



RON HUNT of Georgetown Little Theatre has the role of Ike Skidmore in the Brampton Musical Society's production, "Oklahoma!" Ron is shown rehearsing with Cheryl Melton (left) and Enid Ursel (right) who are both dancers and singers in the show. "Oklahoma!" will be presented at the Lester B. Pearson Memorial Theatre in Bramalea the first two weeks in April.

MP Philbrook calls for Strong gun controls instead of death penalty

The issue of capital punishment is "part of a larger subject - protection of the public", and in that light, alternative deterrents to violent crime, such as gun control laws and stiffer prison sentences, deserve more careful consideration.

Dr. Frank Philbrook, Liberal MP for Halton, discussed this and other views on the important issues now before Parliament recently in a brief talk with Herald reporters.

Dr. Philbrook said that, instead of reinstating the death penalty, the time has come for the government to legislate gun controls. Such a bill, he said, is

now under parliamentary consideration. A second approach would be a re-designing of the widely-criticized bail system. The problem there, said Dr. Philbrook, involves the volume of administration people who must work against a set time factor, with breakdowns in communication often the result.

Turning to the problem of inflation, Dr. Philbrook claimed that finance minister John Turner is "doing the best he can under such unpredictable circumstances."

Diversification of trade ties that are at present largely centred on the U.S., he said, seems to be the best solution now available.

"Those close ties have been proven to be weaknesses," he pointed out. Trade must then be diversified to include a wide number of overseas countries, so that Canadians will be "working with Japan and Europe in trying to establish good terms for the future."

Such a solution, Dr. Philbrook said, would require a "sensible process of phasing in and phasing out", thus avoiding what otherwise might be disruptive element in Canada-U.S. relations.

When asked whether he thought that striking civil servants, whose jobs are essential to public welfare,

such as the postal workers recently, should be legally forced back to work, Dr. Philbrook said that the subject would first have to be debated at length among the parliamentary caucus.

"The public is becoming increasingly concerned about services that affect our economy," he said. "The essential service system needs re-thinking," but the topic, he added, is not ready to be brought before Parliament.

Dr. Philbrook expressed his pleasure with the work he and his fellow MPs have done thus far, but admitted that they still had a lot to do.

Recently he said, he had pressed for cutbacks in government spending, but warned that care must be exercised so as not to harm federal operations.

After hearing the views of his constituents concerning the proposed 50 percent pay increase for MPs, Dr. Philbrook returned to Ottawa to cast his vote for the independent committee approach, rather than a prolonged Commons debate. Such a procedure he said, would save time and cost, while at the same time combining the viewpoints of all parties.

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Craft Day

Springtime Craft Day, held by the Georgetown "Y" last week, proved to be a day of creativity. "Y" personnel demonstrated and supervised the making of such crafts as: dried flower arrangements, corsages for both children and adults, string art and tea towel wall hangings. A weaving display was conducted in the morning however, unfortunately weaving crafts could not be made by individual persons.

Mary Livingstone, a "Y" employee, was pleased with the outcome of the day. "We've had a great turnout. The craft day the "Y" held at Christmas was so successful that we decided to hold another. We hope to sponsor two or three of these craft days a year."



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. James Kirkwood, 4 Pauline St., who marked their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday. Relatives, friends and well-wishers gathered at the Masonic Temple in Georgetown for an afternoon celebration in honor of the couple.

Secret is out

Georgetown's well-kept secret of the year will finally be revealed Friday night when the Lion's Club officially announces the winner of the 1975 Citizen of the Year Award.

Lion Roy Johnston, who heads the nominating committee, will let the cat out of the bag at the annual Citizen of the Year Dinner and Dance in St. George's Anglican Church Hall. Tickets for the big night are still available at Joe's Tuck Shop, downtown, Canadian Imperial Bank, Delrex Plaza, or any Lion's Club member.

MP's lot a two-man job

Dr. Frank Philbrook, Halton MP, is convinced that the tasks involved in being a member of parliament are too much for any one person to handle. In a recent interview, before dashing off to Ottawa, Dr. Philbrook gave an insight to his active schedule.

"I could spend all week plus the weekend in Ottawa and be kept constantly busy or I could spend that same week and weekend in my riding and be kept just as busy."

Dr. Philbrook's demanding job is made up of a lot of hard work involving many long tiresome hours. "I face numerous time and decision making pressures...it's an enormous task. It's really five jobs in one."

The MP noted the difficulties in informing the residents of the Halton region on his activities. "It's difficult to report on what I'm doing. We are assembling an informal team to make reports for the media."

This team will also advise me on the general tone and the important issues in my riding. We hope to get around to the newspapers about once a week.

The MP also commented on progress made up to date. "I'm pleased but not satisfied with the job I have done so far."

Dr. Philbrook was elected to office seven months ago and, according to the MP, "it seems years ago that I began."

Group will fight Hydro line right to the wire

Groups calling for a public inquiry into the final selection of the Bradley to Georgetown power transmission corridor route are ready to take their fight to Queen's Park.

Members have scheduled a meeting with Ontario Energy Minister Dennis Timbrell March 25.

Bill Mann, RR 3 Acton, chairman of a combined group of people from Halton Hills, Erin, East Garafraxa and East Luther Townships said a petition which began two weeks ago calling for the inquiry will be presented to the minister at the meeting.

The combined group wants a public inquiry to justify the need and the true cost of the Ontario Hydro project. Mr. Mann said Hydro is known to have told one member of the legislature that the corridor will be used to put pressure on the province to allow further plant expansion in the Huron-Bruce Region.

Public support for the groups opposed to the route selection has been growing geographically since a loosely knit group of 40 Erin Township property owners raised questions in January about the added cost of a two-mile detour through the township.

Two members of the legislature, John Root, Conservative MPP for Wellington Dufferin and Murray Gaunt, Liberal MPP for Huron have each called for a public inquiry.

As well, Mr. Mann said in a telephone interview several Grey County groups have now joined with the Milton-Colbeck group and will form part of the delegation at the March 25 meeting.

The petition, circulated by members of the group, has an estimated 1,000 signatures now, Mr. Mann said, and hopefully, he added, 5,000 before the meeting with the energy minister.

Last weekend Mr. Timbrell flew the designated route by helicopter and then drove the route back to Toronto, Mr. Mann said. "This indicates to me that the citizens will be heard."

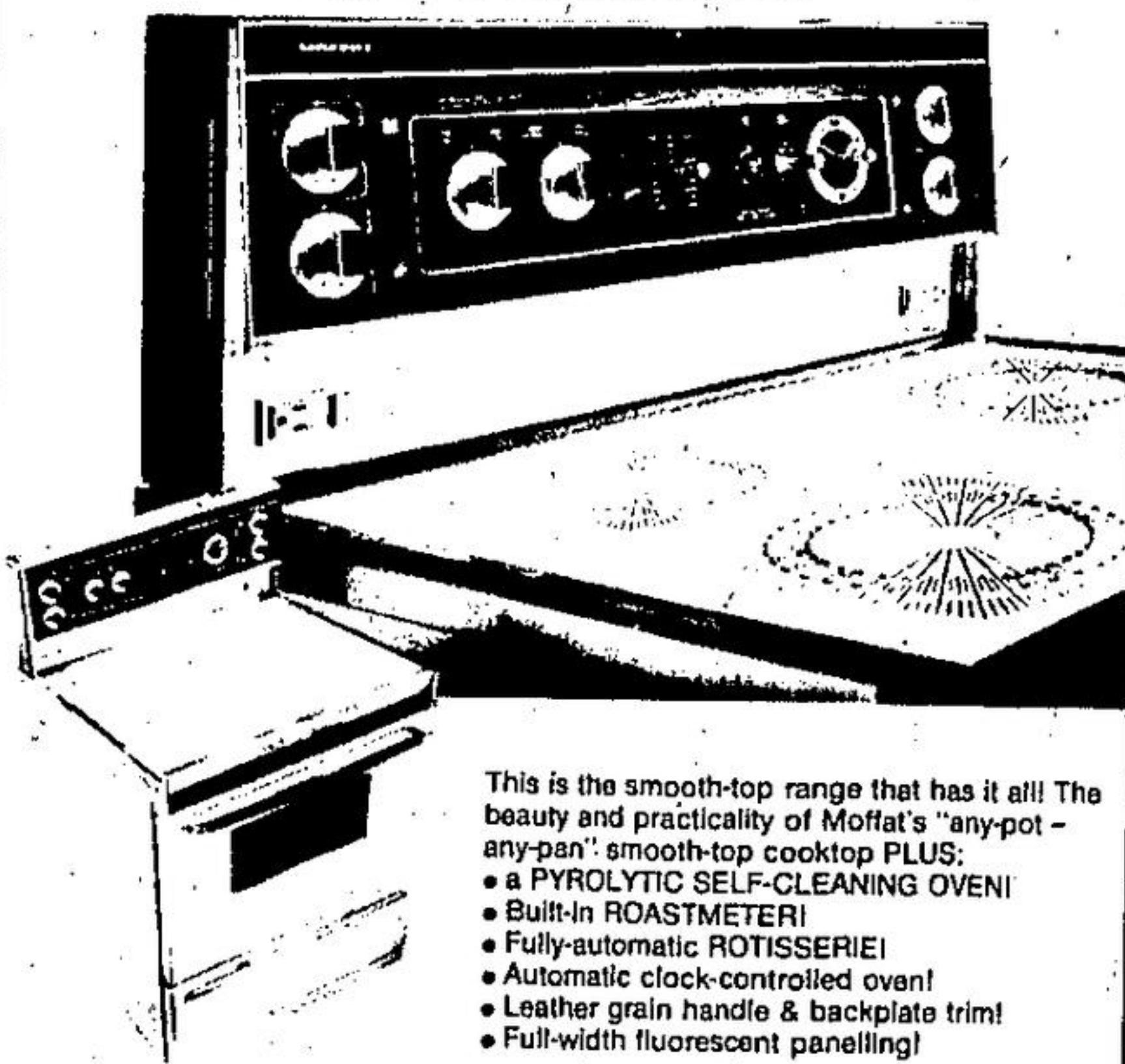
The citizen's group will take the matter to the Supreme Court if necessary, the chairman said. Cost for such an appeal could be as much as \$25,000.

To date, the group has earmarked several thousand dollars for the first attempts to have the Davis government show the need and cost of the

corridor, he said. "We're trying to be unbiased about this," he said. "We don't want to pit neighbor against neighbor or township against township, or line against line. There are no personalities involved, but we want just to be shown the need now."

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New Publisher for the Herald

William Evdokimoff, a 17-year veteran of the Thomson Newspaper chain, has been appointed the new Publisher for the Herald.

Mr. Evdokimoff began his newspaper career in Thunder Bay as an advertising salesman. A promotion to sales manager made way to jobs in Pembroke and Sarala.

Mr. Evdokimoff has two children; a daughter 16 and a son 11. He is an avid golfer and enjoys trail bike riding, with his son.

Commenting on his initial reaction to Georgetown Mr. Evdokimoff stated, "I really like Georgetown. It has a lot of character. As far as the paper is concerned, I think we're a bright, lively, morning newspaper."

Mr. Evdokimoff is presently searching for a permanent home in Georgetown.

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