



We love our bears! It was teddy bear day at M.Z. Bennett school last Thursday so both kindergarten classes brought their favorite bears and some bear food to school, including principal Mr. Doug Magwood.



Make-up added to the emergency atmosphere during the mock air disaster in Georgetown. Jason Sharples gives Anthony Walton the look of a victim in shock prior to the crash. Acton Scouts and leaders applied the accident make-up.



The Tapestry Singers, with a minimum of stage props, entertained over 200 people at Acton District High School last Wednesday. It was the second of the Musical Trillight Series sponsored by Halton Hills Arts Council.

Ten Days panel explores work ethic

by Jennifer Barr
The right to diversity in work choices was the concern of a panel discussion held recently at Knox Presbyterian Church in honor of the Ten Days for World Development program.

Rockwood retired labor relations executive and former executive director of the Commonwealth Conference, was unable to attend.

Introducing panel members Ten Days chairman Eldon Comfort asked participants to "take the bull by the tail and face the music". Chuckling at his mixed metaphor, he added he was on the "horns of a dilemma".

Anne Moore described the plight of many despairing people struggling for any sort of a job and poverty strikes peoples of other countries waiting for plane loads of food.

"They are not earning a living, they are yearning for a living," she said.

"We are fortunate to have alternatives in earning a living (in Canada)" she added.

Rick Beeker enlightened listeners on the advantages of working for a social-minded company such as Dofasco and listed ways the company makes sure its workers were well-rewarded emotionally and materially. He felt Dofasco could be representative of any large employer.

Jim Johnson spoke of the grass roots base of people oriented co-operatives and compared Canadian farm co-ops with a farm village co-operative he helped start in Nigeria.

He commented any co-operative group meant a pooling of skills and resources.

Open discussion of alternatives in earning a living ensued with Mrs. Moore fielding questions on opportunities open to today's students.

Third World problems and assistance was brought into focus with emphasis on church involvement and individual commitment.

This week thru the lens

Scout-Guide proclamation

Next week is Scout-Guide week Halton Hills general committee declared Monday.

February 15 to 22 will focus on the scouting and guiding movement all over the world.

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Constitution concerns us — public forum tells Jelinek

Halton MP Otto Jelinek told a small but vocal gathering at a public forum at Robert Little School Monday night their message was coming in strong and clear and would be brought not only to the Progressive Conservative caucus but to Parliament as well.

The message concerned the constitution, a topic said Jelinek, that has been dominating Ottawa for a long time.

The people at the meeting told Jelinek they were afraid the general Canadian public weren't educated about the constitution and therefore weren't concerned enough about its implications.

Jelinek said he regrets so much time has been taken in Parliament to discuss the constitution while more important problems such as energy and inflation were being sidelined. He said he did not want to downgrade the importance of the constitution but felt it should have been brought to Canada a long time ago.

But he asked his audience whether "we should fall into the Liberal trap and talk and educate about the constitution or should we be bringing new ideas and new policies, for example energy or inflation-fighting programs to Parliament."

He said Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau is so concerned and so involved with the constitution that "he doesn't give a damn about the other problems."

Several of those at the meeting wondered how the PC could bring about the downfall of the Liberal government. Jelinek replied there is some discontent in the backbenches of the Liberal and New Democratic Party and he was talking to them.

But Jelinek added he feels Trudeau is bluffing when he threatens to bring the constitutional issue to the people through another election.

"We'd like it, but another election wouldn't be good for the country. People are probably sick of elections right now."

Of the PCs own election loss last year, Jelinek said Canadians were "had". He said the Conservatives lost the election on the 18 cents a gallon proposal. But since then gas has risen 30 cents with another 12 cent rise forecast for the future.

"At least our 10 cents would not have gone towards government spending as theirs is, but to research and development and energy self-sufficiency."

Jelinek added low and middle classes are suffering far more today than one year ago and will suffer far more next year than today because of "Trudeau's one-sidedness."

He said, "we have to put politicking aside when dealing with our future and our country," and added he is going to fight to make "damn sure the freedoms and rights aren't taken away."

Jelinek said the purpose of the forums is to hear his Constituents' opinions and views as well as answer questions related to federal field, and added he hoped to hold several more in Acton in the future.

Ministry watch

To the surprise of some regional councillors, Halton Chairman Jack Raffis has reported a team from the Ontario Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs has been monitoring the region on a weekly basis and will continue to do so in the future.

Mr. Raffis released a Feb. 3 letter from Ministry Field Services Branch Manager, Winston A. Easton, which noted the Ministry is happy with Halton's progress to date in trying to straighten out the affairs of the region.

But the councillors, led by Burlington Mayor Roly Bird, expressed surprise Halton was under a Ministry microscope and wanted to know why the monitoring was being done.

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- the Halton Regional Museum
- picture display by the Trolley Museum, Rockwood
- rug hooking demonstration Friday 13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Performances

- Milton Senior Citizens Orchestra Thursday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.
- Scotch Block Square Dancers Friday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.
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