



GLEN PATHFINDERS 'FIRST'

It was a first for members of the Glen Williams Pathfinders who gathered last Wednesday night in St. Alban's Church hall to honor members recently awarded with Canada Cords, the highest commendation in Guiding. Lisa Green and

Kelly Ann Brown (holding cakes) were the Glen's winners and they were joined in the presentation by (left to right) district commissioner Jean Roe, Dorothy Green and Ann Tolten, Pathfinder leaders. The awards are presented in recognition of outstanding community work throughout the guiding movement. (Herald photo)



While two of the elder members of the First Glen Williams Pathfinders received Canada Cords last Wednesday night, seven more joined the movement, too. New members in the Glen Williams group, which meets in the village's St. Alban's Church hall, are (front to back) Michelle McEachern, Stephanie Gieck, Clady Stephens, Cathy Siles, Sharon Wilson, Andrea Wilson and Melissa Malby. (Herald photo)

Noise bylaw charges relaid

Herald Special
Charges of violating the town's noise bylaw will be relaid against the leader of the Yugoslavian recreation centre near Speyside.

Bylaw enforcement officer Jack Lusty said the charges against Nick Cajic will be relaid early next week for violations July 12 and Aug. 9. A charge by the Halton regional police for violations July 5 will also be relaid.

Mr. Lusty said the town's legal advisors feel sufficient evidence can be produced linking Mr. Cajic with the celebrations at the site on the appropriate dates to win the conviction.

In late November, a judge dismissed the town's charges against Mr. Cajic for violations on July 19 and Aug. 2 because the town failed to prove Mr. Cajic was present and in control of the operation on those dates although he agreed the violations had been proven.

A police charge which was to be heard at that same court date got lost in a paper shuffle in the court and was withdrawn.

Residents along the Third Line east of the centre complained that loudspeakers broadcasting music for entertainment at the centre were so loud they couldn't even carry on a conversation in their backyards because of the noise.

The centre officially opened July 2.

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Jelinek joins constitution protest

Rights charter inadequate?

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer
Halton Conservative MP Otto Jelinek joined 23 other federal members of Parliament last Wednesday to oppose the historic constitu-

tional package presented to the House of Commons because he believes the charter of rights "is a step backward in the traditional freedoms Canadians have enjoyed since Confederation".

"Canadians have enjoyed more than any other nation in the world, more rights and freedoms by virtue of tradition," Mr. Jelinek told The Herald by phone from Ottawa. "Don't let anyone tell me that

we haven't enjoyed freedom of speech or freedom of the press. We have always had that and all the other freedoms that go along with that, including the right to own property."

The Constitutional package was approved by 245 members, including Brantford-Georgetown Tory MP John McDermid.

Mr. Jelinek argued that it is practically impossible to include every right in the charter and said that those left out will constitute a problem in the future.

The constitution was expected to be debated in the Senate yesterday (Tuesday) before being presented to the Governor General and sent to London, where the British House of Commons will make a final decision on patriation.

Quebec's rejection of the constitutional package was not among the Halton MP's reasons for opposing the deal along with 23 other MPs from all three major parties.

"What freedoms we have enjoyed over the years which are eliminated from the

charter of rights creates doubt about what's going to happen with them in the future," Mr. Jelinek said.

"I'm not saying that we will automatically lose those rights. I'm saying that those rights are no longer protected by anything. They used to be protected by the law of tradition."

He added that the exclusion of a clause covering property rights was "reason enough" for him to vote against the package.

"I'm not voting against the repatriation of the constitution," Mr. Jelinek maintained. "But I don't want rights and freedoms of Canadians which they have enjoyed since Confederation suddenly undermined."

Other members of his party who voted against the constitutional package agreed with his point of view, Mr. Jelinek said, while still others have declined to support the repatriation proposal until the Quebec disagreement has been ironed out and native rights have been more clearly enfranchised.

Otto tackles Liberals on Beardmore layoffs

From the Ottawa Bureau of The Herald

Halton MP Otto Jelinek has predicted that the federal government's decision to lift import quotas on leather footwear will eliminate 40 per cent of the nation's shoemakers within three years.

Mr. Jelinek also reported in the House of Commons that the move has already forced the Beardmore and Co. Ltd. tannery in Acton to lay off 400 people.

A Beardmore spokesman told The Herald this week that 175 employees are currently laid off. He declined to comment whether more lay-offs are planned or likely.

The Tory MP presented the Commons with a resolution which suggested Industry Minister Herb Gray "reconsider the timing of his negative announcement" which he claimed would add considerably to the country's unemployment and low level of productivity.

It was however, defeated by MPs on an oral vote required before the subject could be introduced for debate.



OTTO JELINEK

Charged with criminal negligence, Toronto man opts for trial by jury

A 32-year old Toronto man charged with criminal negligence causing death has elected to be tried by county court judge and jury.

Jorge Vicente is charged in connection with the death of Georgetown resident Bill Smeaton Aug. 27. Mr. Smeaton was bicycling to his job at Standard Products (Canada) Ltd. on Guelph Street when he was struck by a car.

A preliminary examination of the facts surrounding the death of Mr. Smeaton took place in Milton court last Wednesday morning, including the testimonies of two Halton regional police officers, another driver and a former co-worker of Mr. Smeaton. Following the preliminary examination, Judge D.V. Latimer decided there is satisfactory evidence to warrant a trial.

A trial date for the criminal negligence charge will be set in January with a likelihood that the trial will be held in mid-March.

Mr. Vicente has also been charged with impaired driving and driving over 80 kilometres per hour in a 60-kilometre zone in connection with the same case. He will appear in Milton Provincial Court April 20 on those charges.

Constable Jack Poot of the Halton force said he was on duty the morning of the accident and responded to the call, arriving at 6:35 a.m. at Guelph Street near Armstrong Avenue.

He said he observed a bicycle on the highway and a blue 1975 Chevrolet Monza on the south side of Guelph Street resting against a tree.

Const. Poot said the body of Mr. Smeaton was found in a puddle in a ditch at the side of the road.

Inside the Monza, in an unconscious state in the driver's seat, was the accused, Const. Poot said.

Inside, the accused couldn't be roused and had the odor of intoxicant on his breath, Const. Poot testified. He also had a

gash on his forehead from which he was bleeding.

Taken to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital by ambulance, the accused was released three days later.

A driver travelling east-bound on Guelph Street at the time of the accident testified that Mr. Smeaton was bicycl-

ing on the south shoulder of the road, off the paved portion.

"I saw a vehicle travelling towards me and it suddenly came across the road, veered straight across and to the south shoulder, hitting the person on the bike," said witness David Johnston.

A fellow worker at Standard

Products said she had just waved hello to Mr. Smeaton before pulling into the company's parking lot, yards away from the accident site.

Christine McNiven said Mr. Smeaton had returned her greeting with a wave of his right hand just before the accident took place.

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