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that were true I wouldn't be here, now would I?" He denied he will make a decision by next week, adding he wanted to make no other comments.

Burlington councillor Walter Mulkewich,

who made an unsuccessful bid for chairman in the November municipal election said he had not heard anything about Raftis leaving the job of chairman, but said he would "seriously consider" taking his place should he resign.

"It hasn't been something to think about, but should Mr. Raftis step down, then I'd seriously consider it," Mulkewich said.

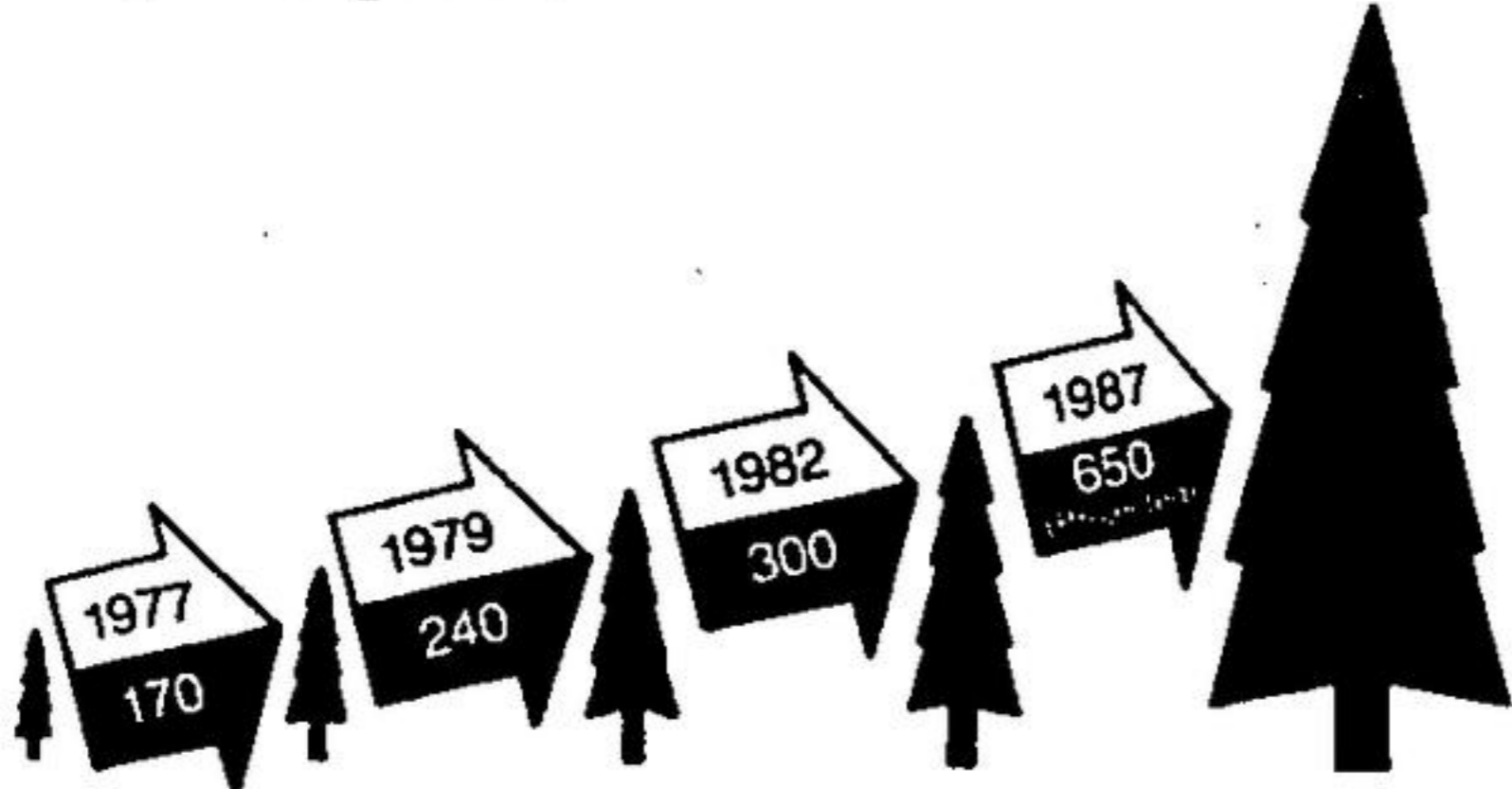
The regional chairman is appointed by the elected members of council and his term is the same as the councillors. Raftis was elected into regional council at its inception in 1974 and was appointed chairman in 1978. He is 53 years old.



Four area youngsters competed in the Ontario Regional Tetrathlon Meet held over the weekend at Lindvik's farm at RR 2 Acton. Lining up at the target shooting event are, left to right: Melanie Corcoran, Sharla Wood, and Ross Turner of Rockwood, and Kyle Anderson of Acton.

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Canada's bountiful forest lands provide the base for the country's largest manufacturing industry: pulp and paper.

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Ag Rep says:

Hay yield excellent but corn crops dry

It appears to be an excellent haying season in Halton this year, according to Henry Stanley, agricultural representative with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

"They got the hay into the barns without getting it wet and it looks like it's excellent quality," he said.

Stanley said the rain in some areas this weekend slowed up the haying on Monday, but many farmers have finished.

"Last year, it was a fairly wet season," he said, "but this year, they are going to be finished in half the time—some dairy farmers are already finished."

He speculated that the yield will not be better than 1982, but the quality will be better. "But it will likely be a relatively poor year for corn and wheat due to the late seeding."

The current problem facing area farmers is the lack of rain for the spring grain and corn, which was late this year in being seeded.

"We need a good half-inch to an inch of rain in the next three to four days or we won't get the yield we need," Stanley commented. He said moisture is more crucial this year because of the late seeding. "Because of the rain, the seeding was

late," he said. "Some (farmers) were planting as late as the first week of June instead of the middle of May."

And he said another problem encountered by farmers is the lack of effectiveness of some herbicides because of the dry weather.

"The pastures are drying up as well, so we really need the rain," he added, explaining the moisture is needed to get the second crop of hay growing.

In his opinion, the strawberries have peaked this week. "They have matured very quickly this year due to the heat," he explained.

Stanley mentioned the people with irrigation systems will probably do well and have good yields. "Due to the lack of rain, there is little disease or rot in the strawberries," he pointed out.

Strawberries are going full speed this week," he said. "It is the best week, I think."

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he had difficulty with customs. The officer in Toronto went through Stephen's luggage, wanting prices for every single item brought back. With that done, Stephen ran into problems with the liquor he was bringing back for his parents.

Not being of legal age, Stephen was not entitled to bring in the vodka he had been given on the Russian tanker, and wine for his mother. He finally convinced the customs' officer his parents were waiting for him and he was escorted out. What struck Stephen as impolite was the fact he had two large suitcases, an attache case, an Adidas bag and an overflowing plastic bag, and while he has struggling along with them, the customs' officer walked beside

him, empty-handed.

Stephen will be attending summer school and then heading into grade 13 at Acton High School. He's looking toward university and earning an engineering degree at a military college. He hopes to eventually become a pilot.

Europe is becoming so Americanized, Stephen noticed, that he was glad he had the opportunity to see the countries before they were just like the States. One thing he did learn however, was that you cannot quickly tour a country and know what it is like. One has to live in that society, become totally absorbed in the language and customs, before judging what a country is like.

As for Denmark, he'd go back—not to live—but for a visit.

Editor's desk....

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people; The Amateur; Improper Channels; Visiting Hours; Star Wars; Star Trek II; Missing; Only When I Laugh; I Ought to be in Pictures; Rich and Famous; Victor, Victoria; Eye of the Needle; Buddy, Buddy; and Partners. A few we watched again because we enjoyed them so much the first time.

We saw a lot of movies and other programs at strange hours of the day, sort of fit around the Acton news. Over two or three months just about everything is run in virtually every time slot, so you don't have to have a VCR to see the programs you want and get value for your \$18 and change. Having a VCR just makes it all the more convenient.

About the only complaint I have is with the colorful, in-depth program book you get each month. The descriptions of the movies make them all sound A1, which would be impossible since there's about 100 a month. I

wish I could find somewhere a quality rating guide for Pay-TV programs.

July looks even better. Three ball games (ah sports, without commercials) instead of one; Hockey III; Tattoo; Six Pack; the Border; Modern Romance; On Golden Pond; Cannery Row; Ragtime; The Betsy; Carry and many, many more. Helen's really looking forward to Jane Fonda's workout shows.

Anyway, after hearing so many people complain that Pay-TV wasn't as good as Canadians had been promised (including Helen and I) I felt now that we knew what it was like I had to write about it.

Don't take our word for it, you may be looking for something completely different in home entertainment, try it yourself. I think though you'll enjoy it and end up concluding it's a very good deal for the money spent.

Letter

Reader stooped and scooped all along

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regards to the new stoop and scoop bylaw.

I am a dog owner and I fully agree that the law needed to be passed. Dog owners who allow their animals to foul other people's property and leave it laying there should be fined a hefty \$100. Also, people who let their dogs run loose to get into garbage and flower beds should be fined.

I have had a dog (poodle) for four years now and have never, I repeat never, taken my dog for a walk without a plastic bag to retrieve his droppings (winter, summer, spring or fall). I have been teased by neighbors and passersby for this practise, but I feel it is my duty to do this. My animal has never been let loose since the day I owned him.

Needless to say I was quite surprised and upset to receive an anonymous threatening letter from someone who is taking this law to heart and who would like to have all dogs banned from town (even if they are leashed).

Following is the letter I received: "This is to remind you of the new law about dogs on streets, so you better walk your dog on your own street from now on. I know everyone in this area feels the same, especially people with no dog. We have cleaned up long enough in these stupid ditches." The letter wasn't signed.

If the phantom, gutless writer was to have taken note of the fact that I do pick up after my animal, he/she would have saved themselves a 32 cent stamp. I really did not appreciate a nasty letter when I am not one of the offenders.

I am one of those people that Mr. James, of Roseford Terrace, mentioned in the recent article in the paper, who do clean up after their animals. I feel that the letter I received was the act of a very spiteful, spineless person who has decided to rid this town of all animals. By not signing their name he/she thinks they are very powerful. (Please step forward anonymous, I truly want to prove without a doubt and with witnesses that in my case you don't know what you are talking about.)

Try picking on someone who needs a good kick in the backside for the way they act with their dogs, and believe me there are countless many.

I fully intend to keep walking my pet, without threats from anybody, on any street I so desire, and I will still be carrying my plastic bags with me.

Please believe I am a very conscientious person.

Thank you,
Barbara Weidon
John Weidon

\$8,900 for project

About \$8,900 will be spent this summer for Eramosa roadside clean-up.

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