

Still no transit funds- Jelinek

From the Ottawa Bureau
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Haltom MP Otto Jelinek was told last Wednesday that a proposed federal aid program for urban transit systems has again been shelved because of restraints on government spending.

The veteran Tory MP told House of Commons during question period that the federal government has been promising financial assistance since 1974, but just recently cancelled another promise of \$30 million to Ontario transit systems.

Finance minister Allan MacEachan told Mr. Jelinek that he "ought to be aware that the reason this program and other programs cannot proceed at the present time is our desire to maintain strict control over government expenditures."

Mr. Jelinek noted the dramatic need to conserve energy and won agreement from energy minister Marc Lalonde that improvement of urban transit systems could help the government achieve its energy conservation goals.

School's trip on despite robbery

Herald Special
Despite a thief making off with some of the money collected for a student trip to Washington, D.C. later this month, the trip is still on, says MacKenzie-Smith Middle School principal John Simpson.

Mr. Simpson refused to reveal the exact amount of money taken from a teacher's private locker some time between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. May 2 on the grounds that the matter is still being investigated by Halton regional police.

When the theft was discovered, it appeared that a member of the school student body might be to blame because students knew funds were being collected for the trip and had access to the portion of the building near where the teacher's lockers are located.

The school board's insurance will not cover the loss because it is less than the amount deductible in their policy. However, they will be splitting reimbursement with the teacher from whose locker it was stolen. The teacher was obviously not negligent with the money, he said.

Students were informed of the incident and are co-operating with the increased vigilance and restrictions on student movements in the halls during class hours.

Eighty Grade 8 pupils and their chaperones will be travelling to Washington during a four day visit to the Eastern United States in connection with a geography course. They leave May 26.

Chamber brochure on view

Herald Special
The Acton Chamber of Commerce board of directors will get a look at the rough draft of its new information booklet for the town at a May 21 meeting.

Chamber secretary Janet Fleming says the board will make any necessary revisions at that time and then it will go to Acton High School for printing. The chamber will pick up any costs involved in the printing, but the school will do the work.

Mrs. Fleming commended the high school students who collected the information for the booklet and also reminded anyone who wishes to be included in the booklet to contact her by May 21, if the students happen to miss them. She is optimistic that many of the little-known services being done from private homes will be included and it will provide useful information for both newcomers and long-time residents.

The booklet is expected to be available to the public by June.

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