

A neighbor recently classified his yacht as a "floating debt."

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This Week

Libertarian candidate

Bramalea engineer Joe Yundt of the Libertarian Party became the fifth candidate vying for office in the Brampton-Georgetown riding. Mr. Yundt's party is dedicated to 'less government'. For this and other election stories, see Page six.

Women workers

Women looking for work or re-entering the labor force after spending some years at home should be looking at non-traditional jobs, says Industrial Training Officer Sharron Denofsky. She suggests women look into training programs in welding and other technical trades. Page 22

Halton's hopefuls

Halton riding's three candidates were kept busy during the past week. NDP'er Doug Black opened his Acton campaign office. Otto Jelinek spoke to local residents about gun control and Finance Minister Jean Chretien pitched Acton voters on behalf of Liberal MP Frank Philbrook. Page 19

Raiders lose

The Georgetown Raiders finally met their match at the Eastern Canadian Hockey Championships played in Timmins last week. After taking the southern division crown and the OHA Intermediate "A" titles, the Raiders went down to defeat in Timmins. They tied Timmins 6-6 in their first outing and then lost 8-6 to Charlottetown in their next game. See Sports Week



JO LISTER

People lover

Public relations work doesn't require special education or lengthy training. It requires knowledge of people and the community in which the person works, according to this week's Halton's People, Jo Lister. Page 18

Philp tops Norval

Philp Publishing has unseated Norval as champions in the Georgetown Industrial Hockey League. After losing the first two games in the best of five set, Philp roared back to take the last three games and the crown. The score in the fifth and deciding game was 5-0. Page 34



GLT'S NEW THRILLER DEBUTS TONIGHT

One of many dramatic moments from Veronica's Room, the new Georgetown Little Theatre production which debuts tonight at Howard Wrigglesworth Public School, finds 16-year-old Melissa Bell held captive in a tension-filled scene from the Ira Levin thriller. Simon Jones prepares to administer a sedative while Sue McGowan and Joe Del Giudice look on. Director

Neville Worsnop recommends the play for adult audiences, largely because of its verbal and visual impact and twisting, psychodramatic plot. Performances begin at 9 p.m. tonight and 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

(Herald photo by Paul Dorsey)

Two murder charges laid in fire deaths

Two charges of first degree murder face the mother of the 10-year-old boy who died in a farmhouse fire, south of Acton, April 13.

Doris Jones, 37, R.R. 4, Acton, whose mother-in-law also died in the pre-dawn blaze, was charged with the murders of the two people and has been remanded for psychiatric assessment to the St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospital for no more than 30 days.

Mrs. Jones was remanded to the hospital after an Oakville provincial court appearance before Judge Douglas Latimer.

SANITARIUM RELEASE
She was arrested and charged following her release from the Homewood Sanitarium in Guelph, Friday where she was being treated following treat-

ment for minor injuries at Georgetown and District Hospital which she suffered during the blaze.

On the day of the fire, Mrs. Jones is said to have fled her burning home and run to the highway where she flagged down a passing motorist who drove her to a neighbour's home to phone the fire department.

Police have not yet received a report from the Centre of Forensic Sciences in Toronto which they hope will positively identify the two bodies found at the scene of the fire. The bodies have been tentatively identified by police as Mrs. Jones' youngest son Brian, 9, and Blodwyn Mary Jones, 82, her mother-in-law.

WITH FRIENDS
Another son, Allan, 18, was in Toronto at the time of the

fire and is currently staying with friends.

Police have been unable to locate Mrs. Jones' husband, David, 47, since they spoke with him on the day of the fire.

He was at work at Canadian General Electric in Toronto at the time of the fire, and police spoke with him then. He has not returned to work since and police are looking for him. Sgt. Keith Robertson has emphasized that he is not a suspect in the investigation.

"We've tried every angle to find him, but we haven't been able to track him down," Constable Wayne Jessup said. He said it was possible that Mr. Jones was aware his wife might be charged, and this might have led to his disappearance.

NO RELATIVES

Mr. Jones has no relatives in the area, other than his wife and surviving son, as far as police are aware. He drives a Ford window van, with blue and white stripes and licence number D89312. Police are asking anyone who knows his whereabouts to contact District 1 headquarters of Halton Regional Police in Georgetown.

Damage in the fire is estimated at over \$100,000. Firefighters were on the scene from about 4:30 a.m. until about 7:30 p.m. On arriving on the scene, a firefighter had to crawl under a vehicle parked across the driveway to disconnect the drive shaft, so the vehicle could be moved to allow fire engines through the house and barn were fully ablaze when firefighters arrived.

The investigation is being carried out by Barry Powell of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office and the detectives of District 1, Halton Regional Police.

Also, the fireplace in the basement, had neither flue nor combustion chamber.

REMAINING FAULTS

Mrs. Barraek reported that she asked Judge Thomas Quinlan last month to award her \$580 to rebuild the fireplaces. The judge contended she needed only \$50 to purchase a new flue. In all, remaining faults will cost about \$5,000 to repair, Mrs. Barraek estimated.

Some of the other structural deficiencies were repaired.

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Homeowner loses her bid for council aid

Hilda Barraek, whose "dream home" on Regional Road 9 (Five Sideroad) turned out to be a nightmare of structural deficiencies, failed last week in her final attempt to win the support of town council.

Council voted 7-2 last Tuesday night to follow the advice of its lawyer and have the 59-year-old widow pick up the town's \$1,000 to \$1,500 bill for court costs.

Those costs stem from last month's lawsuit in which Mrs. Barraek unsuccessfully attempted to have the town pay her \$12,000 in special, general and exemplary damages because preliminary inspections of her five-year-old, custom-built home by the town's building inspector, Doug Sargent, overlooked several serious deficiencies.

WAIVE COSTS

Mrs. Barraek asked council last week to either waive the court costs to which she is liable or else make arrangements by which she can pay the costs over an extended period of time. Council unofficially agreed to the latter request after Coun. Harry Levy requested the town solicitor to investigate alternative ways of handling the repayment.

"I'm not here to beg but to ask for your understanding," Mrs. Barraek told council. "I'm asking you to examine the transcripts of my lawsuit and reverse your decision about the court costs. Otherwise I would ask your leniency so that I can repay the costs gradually. I just don't have the money right now. I do accept my responsibilities, even though I think the town has moral responsibilities of its own."

Claiming to have spent nearly all her savings on legal fees and on repairs to the \$76,000, three-bedroom bungalow she had built for her in 1974, Mrs. Barraek said following the council session that she does not know what will happen to her next.

Employed as a secretary at a local golf course, Mrs. Barraek reminded council that preliminary inspections of her then-newly built home by Mr. Sargent failed to uncover any faults or deficiencies. She subsequently discovered two fireplaces in the house were built on wooden joists adjacent to other combustible material.

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Conservative candidate claims Liberals violated Election Act

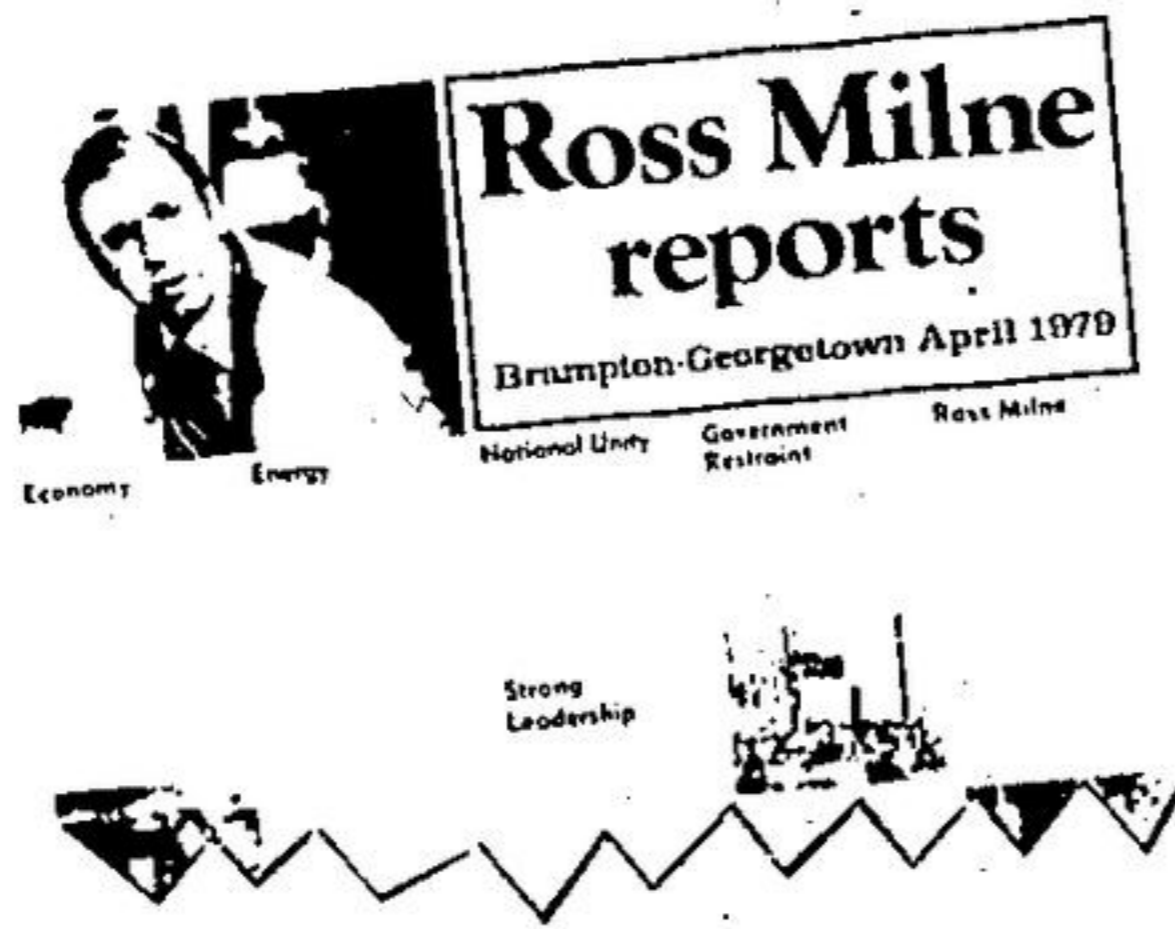
By MICHAEL HOLLETT
Herald editor

An election newspaper published by Brampton-Georgetown Liberal candidate Ross Milne's campaign committee was distributed in weekly newspaper in the riding last week in violation of the Canadian Election Act, according to members of the local Progressive Conservative campaign and they have asked the Chief Returning Officer of Canada to rule on the matter.

The four-page tabloid newspaper "Ross Milne reports" was distributed by carriers along with the Brampton Guardian and the Independent Georgetown, as well as to homes not subscribing to the newspapers.

ACT STATES
The Election Act states it is illegal to advertise in newspaper 29 days before an election, which is April 22 in this election.

The Milne tabloid was distributed on April 18 and the Conservatives maintain its distribution along with the newspapers constituted the purchase of newspaper advertising.



Is this illegal campaigning or an innocent brochure?

The Liberals maintain that the tabloid was distributed by the newspaper carriers, along with their regular newspaper deliveries, as well as separately, only for convenience and does not constitute advertising purchased within the newspaper.

The Commissioner of Canadian Elections, Joe

Gorman is currently awaiting a copy of the tabloid being forwarded to him by the Brampton-Georgetown Conservatives. His office will then study the material and rule whether or not the tabloid's distribution with the newspaper was illegal.

NO RESTRICTIONS
Liberal candidate Milne told

The Herald. "The law clearly states candidates cannot purchase newspaper, television or radio advertising until 29 days before the election but there is no restriction against publication of tabloids or brochures."

"Publishing brochures is the first thing any candidate does," Mr. Milne said the tabloid is "not an extension of the paper itself."

"We simply contracted with Inland's delivery system," he said.

Mr. Milne termed the Conservative's decision to file a complaint against him because of the brochure as "a wrong tactic, the wrong thing to do."

ANOTHER DAY
"I think that maybe if they had taken another day to think this through they would not have done it," he said.

He termed the Conservatives' charges "pretty heavy stuff" and said they have a responsibility to know what they are talking about in this type of situation before making charges.

Mr. Milne said it is "strange" that the Conservatives did not discuss the matter with his campaign workers before filing the complaint and informing the press.

He called the Conservatives' complaint an example of the "aggressive" campaign being waged in the riding and said the issue has no bearing on his abilities as an MP.

Conservative candidate John McDermid said Mr. Milne's statement that his party did not contact the Liberals before filing the complaint "is a lie."

He said his campaign's lawyer contacted Rick Weiler of the Milne campaign before the complaint was filed.

"We decided before the election that we would overlook minor violations of" Continued on page 3

Another pylon sign approved by council

A commercial pylon sign for Georgetown's second specialty donut shop has been recommended for approval by the town's general committee, but concern over the sign's visual effect on passing motorists has ended the owner's hopes of erecting a revolving sign.

Neon Products Ltd. applied for permission to erect a 20-foot high rotating pylon sign outside the new site of Donut Time and the Pop Shoppe, which will together occupy the former Kinney Shoes store building at Guelph Street and Mountainview Road.

The general committee was informed Monday night that the new sign is proposed as a replacement for Kinney's old 35-foot high pylon sign and will be located in the same place, about 16 feet back from the Guelph Street property line.

SUPPORT SIGN
Coun. Roy Booth expressed his willingness to support the

sign application as a means of encouraging business in town but recommended that council's approval should be conditional upon the store owners' agreeing the sign will have no flashing lights and will not rotate.

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson said the Guelph-Mountainview intersection is already cluttered with flashing, revolving signs which Coun. Booth called "one of the biggest distractions" for passing motorists.

Coun. Pat Patterson argued that until the town has a comprehensive sign bylaw to control such applications, council cannot deny any requests. Coun. John McDonald countered that there are far too many pylon signs along the highway. At least two local pylon signs were shattered by recent windstorms, he said, but the absence of any commercial wording on the empty pylons "probably had no effect on their businesses."

A spokesman for Neon Products Ltd. told the committee that the proposed sign would be "a vast improvement" over the pylon signs already on the site. He said the Donut Time store is an "impulse-buying business" that relies heavily on its visual ability to catch the eye of passing shoppers.

Coun. Booth thanked the spokesman for illustrating his argument that such signs are distracting to motorists.

Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson informed the committee that a new sign bylaw is being prepared by municipal staff and estimated that it will be presented to council "in six weeks." The absence of a controlling bylaw "figured strongly in recent council debate over another application for a pylon sign at the new Mr. Donut outlet in the Delrex Market centre. That application was approved after lengthy discussion.



FASHION FUN

Wendy Weber's ringlets provided the perfect finishing touch to her striped pinafore and matching bonnet. The children's fashions were provided by "It's a Small World, and their shoes were provided by Fletcher's Shoe Store. For more pictures see Page 11.

CONSERVATIVES' CLARK TO VISIT GEORGETOWN

Progressive Conservative leader Joe Clark will be at the North Halton Golf and Country Club May 1, along with Brampton-Georgetown Conservative candidate John McDermid. Mr. Clark will be at the club at 9:45 a.m. for a coffee party, and will be speaking with anyone who wishes to attend. Mr. Clark will be attending a rally at the Oakville Arena at 7 p.m. the same day with Halton Conservative candidate Otto Jelinek.