## Report from Ottawa by rud whiting

Last week, June 25 to be exact, completed my first year as Member of Parliament for Halton Riding. While newspapers and commentators reviewed the first year of the Trudeau Government I took a little time out to look back on what the year has meant to me. What follows then is of a personal nature and I hope I can be forgiven for devoting this space to these reflections.

Before being elected to Parliament, I had a job like everybody else.

I left for work in the morning, came home for dinner and could spend most evenings with my constituency. On the legislative family. Anne and I have two side I try to spend as much time children - Jamie four and Tracy soon to be three.

Now I leave on Monday morning, catch a plane and I am in my office in Ottawa usually before noon. I get back home on Friday night. Saturday is devoted to meeting with people throughout the Riding, either individually or in groups. Usually there is one or more functions to attend on the weekend.

Looking back over the past year I ask myself would I do it if I had the chance to make the same decision to run again. I would. Despite the long hours, being away from my family, the many problems I face in my efforts to help people and the problems a Member is faced with concerning legislation and the many constituency matters which come across my desk, I would again make the same decision.

It is a fascinating life to be a Member of Parliament and can be one of real service. As a Member I come into contact with many people with a wide variance of interests. Despite what is said about backbenchers, we all can't be Chiefs. There are two sides to the work of a Member of Parliament. There is that which concerns the affairs of his constituents and

in the House as I can. I am also a Member of three Standing Committees of the House of Commons - Labour, Manpower and Immigration; Regional Development and the Committee on National Resources and Public Works. There can be as many as six

On behalf of the constituents of Halton there is a constant flow of correspondence and telephone calls which are always

Committee meetings a week in

addition to meetings of the

Liberal Caucus.

This year we had the passport hassle and of great concern to many of the people of Halton was the change in the legislation on Estate Tax. I was pleased to help many Halton travellers who had emergency problems and needed passports quickly. By joining with other Members of Parliament we were instrumental in having the Minister of Finance make changes in the Estate Tax legislation and now no estate of \$50,000. or less, is taxed. During my first session in Parliament have spoken in the House of Commons on four occasions.

This session of Parliament is now coming to an end and another starts in the Fall - that will be round two.

The House is staying in session longer than we expected. It was at first hoped that all legislation would be completed by the end of June but at the end of the month there remained two items of business which had to be dealt with. One was the Official Languages Bill and the second concerns changes to the rules of procedure in the House. This latter deals with the amount of time to be devoted to discussion of any legislation by Members.

in the newspapers or heard on require at least three days. On T.V. and radio. In order to give the first day the Minister would you a better understanding of inform the House that he and what this is all about I thought I would try to explain some of the not reach agreement on how main points of thesy proposed much time should be devoted to changes in this column.

The first of these changes would make it possible for the House to decide without debate how much time should be set aside for one or all stages of a Bill when there is unanimous agreement among the House leaders of the various Parties.

The second would make it possible for the Government House Leader, without notice, to propose a time allocation motion for a stage of a Bill if a majority of the Parties agreed. The House would decide on this

motion after a two hour debate. The third proposed change known as 75C could be used as a final resort when a stalemate has developed. It would permit the House, on the initiative of the government to terminate a persistent filibuster against a Bill. However, the proposed changes have some safeguards

against Government impatience.

First it places an onus on the Government House Leader to try to negotiate an agreement under the first two rule changes mentioned above before resorting to 75C. It cannot be used in advance. For example, the House must have started to consider the amendments proposed to a Bill at the Report stage before the Government House Leader can give his notice that he will move a time allocation motion in respect to that stage.

75C is restricted to one Bill at a time and is also restricted to one stage of a Bill at a time. To make use of the procedure on any one stage of a Bill would

This has aroused quite a controversy as you have no doubt read the other House leaders could

> a particular stage of a Bill, he would then give notice of the time allocation motion. On the second day the Minister would move his motion and it could be debated for two hours. On the third day the time allocation order would go into effect. If this procedure had to be used the full three times on a Bill the minimum elapsed time would be

ten days. It would work this way - three days to terminate second reading, three days to terminate the Committee stage and four days to terminate the report and third reading stages.

The British House of Commons has a much more rigorous rule than 75C. In the British Parliament closure can always be applied on second and third reading of a Bill at the end of one day for each stage. The British Rules permit the Government to move one time allocation motion covering both these stages and there is no prescribed minimum to the hours or days allocated for debate on the motion.

This week I was pleased to announce the approval of a loan from the Federal Government in the amount of \$174,512.00 to assist in the construction of a twenty-four unit senior citizens apartment project in Georgetown.

William Stewart of Brantford, Ont., no longer has cancer. That's why he supports the slogan of this year's campaign for funds by the Canadian Cancer Society: "Cancer Can be



HEADING OUT INTO THE SUMMER SUN, students at one of the district's rural schools say a happy goodbye to classrooms and get set for a two month holiday in the outdoors. Racing off into summer

are some of the students at Milton Heights public school. An estimated 47,000 students bade goodbye to hundreds of schools in Halton last week.-(Staff Photo)

## Conservation Week events

The opening of the Morrison-Wedgewood Creek diversion channel at Oakville on Monday and a Tuesday display day at Halton's libraries officially kicked off this week's Conservation Week celebration. Wednesday, July 9-Swim

meet at Kelso Pool at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 10-Project Preservation to be judged. Organized groups only, entry forms must be filled Suggestions - grading stream bank, constructing a dam, planting a tree.

Friday, July 11-For organized groups at Kelso-Orienteering Clinic at 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m., Museum tours at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., film "Valleys and Peoples" 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Saturday, July 12-Bass Derby at Crawford's Lake at 9 a.m. with registrations till 4 p.m., naturalist hike at Rattlesnake 10

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Rattlesnake at 9 a.m., trout

derby at Kelso at 9 a.m.

(Registrations till 3 p.m.), trap

shooting at Kelso at 9 a.m.

(participation by invitation),

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## Esquesing hopes for permission for open burning at township dump

were fixed up.

of the diocese.

Three representatives of the

Hillcrest cemetery at Norval

asked the township to clean up

the old Anglican cemetery there.

Treasurer of the board Hyatt

McClure told council the board

was willing to maintain the

cemetery for a small fee, if it

Reeve Currie explained the

township would come into the

picture only if the cemetery had

no owner. Actually, the

cemetery belongs to the Synod

Norval had offered to relinquish

township would be responsible

for it. Reeve Currie thought the

township had had no

correspondence on the matter.

A resolution from the town of

Fort Erie was endorsed by

Esquesing. It goes on record as

saying government operations

and spending programs are

Esquesting council hopes to get permission to continue open burning at the township dump. An application will be made to the air pollution control branch of the Ontario Department of Health.' Legislation introduced last October prevents open burning. However, special permission for certain cases can be given by the department.

"We can't do anything else for the time being," reeve Currie commented at the council meeting last week.

Some councillors wondered aloud why the provincial government was concerned about open fires, citing the refineries and airplanes as other sources of air pollution.

Esquesing council also decided to request the Ontario Water Resources commission to complete a cost and feasibility study on the supply of a piped water system for the village of Glen Williams.

"Once we know what it costs, we can see whether we want to proceed with it," said deputy-reeve Tom Hill.

Apparently there are no serious water problems in the village but piped supply would be desirable because of expected

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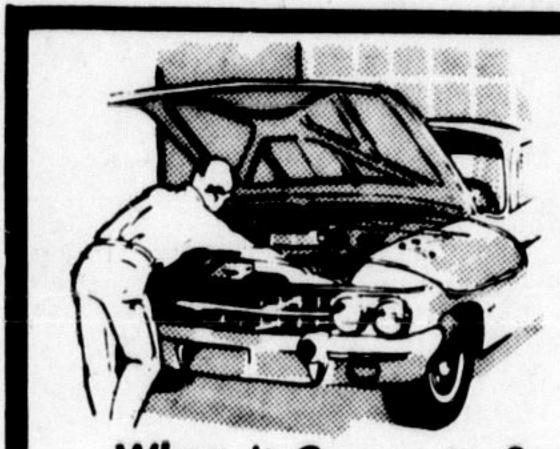
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maintenance, and would

understand this gives them no

declared Conservation Week as

don't have to spend any

of the Scotch Block dam.

planned by the Halton Region

Authority, will be \$3,975,

council learned. The project is

west of Highway 25 between

Acton and Milton. Total cost is

\$68,500 - \$22,500 for land and

\$46,000 for construction.

The township's share of costs

The week of July 7 to 13 was

right in the road allowance.

They would assume full

many Canadians to pay.

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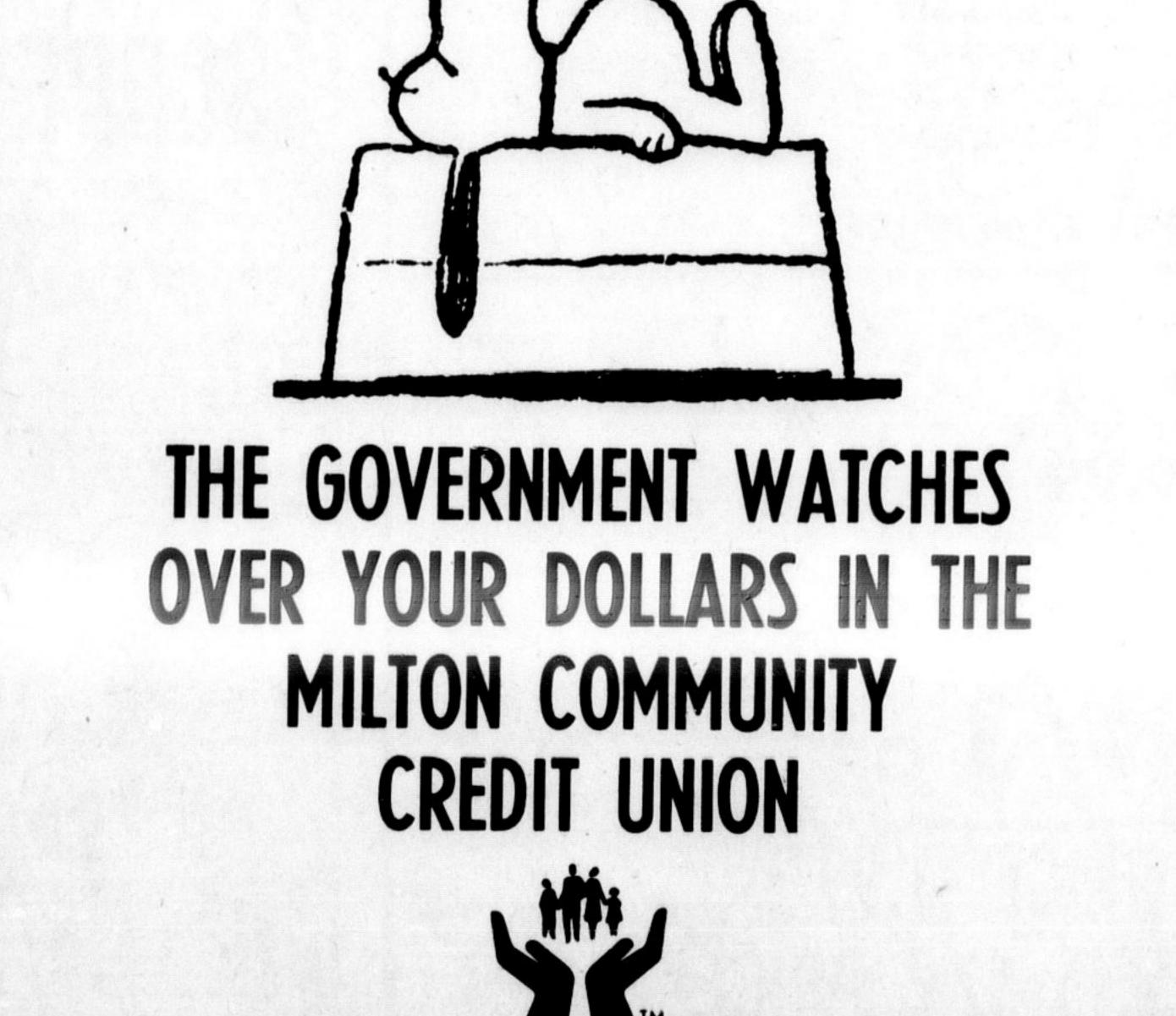
Oliver Hunter, the chairman of council approved a request from

the cemetery board, said the the Credit Valley Authority. "I

vestry of the Anglican church in have no objection as long as we

their claims in 1959, if the money," explained reeve Currie.







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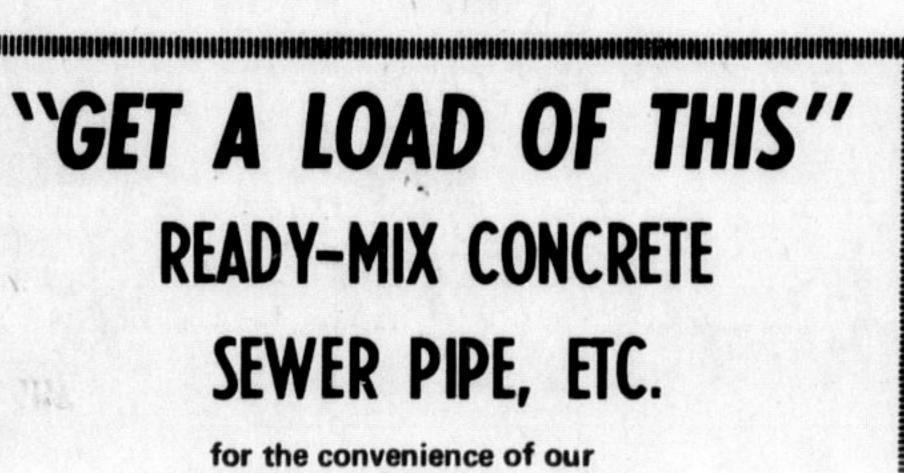
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