



ARRIVING IN STYLE at the Christmas tree burning ceremony, Kent McIntosh and family were among several local residents who drove there on snowmobiles.—(Staff Photo)



FIRE, FIRE BURNING BRIGHT—While the crowd huddles closer for warmth, over 1,000 local Christmas trees met a fiery fate at the fair grounds. Milton Parks and Recreation Committee and Town Council arranged the second annual tree burning ceremony and the recreation group served free hot chocolate and donuts to the crowd of over 500.—(Staff Photo)

Lower voting age to 18 New Democrats suggest

Miltonian Murray Kernighan, former Federal Candidate for Halton New Democratic Party, announced today the Riding Association has presented suggested changes in the Canada Elections Act to the standing Committee on Privileges and Elections of the House of Commons.

An issue of most recent controversy, that of lowering the voting age to 18, was possibly one of the most important proposed amendments.

Other changes called for would combine the Polling subdivisions of Federal and Provincial and possibly Municipal elections into one.

In addition, they seek to have all election voting held in the same public building.

It was recommended by the NDPs that after each census, riding boundaries be revised and that the candidate's party be clearly identified on ballots and official documents.

Elections should be held once

every four years unless the Government is defeated beforehand and when a vacancy occurs by-elections should be held within 120 days.

It was requested limitations be imposed on campaign expenditures. Also, candidates should be allowed free mailing of one election leaflet to each voter, the brief suggests. At present, only clergymen or teachers can vote when they

have moved into a riding after the announcement of an election. The NDP party would like to see this extended to all persons regardless of occupation. Persons who are temporarily confined to a hospital should be

allowed to vote by proxy. Mr. Kernighan said the changes were based on experiences that workers have had during past elections. He felt that these changes were "both desirable and practical".

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Yule trees go up in smoke



FACES GLOWING in the light of the fire, youngsters cheer the big fire that over 1,000 Christmas trees produced at the fair grounds on Wednesday. It was a great family outing for over 500 Miltonians.—(Staff Photo)



BUNDLED UP against the cold wintry air, this boy arrived at the tree burning ceremony suitably garbed. Only his eyes were showing.—(Staff Photo)

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Endorse J. Snow suggestion on national building code

Halton East MPP Jim Snow got a nice pat on the back Friday. A proposal he made over a year ago in the Ontario Legislature was overwhelmingly endorsed in a report to the government from the Committee on Uniform Building Standards for Ontario, released Friday.

Recommendations from the Committee's report are practically identical to Snow's earlier ideas. It advocates the adoption of the National Building Code as a standard building code in Ontario; also that the National Fire Code be made mandatory in Ontario; and all present acts, regulations and government policies dealing with building be repealed and replaced with the federal building and fire codes, effective in January 1971.

Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough is seeking submissions on the report by April 1 and it is being widely distributed to Ontario municipalities and interested parties. It is hoped legislation will be prepared for a spring approval.

In March of 1968 Mr. Snow, a builder by profession, introduced a private member's bill dealing with this topic in the Ontario Legislature and it received considerable support from many quarters. The

Committee on Uniform Building Standards was formed in September of that year.

Honor G. Kerr at testimonial

Minister of Energy and Resources and Halton West MPP George Kerr will be honored at a testimonial dinner to be held in Burlington Feb. 25.

The guest list for the dinner is headed by national Conservative leader Robert Stanfield who will give the main address, Ontario Prime Minister John Roberts, Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough, Provincial Secretary Tom Welch and Health Minister Tom Wells.

Sponsored by the Halton Progressive Conservative Association, the \$25-a-couple dinner will be held at the Estaminet Restaurant. More than 400 people are expected to attend.

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