

Gymnastics Exhibition Is Warm Up

Sixty-one girls representing Clarkson, Brampton Centennial, and Georgetown competed in an exhibition gymnastics meet at Georgetown District High School last Thursday afternoon. The girls competed on the balance beam, uneven bars, vaulting horse, and in floor exercises. There are three categories: junior, intermediate, and senior. Brampton Centennial were the Halton Peel Champions last year and won Thursday's exhibition meet. This meet was in preparation for the Halton East Meet which took place in Georgetown, and the Halton Peel Championship which is planned for April 17.



LAURA WILKES IN FLOOR EXERCISE

O'CONNOR'S OTTAWA



"How long is this Parliament going to last?" "When will there be an election?" Ask these questions of twenty different people in Ottawa and you will get twenty-five different answers. Five people will change their minds in mid-sentence. My analysis for it is just an intuitive feeling that we will get through 1973 without an election. Now, this definitive statement which, like the bolt of lightning which strikes down liars, may in itself perpetrate an election, just to prove me wrong. I had better back it up with a few persuasive comments. There has been an inclination to treat each hurdle that the government faces as being "the big" obstacle to survival. Remember the stories written by the pundits (translate, newspaper columnists, excluding me) prior to the Throne Speech and budget debate non-confidence motions; and then it was the Unemployment Insurance over-draft bill. Now it's the corporate tax cuts and the fast write-offs that are "the big" hurdle. If the government can just survive this vote they will be in power for a long while — so the stories went and still go.

UNDYING LOYALTY However, a close examination of the conduct of the Parties over the three months of Parliament reveals some interesting constants and some notable non-constants. One obvious constant, of course, is the undying loyalty of the NDP to the Liberal cause. We have in Canada a coalition government, whether the voters like it or not. The NDP seem bound to continue this support for the foreseeable future no matter what the issue nor what position the government might take on it. Notable non-constants are found in the policy platforms of the Liberals and the NDP today as compared with those on which they fought the election last year. Witness, for example, the government's adoption of a tax-cut policy, of Mr. Stanfield's constant proposal to combat inflation. Of the tightening of the unemployment insurance administration and of changes in the immigration laws. All for the better, but hardly the basis on which they wooed votes last year.

THEY LIKED IT And the consistencies — you guessed it — the policies of the good old nipping power-hungry Tories. Yep, same as they were last Fall. Again whether the voters like it or not. But come to think of it they liked it last Fall didn't they? All of which leads me to think that we will not have an election in 1973. If you have a problem, idea, comment, criticism, or if you simply wish to get in touch with me, please stop by or call my Riding office at 326 Lakeshore Road East, Oakville — 844-0222.

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Morrow Attacks the System

'Charitable Gifts Not County Council Function'

Reeve Ric Morrow of Georgetown attacked his favourite target again at Halton County council, Wednesday, when he termed the method of making grants, "unfair, ridiculous and with no relationship to county service." He challenged councillors to explain their reasoning to any taxpayer. The dispute arose when deputy-reeve Terry Mannell, suggested it was unfair to grant the Georgetown Branch of the Red Cross \$2,500 when the other Red Cross branches in the county do not receive county money. Morrow retorted, "There is no fairness in the whole system." He explained the Georgetown Red Cross served the whole five northern municipalities, and received no local municipality grants.

WHAT'S FAIR?

Morrow added that the Georgetown Red Cross was not a part of the United Appeal. He questioned the fairness of the system contrasting the \$3,000 grant approved to the Burlington Rotary Club, \$5,000 to Gairloch Gardens and \$20,000 to the Royal Botanical Gardens, but the rejection of a \$20,000 request from the Oakville Harbor Development.

"I have consistently fought against it, but I see my chances are zero," he continued, "So I'll vote against it again and hope regional government will have a different attitude."

SEES MERIT

Reeve Allan Masson said he agreed with some of Morrow's statements, and pointed out the

Georgetown Branch Red Cross grant was supposed to be "a one-shot deal when it started." Deputy-reeve Marjorie Powys indicated she too saw merit in some of Morrow's statements. She made it clear the \$3,000 grant to the Burlington Rotary Club was for a group home project, which was just started.

NOT COUNTY'S FUNCTION

After the meeting Morrow repeated his stand that it is not a county council function to hand out taxpayers money to charitable organizations. A total of \$74,000 in grants was included in Halton county's budget for this year, in addition

to the \$20,000 to the Royal Botanical Gardens, \$5,000 to Gairloch Gardens, and the \$2,000 to the Burlington Rotary Club. \$2,500 went to Georgetown Red Cross, \$1,000 to Halton Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, \$500 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, \$500 to the Canadian Mental Health Association, \$1,500 to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, \$4,500 to the Victorian Order of Nurses of Halton, \$200 to the St. John Ambulance, \$1,100 to the Salvation Army, \$4,000 to the Adult Rehabilitation Centre, North Halton, \$7,200 to the Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Oakville, and \$1,000 to the Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Burlington.



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Dog Poisoning

Primary Diagnosis Indicates Strychnine

Acton veterinarian, Frank Oakes says that the primary diagnosis of the Hawes's Black Labrador Retriever, which was poisoned Friday, March 16, indicated that strychnine was the poison used. Further confirmation has still to come from Guelph where a detailed post mortem is being conducted. The dog was dead on arrival at Dr. Oakes's clinic.

Two Black Labrador Retrievers, both still puppies, owned by Art Hawes and a neighbour Dale Linstead, were poisoned two weeks ago. The culprit as of yet has not been apprehended. Both dogs died in a similar manner of what is believed to be strychnine poisoning.

VIOLENT DEATH

Doctor Brian Buckrell of the Georgetown Animal Clinic says strychnine given in quantity produces a rough and violent death. The dogs went into convulsions which were stimulated by any type of sound, and death occurred not long after the poisoning.

FOUL PLAY

Strychnine was at one time a very common type of rat poison, however other chemicals are being used now. These new chemicals being more effective. This is further reason to believe foul play.

Strychnine was not being used for any purpose in that area according to the owners of the dead animals when quizzed by Dr. Oakes.



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