



THE PAST, THE PRESENT and the future got together to talk politics Wednesday at Milton's civic banquet. Russell M. Clements, left, served on Milton Council prior to the first world war while Anne MacArthur, right, is warden of Halton County and mayor-elect of the new town of Milton that will be formed on Jan. 1. In the centre is Allan Masson, chairman of the Regional Halton.



SIX FORMER MAYORS of Milton were on hand Wednesday at the town's annual civic banquet. From left are G. F. Thompson, Ross Pearen, Syd Childs, Mike Ledwith, G. C. "Doc" Gowland and Dr. C. A. Martin. All former councillors and all members of town boards, commissions and staff were invited to this year's event.



CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION were presented to members of all town boards and commissions at the civic banquet on Wednesday. Dave Green, chairman of Milton Committee of Adjustment, accepts several for his committee from Mayor Brian Best. (Photos by R. Downs)

### Ottawa Report

by  
Terry O'Connor — Halton MP



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One of the least important issues in Ottawa at present, ranking about 56th after energy, inflation, unemployment, U.I.C. and 51 others, is the one concerning private members and their written questions on the order paper. In their role of government expenditure watchdogs and policy performance critics, back benchers, and especially opposition back benchers, have the right to submit written questions to the government about its activities.

These queries are recorded in Hansard and are reprinted at frequent intervals until answered. They dig, pry and attempt to expose all manner of government foibles, mis-spending of public funds and things done or not done by ministers and departments. They include questions about the cost of the Prime Minister's trips, the number of people he took along, how much business was actually done and questions on the number of prisoners in penitentiaries over the last 20 years, their sentences, and the average cost of keeping such prisoners.

Too many... too long... The contentious issue

arises between the government and the opposition parties. The government says that the opposition is asking far too many questions, the answers to which are public knowledge and that in any event their record of answering them is exemplary. The opposition says that it takes excruciatingly long periods to get answers and even when answers are forthcoming, they are incomplete and evasive.

To the end of November some 3,367 questions had been placed on the order paper. A large majority of them (82 per cent) had been answered within a reasonable time, usually about six weeks. But they tended to be the ones which caused little embarrassment to the government or could be easily evaded.

The politically sticky ones remain unanswered. For instance, two questions asked the first day of the session, Jan. 4, have still not been dealt with. They seek information on the amounts of money spent by departments on outside consulting services, the names of those who got contracts and particulars of the contracts. Answers would obviously expose something of the government patronage machine. Many

more in their vein remain from February, March and April.

**Shout once a month**  
The issue blows up into a shouting match in the House about once a month. Usually John Reid (L.-Rainy River) quotes statistics of questions answered in jig time all in defence of the government's stellar performance of its responsibility to the Canadian people. Tom Cossitt (P.C.-Leeds) usually harangues on about incredible delays, gross inefficiencies and government fears of the truth.

Most questions are seriously seeking information. Some are asked to cause political embarrassment. Nearly all of those not answered are left so in an attempt to avoid political umbrage.

Recently, in frustration Tom Cossitt asked for the names and the job designations of the persons assigned to answering his many long-unanswered questions. Determined fellow, he.

If you have a problem, idea, comment, criticism or if you simply wish to get in touch with me, please stop by or call my riding office at 326 Lakeshore Road East, Oakville, 844-0222. Acton area residents can call Gail Maltby at 853-0768.

### Christmas promotion

Retail committee members Emmerson McCready and Anders Falk of Milton Chamber of Commerce report the Chamber's Christmas shopping promotion and draw is well underway.

They canvassed merchants to provide funds for an advertising campaign and draw prizes and report most members of the business community contributed toward the project. A total of \$400 in cash prizes will be given away, plus a 20 inch color TV set.

They report \$125 of the prize money, ranging in cheques from \$5 to \$25 will be drawn at intervals before Christmas and the remaining \$175 and the TV set will be drawn for Dec. 24. Shoppers can obtain entry tickets in

each week's Champion and deposit them with participating stores.

—Most local stores are planning to close on Boxing Day, Dec. 26.

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designated as school visitors and will be able to visit a school at any time. The designation was previously limited to clergyman and members of the Legislature. A parent will be able to visit a school at which their child is

enrolled. School trustees may freely visit any school within the board he represents.

Insight  
It's a good thing to read between the lines; it tires the eyes less.

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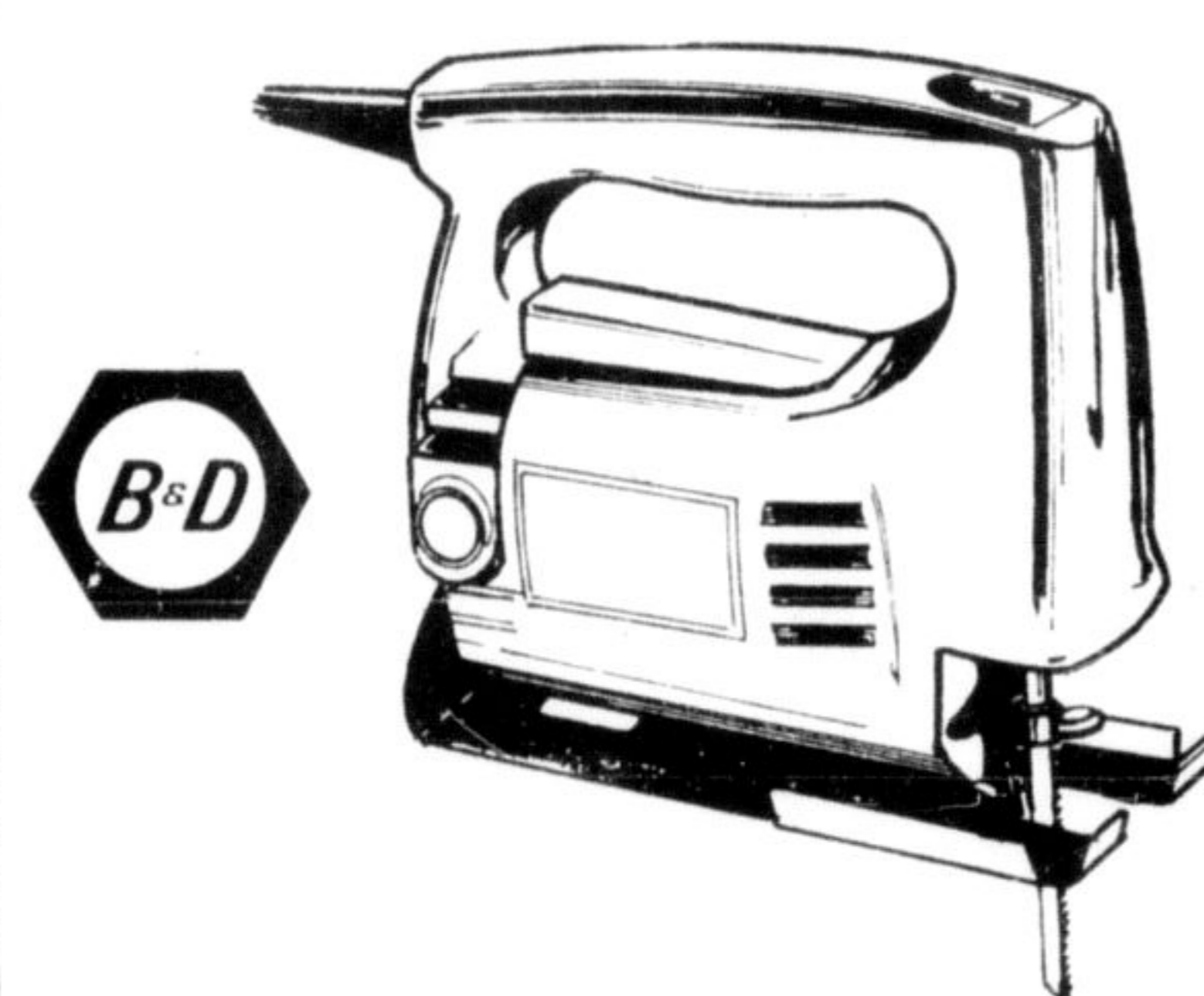
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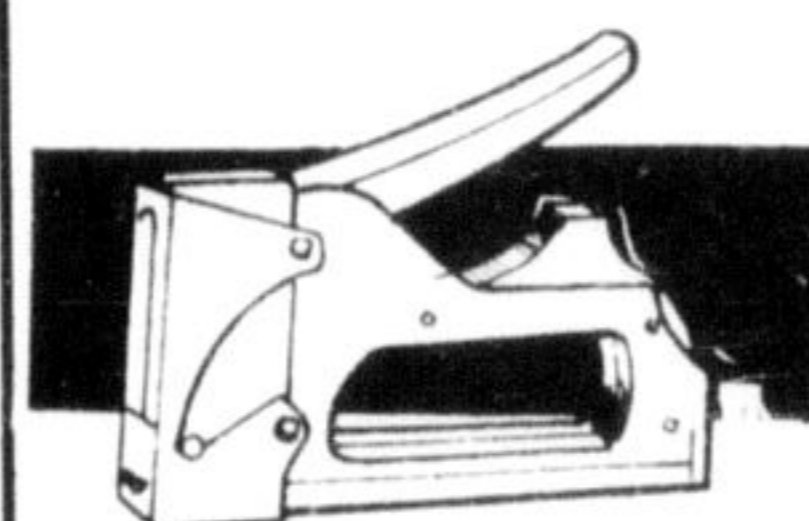
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## GIFT ideas for the home handyman!

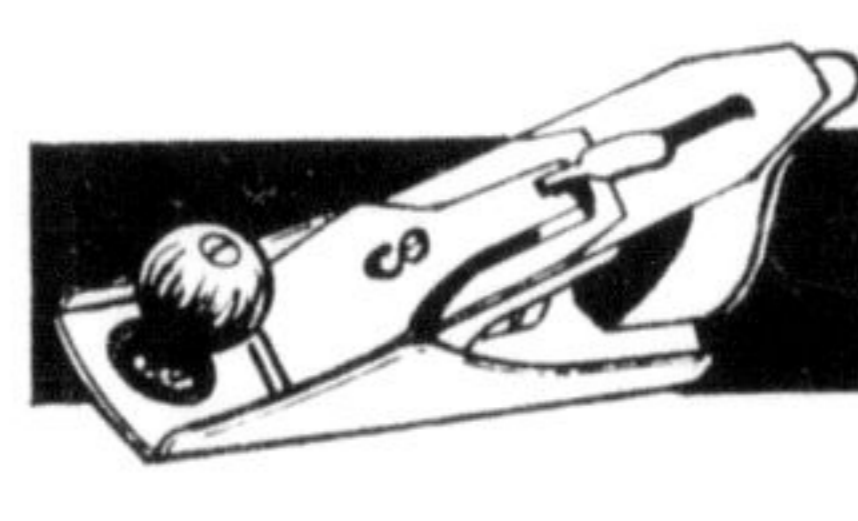


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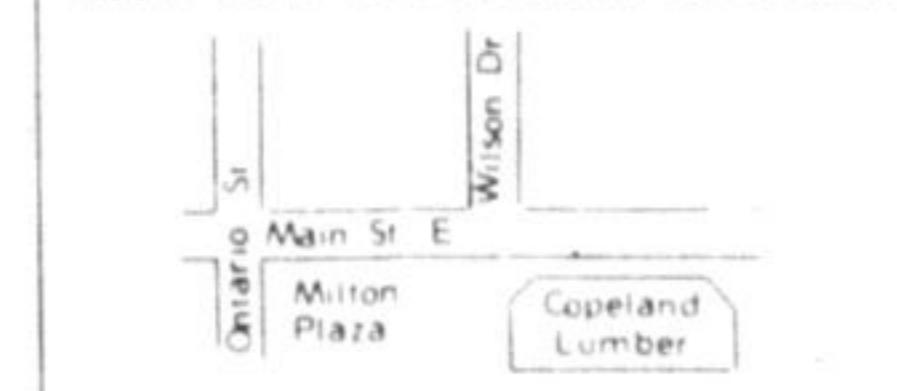
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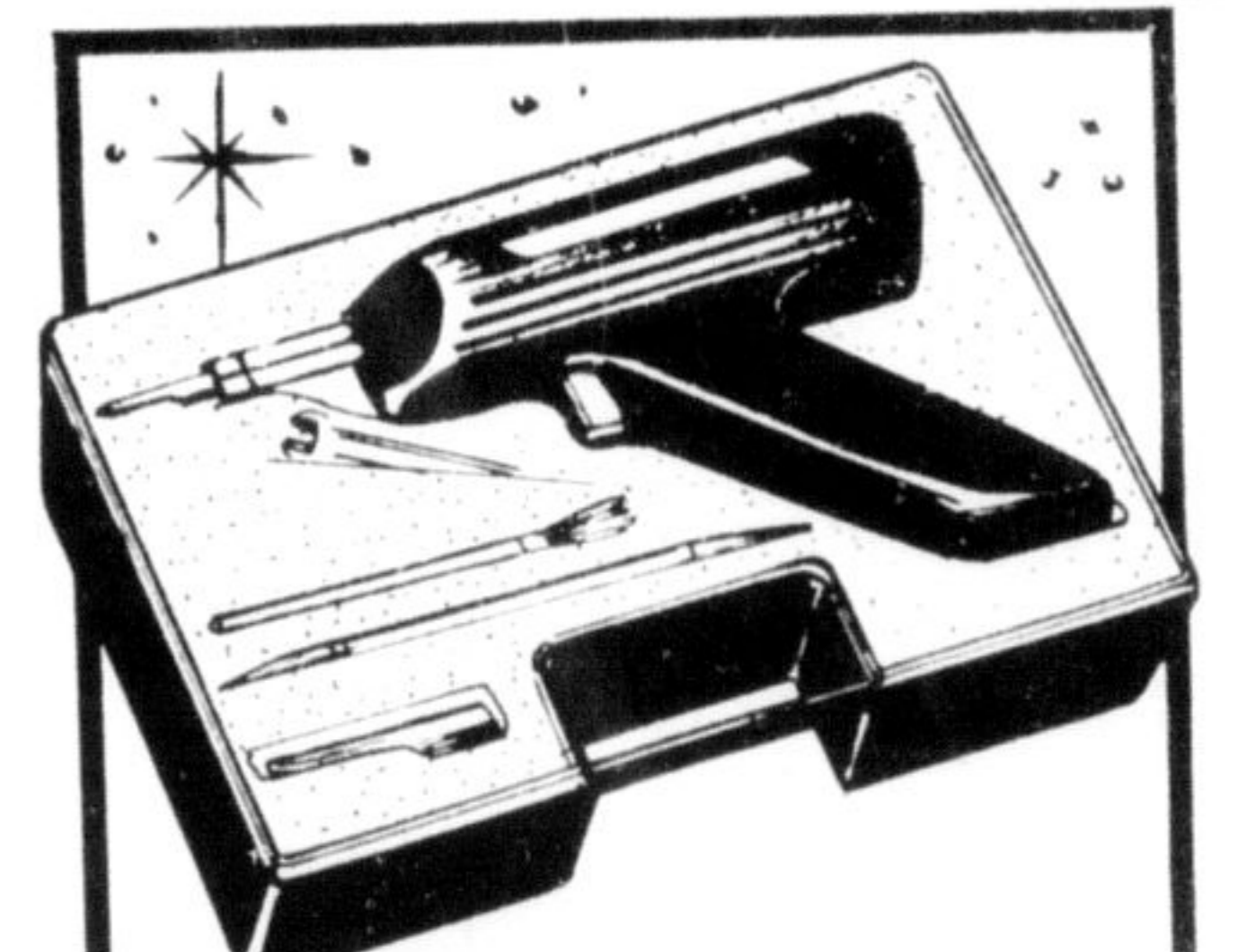
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4:30 P.M. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1973

THE SITE WILL BE REHABILITATED AND MADE INTO A PARK IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Please watch your local newspaper for future notice regarding the disposal of garbage.

BRUCE McKERR Works Superintendent