

Businessmen to blame for bureaucracy Mackasey tells Liberals

A two-car garage plus a summer cottage on a lake are what await those who are willing to work, said the Honourable Bryce Stewart Mackasey, Postmaster General and Minister of Corporate and Consumer Affairs.

As guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Halton Liberal Association last Wednesday at the Lions Hall in Georgetown, Mackasey, (Liberal-Verdon) told a partisan crowd of about 80 that "doom and gloom" stories are not worth dwelling upon.

"I don't have to tell you that you are discontented," the minister said. "We'd be stupid not to recognize the malaise in the country."

However, the malaise is worldwide and comes about because, after decades of

prosperity, the western nations have "run into a new type of world," Mackasey said. "The third world and the OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries)." Violence and civil war, such as in Lebanon and Ireland, are terrible tragedies, the minister said. "This is a troubled world."

"The mood in Canada and everywhere is not the type of mood liberalism functions in at its best," Mackasey went on

to say. "People are scared, confused and looking for leadership."

And after beginning his speech on such a gloomy note, Mackasey then began working the optimistic route.

"I'm an optimist," he said. "We've turned the corner."

He said "In the past five years, 'we've lost our innocence.'"

He told the audience he had been told by economists that growth in the next 20 years will be equal to the last 20 years. "The standard of living will continue to grow."

Mackasey took this as an indication that "We're doing something right." He said he could see six months down the road "to when we don't have to be so pessimistic."

He called the government's anti-inflation programme "no controls but restraint." Increases in wages paid to workers was to be kept down to a maximum of 12 percent, Mackasey said in the hope that productivity will increase. Business profits next year will

be restrained to 95 percent of the profits made this year, Mackasey added.

In referring to "the new society" Prime Minister Trudeau introduced Canadians to at the end of last year, Mackasey said it was a question of "Do we want continuation of a boom and bust society?"

"If for a moment I thought it was socialism, I would quit the party tomorrow and so would the doctor (MP Dr. Frank Philbrook who introduced Mackasey)."

Mackasey said that even though 700,000 Canadians are out of work the government has succeeded in creating more jobs than any other western country. Seven or eight percent of the population out of work also means that 92 or 93 out of every 100 workers have jobs, Mackasey said.

"At least it is not synonymous with eight percent starvation as in the depression," he said.

Mackasey blamed the increase in government

bureaucracy on businessmen and people. "Everytime you ask government for service, you increase the size of the bureaucracy."

Mackasey also praised Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and attacked Joe Clark, leader of the Progressive Conservatives.

"We got a leader in Pierre Elliot Trudeau who is the epitome of all I admire," Mackasey said, going on to say that Joe Clark is "a young boy who can't find his way back into the House of Commons."

During a question period following his remarks, the minister told Tom Bennett of the Rusty Ford Owners Association that he could not comment on the association's actions because the case is before courts in Nova Scotia and Ontario.

However, he did say that government would be introducing a bill in the fall which would have provision for class action suits. Included in the bill would be a proviso for protecting private industry against mere harassment, he said.

As for the post office, Mackasey said the deficit was "sizeable" but pointed out that for every one percent increase in the use of the postal code, \$10 million annually could be saved.



HALTON LIBERAL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE. Elected at an annual meeting last Wednesday in Georgetown were Peter Salmon of Oakville, secretary; Steve Ormsby of Acton, vice president; Alice Walker of Georgetown, executive vice president; Slim Streck of Mississauga, president and Terry Johnson, vice-president. Absent from the picture is treasurer Paul Dereux.

HRCA releasing pheasants

Again this year, the Halton Region Conservation Authority will have rangeland pheasants available for release to private landowners. There are 400 birds being raised for this program and each landowner who meets the requirements and specifications as set down by the Authority will receive 25 pheasants.

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Lions winners

The winners of the Lions Club lottery on June 8 are all from town. They include J. Hunter, Beverley Hagar, Lacey, Helen Lloyd and E. Fitter.

Obituary

Mrs. Calvin Clark

A resident of Georgetown a number of years ago, Mrs. Calvin (Betti) Clark died recently after a lengthy illness. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Russell Peart of Rockwood and had resided in Wyoming, Ontario since leaving Georgetown.

Surviving are her husband, one daughter Beverly Mrs. Eugene O'Connell of Sarnia, son Donald of Chatham and also seven grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Muriel (Mrs. Alex Clark) who resides in Guelph.

Funeral services were held at the McKay-White Funeral Home in Wyoming and interment was at Eden Mills cemetery on Monday, June 7.

CHIC wins news award

CHIC Radio, Brampton, has won the National Charlie Edwards Award of Merit for Excellence in Radio News Broadcasting for 1976.

Presentation of the award was made in Winnipeg by Charlie Edwards, former head

of Broadcast News, at the annual convention of the Radio and Television News Directors Association of Canada.

The award was given for spot news reporting in the coverage of the three-person shooting last year at the

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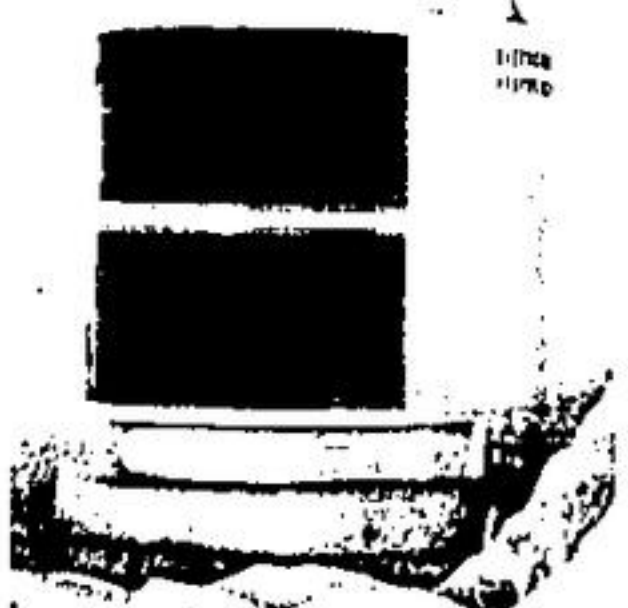
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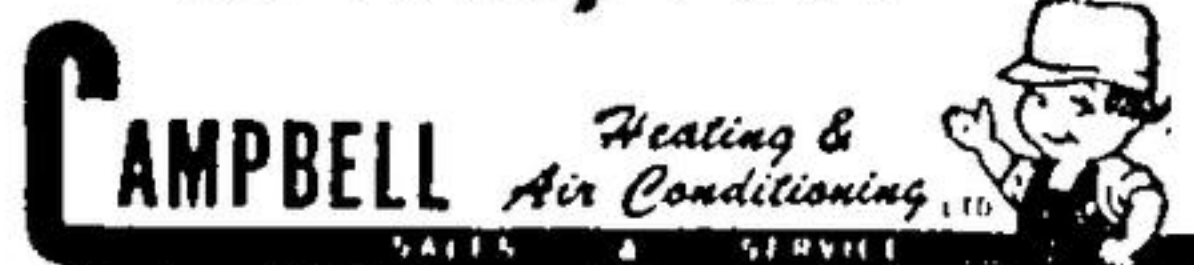
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