



NEWLY ELECTED president of the Halton and Halton East Progressive Conservative Association Bob Jones (left) chats with a colleague at the annual meeting at Percy Merry School last week. (Photo by B. Burt)

## O'Connor campaign chairman Bob Jones new PC president

Bob Jones of Oakville got the nod from fellow Conservatives Wednesday night when he was elected president at the annual meeting of the Halton and Halton East Progressive Conservative Association.

Jones defeated former Oakville Councillor Mike Boyle. It was Jones who headed Terry O'Connor's successful campaign during the recent Federal election.

John Ham defeated Jim Muir in the race for first vice-president while J. Shadbolt of Acton defeated John Kostek of Erin in the race for third vice-president. Phyllis Ferrier of North Oakville won the second vice-president

slot without being challenged. Dorothy Chamberlain won a three-way contest for the treasurer's job, defeating Bill Humphreys, and Les McKenna.

**Area Chairmen**  
Area chairman jobs went to Norm Nixon of Erin, Gail Maltby of Acton, Fran Baines of Georgetown, Doreen Pierce of Milton, Rick Clare of East Oakville, Ralph Young of Central Oakville, and M. Thorne of West Oakville, all of whom were acclaimed. Erwin Szebic lost a contest to Pete Pritchard of North Oakville.

Over 200 crowded into Percy Merry School for the meeting. Several candidates had posters

## Hydro commissioners at annual convention

Chairman William Rowney, commissioner Charles Thomson and Mayor Brian Best of Milton Hydro were among 1,500 delegates from throughout the province who attended the Ontario Municipal Electric Association convention in Toronto recently.

OMEA represents about 350 member municipalities with approximately 2,000,000 "hydro" customers. The Association traditionally maintains close scrutiny of power costing to ensure that users get the best service for the lowest possible cost.

A highlight of the conference was an address by William Davis, Premier of Ontario.

**Study future**  
Mr. Davis is presently studying the report of Task Force Hydro, a body he appointed to make

recommendations for the future of Ontario Hydro. The OMEA is opposed to some of these proposals, which it says will make Hydro less responsive and responsible to the public.

Other speakers included J. Dean Muncaster, chairman of the Task Force's steering committee, and George Gathercole, chairman of Ontario Hydro.

The annual conference was held jointly with the Association of Municipal Electrical Utilities (of Ontario).

## Challenges of the '70s are people problems

The problems of the seventies will be principally the quality of life and emphasis will be put on such matters as environment, urban congestion and urban transit, agricultural land use and the elimination of regional disparities in the province, chairman of the Ontario Board of Management Eric Winkler told Halton and Halton East Tories at their annual meeting at Percy W. Merry School Wednesday night. Over 200 attended.

Winkler told the overflow crowd of Conservatives that the role of the management board was one which looks at a broad scope of government. The management board is that body of the government which allocates funds to various departments.

Commenting on new trends in his department, Winkler indicated under the old system there was only so much money and to some extent the interests of some programs advanced at

the expense of others. The system of having departments appeal for funds was open to charges that salesmanship was just as important as the objective needs in determining where the money went.

**Set priorities**  
"A new approach was consequently set up to use a tougher and more systematic method of procedure. On the other hand policy ministries were set up and given the task of establishing priorities in their policy fields. A priorities and planning committee of cabinet was established to weigh priorities from the various policy fields," Winkler said.

Winkler noted health and education were two areas where the government decided enough was being spent while not enough was being directed to transportation, housing, recreation and pollution abatement.

"The people who criticize us, those same people who have,

incidentally, started calling me Eric the Knife, seem to think that enough is never enough. Tradition dies hard, it seems, and the old idea that we always need more hospitals and more schools has become just that, a tradition. One could perhaps use the description "sacred cow". Of course it is easy to stir one's social conscience over the needs of the sick and the education of our children but there are many other people who are neither sick, nor children, and have many other problems to face," Winkler said.

Throughout his address Winkler urged the crowd of over 200 to stay in close touch with what was happening in government. He suggested that only when a close tie exists between the government and the governed could good government be implemented.

## Underground steam system is tendered

Tenders are now being called for a new underground steam distribution system at Ontario School for the Deaf, Milton, for the Ministry of Education. Estimated cost of the contract is \$99,000.

The current tendering covers the third and final stage of a program, of which stages one and two are already complete, to replace the existing badly deteriorated steam and condensate pipes and protective conduit, which supply heat to the school's heating, ventilating and domestic hot water systems.

Developed by Ministry of Government Services staff, the redesigned system features complete flexibility regarding easy access below the surface, is more economic to maintain, and has an expected lifetime more than double that of the previous installation.

The project is expected to be complete within three months of

a contract being awarded, Halton East MPP and Minister of Government Services Jim Snow said.

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## Committee favors autumn elections

If Halton County Administration Committee has its way, the electors will choose their councils in October when there is a better chance for good weather, rather than in December when municipal elections have traditionally been held.

Discussion on the matter was triggered when the committee considered a nine part resolution regarding the act governing municipal elections.

Among those points recommended were changing election day from a Monday to a Saturday, making it legal for liquor outlets and hotels to stay open on election days, having all legislation pertaining to elections be in one act and having the enumeration procedures reviewed.

The committee voted in favor of leaving Monday as election day and requested clarification one one point, but other than that supported the brief as presented.

The committee felt October would be a better month than December for elections to be held, because it would allow voters to go to the polls in better weather and would allow councils to get into the swing of things before budgets were upon them. Allan Masson noted no change in the fiscal year would be required. The brief will go to Queen's Park for consideration.

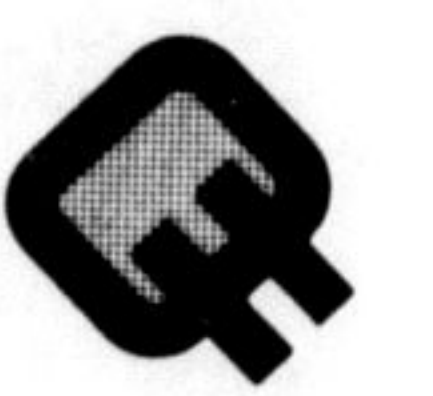
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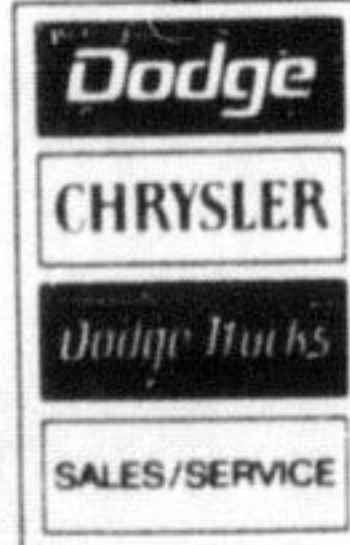


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