complicated" governmental forms thus easing much of the paper burden. Lastly, Mr. Clark said the Federal Business Development Bank would have made \$400 million in loans available.

"So the next time they tell you they have small business at heart, you ask them - you ask them about why they voted against the budget."

"You ask them about equality to women and you ask them why, why they have brought us into this election," Mr. Clark said.

Mr. Clark said the Progressive Conservatives, if elected, would bring the budget back again.

Mr. Clark was introduced by Halton Progressive Conservative candidate, Otto Jelinek.

# Jelinek peps Tories

Newly nominated Progressive Conservative Halton federal candidate Otto Jelinek started his campaign Wednesday night, blasting the Liberal Party for head-in-the-sand politics and being opposed to a budget at least three Liberal ex-

finance ministers tried to get past Pierre Trudeau. Mr. Jelinek cited a number of PC victories in only six months of power - such as the mortgage deductibility program, cuts in federal spending and the promise to be energy self-sufficient.

Stating it would not be easy nor inexpensive to reach that goal, Mr. Jelinek said the government plans to bring oil and fuel costs to 85 per cent of the United States, giving a 15 per cent competitive advantage for Canada.

He concentrated his address on the oil and energy situation outlining the Progressive Conservative budget moved to bring in more realistic well-head pricing; to ensure that more revenues go for research and development; to encourage the necessity of conservation; to make sure oil industry profits are monitored to stop windfall profiteering; to form a National Energy Bank; and increase funding for the Canadian Home Insulation Program.

He said the budget also allows low and middle income families to be protected from price increases by a refundable energy tax credit. When phased in, a family of four would receive a refund of \$220 per year.

"As John Crosbie said only two weeks ago, 'we must be willing to pay a short term pain for a long term gain.'"

# Daughters of Knox

The first meeting of the Daughters of Knox of the New Year was held Monday, January 7, in the Mary Ellen Anderson Room of the Presbyterian Church.

Her retiring president, Carol Korpela, opened the meeting with the reading of a poem by Helen Steiner Rice, "Living For Jesus" was sung, and the Club motto repeated. Mrs. Korpela extended a welcome to Reverend Robertson and guests.

Annual reports were given by Secretary Gladys Price and Treasurer Betty Ashley.

# Bail granted

All three men accused in connection with the Dominion Hotel fire death have been released from prison on bail.

Michael McCristall was released on a \$3,000 surety from the Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre Tuesday afternoon. He was granted bail Monday.

Leonard Cripps and Cosimo Mercuri were granted bail last week.

All three are charged with second degree murder in connection with the August 19 death of Howard Gibbons in the Dominion Hotel blaze.

Mr. Cripps' bail was \$3,500 and Mr. Mercuri's \$50,000.

There is a court hearing next week to determine a date for a preliminary hearing.

# Install new exec

Mr. Robertson then installed the new executive for 1980. Mr. incoming President, Kay Hansen, took the chair, and warmly welcomed the guests.

Since the organization's membership is small Mrs. Hansen said that an invitation has been extended to the congregation to help with the monthly eucres so that they may continue this service to the community. A request, to the Bertha Buchanan group will be made, asking them to agree to look after three eucres during the year.

It was announced that the musical group "The Joyful Sounds" of St. Andrew's Church, Lumber Heights, will be coming to the Presbyterian Church for both morning and evening services on March 9.

Mrs. Rene Watson introduced Mrs. Vivian O'Brien, who spoke on yoga, and the benefits to the human body.

Mrs. O'Brien, who is a member of Harmony Incorporated also entertained us with several solos.

Mrs. Carol Korpela expressed the thanks of the members and presented a gift to Mrs. O'Brien.

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# 8,250 people in Acton by '84

A Halton Region report predicts there will be 8,250 people living in Acton by 1984.

The report, prepared by regional staff, will be used to calculate taxation and suggests there will be a 2.9 per cent average population growth rate in Halton until 1984.

The growth rate in Acton is expected to be 3.1

per cent a year for the five year period.

Esqueping's population increase is predicted to be 2.4 per cent a year through 1984 with the rural population reaching 10,700.

Halton Hills has the lowest anticipated growth rate, just 1.8 per cent a year until 1984 over the three areas, Georgetown, Acton and Esqueping.

# Parents learn about children

Children are not out to get their parents, even though there are times when it may seem so, according to school principal Eric Balkind.

Asking questions is a characteristic of a child's curiosity. A three-year-old may ask as many as 390 questions in a day said Mr. Balkind.

The principal was addressing the first monthly

meeting of the Acton Co-operative Nursery School at Knox Presbyterian Church, Monday.

Twenty-six parents listened to Mr. Balkind deliver a lecture entitled "Infancy and the First Five Years."

Mr. Balkind reminded parents children by age three have picked up most of the language they will use as an adult. By

age four intelligence as well on the way to development, as are the social skills and attitudes.

Language is relied upon by kindergarten teachers, so the new pupil who arrives with an appreciation for words will do well.

Among the points made by Mr. Balkind in his talk were that in our society

the whole area of childhood is run by mothers. "It's time we changed our view and involved the fathers."

"The truth of the matter is there is no tougher job than raising children."

"Television is the most effective teacher we know, and probably the most misused medium."

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