



Acton High School was an impressive seventh in a computer contest involving students from all over Ontario. The local team made up of Eli McIlveen, Terry

McLean, coach Dave Sale, Matthew Gerhard and Dave Blaser advanced past Halton and zone rounds to reach the finals, held at the Ontario Science Centre.

Mold-Masters greets German guests

A delegation of German representatives from industry, education and government visited Mold-Masters headquarters in Georgetown Wednesday to gain firsthand experience of training in Ontario. Mold-Masters is an injection molding - Hot Runner - manufacturer serving the plastics industry.

The delegation is visiting Canada to meeting with Ontario counterparts involved in an accord signed last year by the Ontario minister of Skills Development, Colleges and University and the minister of Economic Affairs, Trade and Technology for the State of Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany. The accord promotes consul-

tation between the two firms regarding training and vocational education.

A pilot student exchange project being developed under the accord will place students from Toronto's Humber College, and J.F. Kennedy Schule near Stuttgart in companies in the other jurisdiction for six months.

Mold-Masters is involved in a number of training initiatives, including apprenticeship, industrial cooperative placements and the Skills Canada program. It is also participating in the student exchange project.

Ontario Chamber president says Chambers must be militant in opposition to proposed labor act

By JANET BAINE

Staff writer

Pat Palmer of Georgetown, the president of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, told business people in Halton Hills the most important piece of legislation in the province this year will be the new Labour Relations Act.

"Let me describe the economic landscape we face today. The government is inexperienced and it doesn't understand economics," Palmer said at the Chamber's monthly meeting Tuesday. "The economy is undergoing restructuring and there is weak demand and poor productivity. We expect 1.2 per cent growth in Gross Domestic Product in 1992, and business and government investment is expected to decline 1.6 per cent."

At the same time, over one million people in the province are on welfare and the deficit is over \$10 billion, he explained. The NDP government has a list of 75 priorities, of which 90 per cent involve business interests, which is taxing the Chamber members, all of whom act as volunteers.

"Never have we had a government with so many items on the agenda and so many consultation committees."

"The Labour Relations Act is the most important issue in terms of legislation, but the most important issue is training and education," he said.

Palmer expects labor reform legislation to be tabled in June, and immediately after the Chamber will announce Ontario Labour Relations

Act Week, in which all local chambers will hold public information sessions, town hall meetings, and will encourage people to send letters containing their views to provincial politicians.

Palmer anticipates the government will consult with people over the summer and the new legislation will be passed by the end of the year.

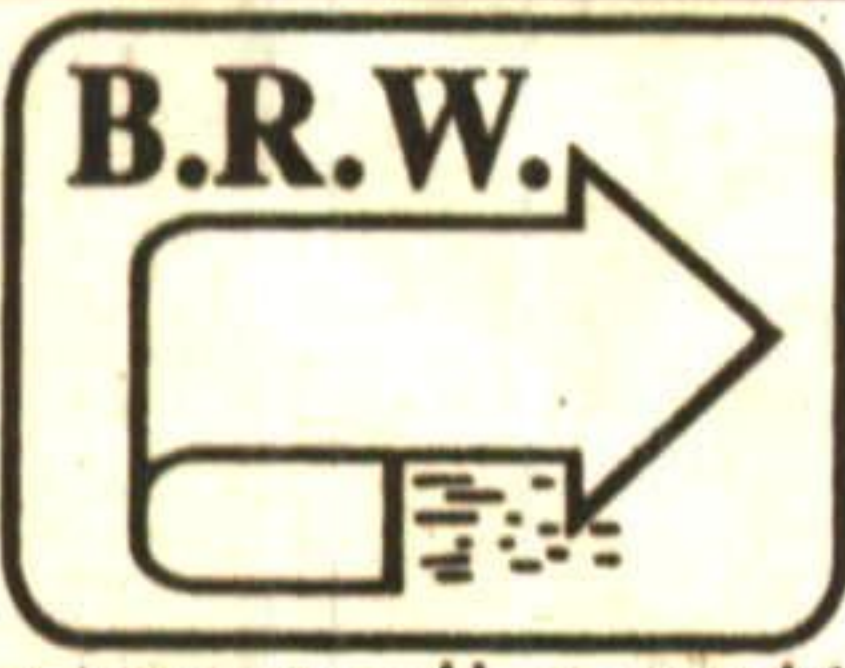
Palmer said the Labour Relations Act is anti-investment, anti-competitiveness and the business community has to be militant about getting involved.

"We're coordinating all the resources we can (for that week), we have newspaper ads ready to go, but you've got to get involved, and I mean it sincerely," he told members of the Halton Hills Chamber. Politicians like to get reelected, and they pay attention to letters from their constituents, he said.

Palmer was elected to his position as president of the Ontario Chamber Jan. 1, 1992 and is serving a one year term. Palmer has worked at the Royal Bank since 1961, and is vice-president of retail banking of the west and northwest region, Ontario District. Prior to this, he was a vice-president and also treasurer.



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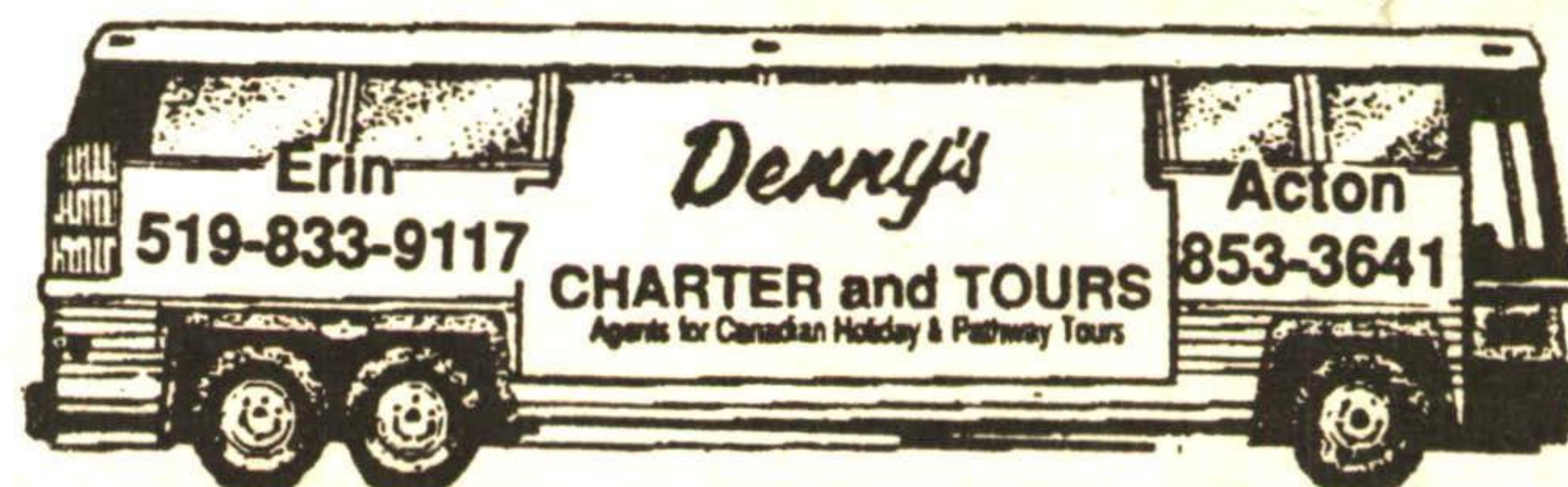
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