

In Your Opinion...

Question: What do you think of the provincial budget?



NORMA ANDERSON, Georgetown: "We deserve it when we elect these people because we don't do anything about it. Bob Nixon's manner indicated humor when he delivered the budget and I didn't find anything funny about it."



AL DESPRES, Norval: "As far as I'm concerned it's just a plain bad budget, especially with both budgets (federal and provincial) coming at the same time."



MIKE KEDDY, Mississauga: "It's a very disgusting situation, especially the tax hikes. With the federal budget and now the provincial budget it was bang-bang."



MARJUT SHIELDS, Ballinafad: "The one area I thought was nonsensical was the \$5 tax on tires. I can just see a senior citizen going out to buy tires."

Halton to review roads with police radar system

Halton Regional councillors will review regional roads next week equipped with a police radar system.

A roads review committee was formed two weeks ago to review problems of decrepit roads and inconsistent speed limits in the Region. Halton Hills Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson, Milton

Coun. Bill Johnson, Oakville Coun. Fred Oliver and Burlington Coun. Barry Quinn joined forces with two Regional staff members and Sgt. Ken Bonham from Halton Regional Police's traffic bureau, to review problem roads.

Coun. Oliver, who initiated the review committee, asked Sgt. Bonham if any roads could use a speed reduction. Sgt. Bonham

said yes: "What (speed limit signs) have done, in fact, is made the people speeders between the Fifth and Sixth Line," he said.

The councillors asked Sgt. Bonham if a fatal accident report had been completed. He said that there have been four fatal accidents on regional roads this year. Two of those accidents were on Winston Churchill Boulevard south of Norval.

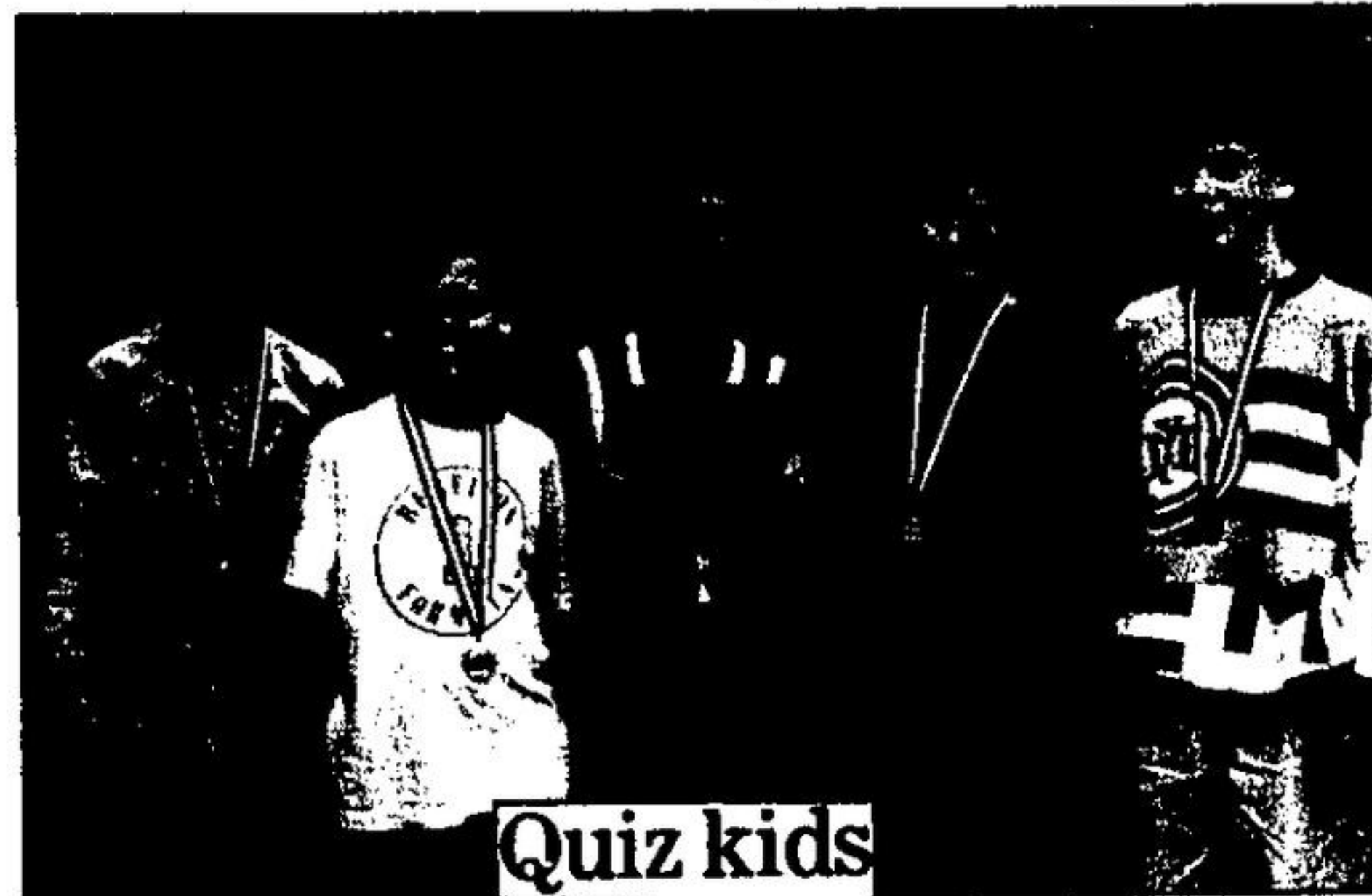
Sgt. Bonham said two of the accidents were due to slippery road conditions. The other two were due to brake failure.

But the sergeant said there is a "rapport" between the police department and engineers in individual municipalities to discuss roads.

Coun. Serjeantson suggested the Regional task force look at roads with the highest accident rates. But Sgt. Bonham said, "I would like to see the whole Region done."

"With the radar on the dash, it would bring out the problem," he said.

The task force will leave the Halton Regional building in Oakville at 9 a.m. June 1, for the first roads tour.



Quiz kids

The Centennial Middle School Quiz Kid team stands with their first place medals after defeating four other schools in the recent North Halton Quiz Kids Competition. Left to right are Rob McTaggart, Derek Young, Andrew Marshall, Bill Wray, Kevin Young. Absent is team member Simon Marshall. (Photo submitted)

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Steady stream at sale

By BETTY SOJKA
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A steady flow of people coming and going made for a very successful day at the United Church Women's Annual Rummage Sale held recently. There was a large selection of items for sale.

The role call for the Tuesday, May 16 U.C.W. meeting was in honor of Mother's Day. Each member answered the roll call with what was special about their mother. Ruth Shortill, Linda Mitchell and Irene Howes led the Devotion for the meeting. Viola Shortill introduced her daughter as the guest speaker. Bonnie is the proprietor of Jaboli, a growing successful manufacturer of custom made jewellery.

The business has a store located in Fergus which carries an interesting line of earrings, necklaces, pins, and hair clips. What makes Jaboli distinctive is that you can take a swatch of cloth or an article of clothing, and have a piece of jewellery made to that particular pattern or color.

Jaboli does a lot of custom work for weddings because of this concept. The U.C.W. was able to make a little money from the jewellery sold at the meeting.

The Mother's Day service at the United Church included a sacrament of holy Communion and Baptism. Nicole Lynn Routenburg, the beautiful daughter of Heinz and Susan, was baptized.

GEM conference planned

The environmental conference hosted by POWER during National Environment Week next month promises to be a real GEM.

Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources will host a Great Environmental Merger June 10 and 11 at the Riviera Centre on Highway 7 in Norval.

The local group formed by citizens opposed to putting a dump in the Acton quarry has invited various groups from as far away as the United States.

There will be two groups travelling toward Norval, each carrying half a plaque. One group will leave from Tobermory. The other group will leave from Niagara.

The full plaque "will symbolize the merging of the various environmental groups along the escarpment," says POWER.

Ontario Environment Minister

James Bradley will speak at Saturday's conference. A member of Environment Canada will speak at Sunday's conference.

Various professors and representatives from citizens' groups will speak both days.

The GEM will cost \$10 per day and \$15 for both days. The Saturday night dinner is \$7.

POWER members recently held a giant garage sale to raise money for the group. Last Wednesday, POWER public relations officer John Minns appeared before Halton Region asking the government to oppose the application by Reclamation Systems Incorporated for a dump site in the United Aggregates Quarry. If approved the quarry could serve the Greater Toronto Area of York, Peel, Halton and Durham Regions as well as Metropolitan Toronto.

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