

Legislature winds down business

The Legislature is now starting to wind up its business and if all goes well, the House should be able to recess within about a month.

Priority agenda items for the past couple of weeks included: tabling of the Independent health facilities act, increased assistance for high technology, the launching of a campaign against sexual assault and the celebration of Senior Citizens' Month.

With regard to the new legislation about health care, Ontario favors not-for-profit Canadian health facilities despite the free trade agreement which has been brought forward by Prime Minister Mulroney. Our belief is that the quality of accessible health care in Ontario is first rate and that the Mulroney trade deal jeopardizes this system.

Broader based community health care, which ensures high quality services, accessibility, and the most efficient use of resources is the main feature of the Independent health facilities act, tabled by Health Minister Elinor Caplan on June 2, 1983.

The act ensures that, despite any international treaty or obligation to which Canada is a party and any legislation implementing such an obligation, preference for licensing of facilities providing services will be given to not-for-profit and Canadian proposals.

On the economic front, the Ontario government has enhanced the province's ability to compete in world markets, three more high-tech projects will be funded by the Premier's Council Technology Fund, Industry, Trade and Technology Minister Monte Kwinter has announced.

Up to \$22.7 million will be provided



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to four companies in association with several universities to design new types of silicon circuits used in a vast array of modern high technology products. The project, initiated by the Canadian semiconductor design association, will improve the ability of Ontario firms to compete in the design and manufacture of integrated circuits.

The four companies are Linear Technologies Inc. of Burlington, and Calmos System Inc., Mosaid Technologies Inc., and the Semiconductor Division of Mitel Corporation, all of Kanata.

The technology fund will designate up to \$4.7 million to I.S.G. Technologies Inc. of Mississauga to develop a new diagnostic machine. The machine will enable doctors to obtain instant three dimensional images of a patient's body without using X-rays.

Also, the prevention of sexual assaults through public education is the major goal of a new campaign launched by the Ontario government.

Announced by the Hon. Gregory Sorbara, Minister Responsible For Women's Issues, the campaign is designed to challenge widely-held

myths that blame women for being sexually assaulted and allow assailants to avoid responsibility for their actions.

As part of the \$600,000 campaign, a \$120,000 fund has been allocated to 69 community groups across Ontario for local public education initiatives.

"It is time to put aside the fiction and take a hard look at the truth. We want to increase the public's awareness about what sexual assault is, and the fact that it is a crime," said Mr. Sorbara.

"We all have a community responsibility for the prevention of sexual assault. This crime is far more prevalent than most people realize. In fact, one out of four Canadian women is sexually assaulted in her life."

Finally, in recognition of the contribution and dedication of Ontario's

elderly, June has been proclaimed as Senior Citizens' Month, Minister for Senior Citizens' Affairs Mavis Wilson has announced.

"Opportunity Is Ageless" is this year's theme. It expresses the enthusiasm and creativity with which seniors take advantage of the choices around them.

"When we celebrate Senior Citizens' Month in Ontario, we show our appreciation of the collective wisdom, experience and service of a growing and vital segment of our population," Ms. Wilson said.

"This year's 21 Ontario senior achievement award recipients are being honored not only for their individual accomplishments, but also because they typify the spirit of thousands of seniors across this province," Ms. Wilson added.

A case of mistaken laundry

A case of mistaken laundry caused an Acton man, 19, some trouble last Wednesday. The man was asked to pick up a friend's laundry from a local laundromat and mistakenly chose the wrong dryer load. The man who made the request angrily tossed half the clothing in the lake, leaving the remaining clothes in the plastic bag

for the victim to return. The Acton man returned the laundry and was allegedly struck by its owner, who is also accused of beating the man twice, stealing \$32 from his wallet and demanding that he sign over the ownership card to his motorcycle. Police are charging an Acton man, 29, with robbery in connection with the incident.

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Happy 50th

Richard and Ann Riddall celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with about 30 family and friends at the Chateau Restaurant in Georgetown June 25. Dick and Ann (Hall) were married in St. George's Church on July 1, 1933 by Rev. Ways. Mrs. Riddall is a native of Georgetown and she worked at Smith and Stone until 1941. She has been connected with the Rebekah Lodge, including terms as Noble Grand three times, for 41 years. Mr. Riddall worked at Smith and Stone for 10 years before moving to work in a machine shop in Collingwood. The Riddalls returned to Georgetown and Dick worked at Harley Kay's machine shop. He has been working in sales for The Investment Group since 1946. Mr. Riddall originally started the Modernaires Dance Band in Georgetown. The Riddalls have two sons, Wayne and Kent, and three grandchildren, Karen Ann, Leslie Ann and Mark. (Herald photo)

Graduates

Music Award Winner

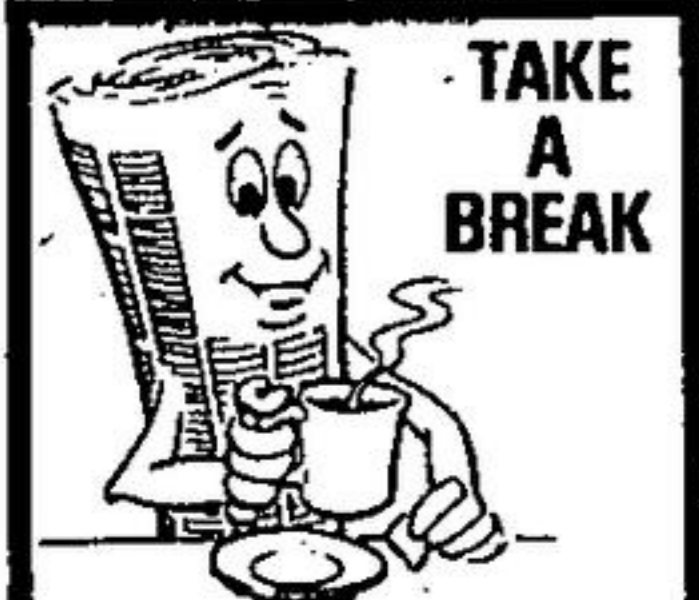


Jennifer Jane Hoddnott, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B.C. Hoddnott, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Lindley, Georgetown, and Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Hoddnott Sr., Campbellford, graduated from St. Mildred's Lightbourn School, Oakville, winning the "Jayne Thomson Music Award". Jennifer will be attending the University of Western Ontario in the fall for the Honours Bachelor of Music program. (Photo submitted)

York Graduate



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stanley of Georgetown announce the recent graduation of their son Ken from York University. Ken received his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science with Specialized Honours.



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