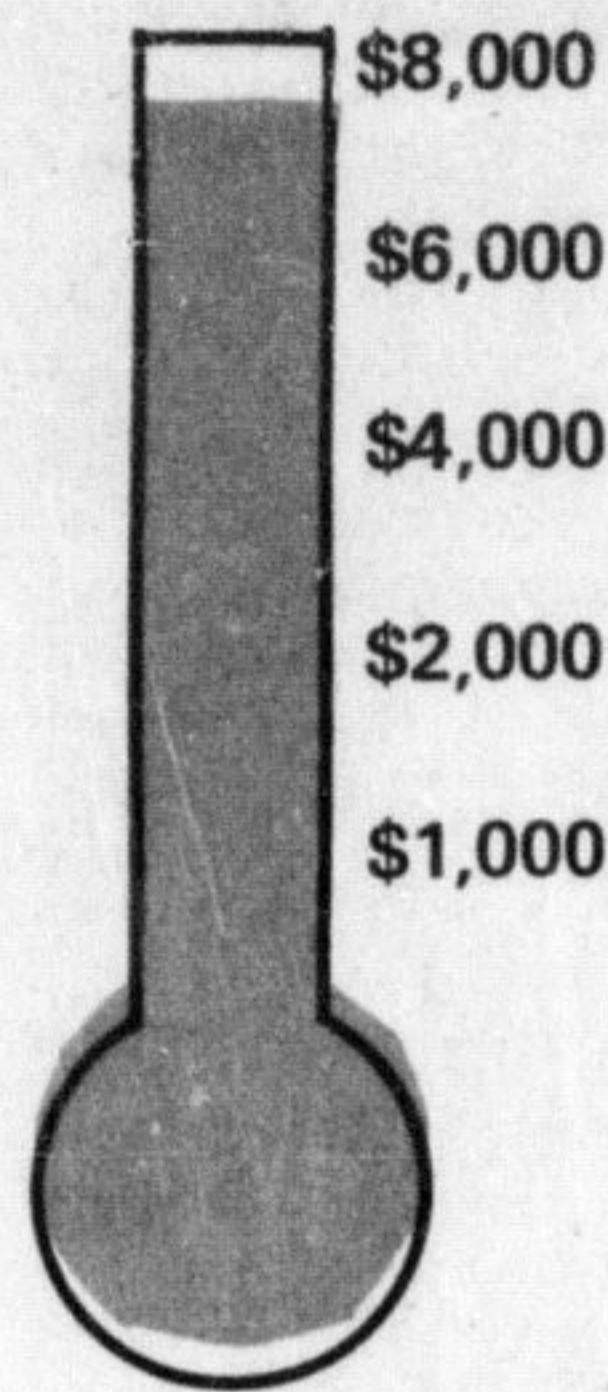


# Fire fund needs boot over top



This week's total is \$7,328, organizers of Milton Fire Department's rescue tool fund report. It needs a big boost if it is to reach its goal, said Fire Chief Jim Coulson.

Donors this week include Holy Rosary Parish Catholic Women's League and Milton Firefighters Stn. 2 (Campbellville). Both groups donated \$100.

Further donations can be made at The Champion or at either branch of the Bank of Montreal in Milton.



ANOTHER \$100 was donated to Milton Fire Department's rescue tool fund this week, courtesy the Catholic Women's League of Holy Rosary Parish, Milton. President Maeva Johnston, left, turned over the cheque on Monday, to Firefighter Harold Penson. Mrs. Johnston said she hoped her group's donation would be an inspiration to other small groups in town, to get behind the fund.

# Underpass approved by Council

By Peter Mills  
Milton Council has approved the expenditure of \$125,000 on the design of the railway underpass on Ontario St., just north of Main St.

Approval was given Monday night in the final meeting of the year. Public Works Director Joe Pitushka told councillors he had held public meetings earlier in the year to explain the underpass proposals.

He said the comments at the meeting were most favorable. "The general response was excellent," he said. "People generally were pleased we were getting on with the underpass."

"Some people suggested it would be a better idea to do Main St. (the proposed underpass there) first, but they were in favor of going ahead."

Mr. Pitushka said the matter of government funding made it important the project be proceeded with now.

He said some funding runs out in 1982, and "a delay could be critical."

A study will be undertaken to determine how much of the \$125,000 cost can be taken out of capital levies, as a product of the growth of the town.

The \$125,000 represents the town's share, 10 per cent, of the total cost of the land purchase and engineering studies for the project. The remaining \$1,125,000 will come from the federal and provincial governments.

Two letters concerning the project were received by Mr. Pitushka.

The first was from International Cooperage, an industry located near the affected area. The firm was concerned about the possible loss of its rail siding during construction, and the possible detrimental effect on its business.

Mr. Pitushka said the plans could easily be redrawn to accommodate the firm.

The second was from Bill Lawson, Milton's trustee on the Halton Board of Education representing the urban area (Ward Two).



NEIGHBORS COMFORT Donna Morley of 141 Main St. E., Milton, after fire caused more than \$1,000 damage to her apartment Wednesday. The blaze was started by children playing with matches.

# Kids, matches spoil Yule after

## blaze

Children playing with matches are blamed for a fire that left more than \$1,000 damage to a Main St. house last Wednesday.

The Milton Fire Department was called to the residence of Donna Morley at 141 Main St. E., early Wednesday afternoon when a blaze broke out in an upstairs bedroom.

According to Milton Fire Chief Jim Coulson, several children were playing with matches when a bed caught fire.

The bed, bedclothes and children's clothing were destroyed.

Fire officials also reported water damage to the floor and ceiling of the two-storey house. The fire was contained to the upper portion of the home.

The Main St. dwelling is owned by Charlie Restivo of Ontario St., Milton.

# Jelinek will have a challenger

Although Gerald Knapp does not expect to beat Otto Jelinek when the Conservatives hold their nomination meeting he feels the Halton MP should not go unopposed.

Knapp, a 39-year-old marketing manager from the Ottawa area, moved to the region in July, and decided to follow through on his desire to seek the Tory nomination on Jan. 9 because of some basic disenchantment with the party.

"I feel as a long-time Conservative there are a few things in the party that I haven't exactly agreed with," said Knapp. "I don't think the party is in tune with the grassroots enough."

Knapp added the party hasn't been listening to the people and cited the

proposed Canadian embassy move to Jerusalem and the sale of PetroCan as examples.

"I don't expect to beat him," he said. "As a matter of fact I don't have a snowball's chance in hell. It gives Otto the opportunity also to expand on his platform at the nomination meeting so we can all hear exactly what his views on the issues are. I don't want to make a big stink or get a lot of publicity over it but I really do feel he should not get the nomination by acclamation."

However, along with simply contesting Jelinek for the nomination, Knapp has some views of his own, which he hopes to expand on Jan. 9.

"I've been threatening (to run) for years but this

is my first crack," said Knapp. "The theme that I'll be expanding on is that a local politician, whether he be running for dog catcher or Prime Minister, must be sensitive to the needs of his constituents. He cannot remain aloof. I think politicians in the past have been getting away from their constituents' desires."

# Liberals . . .

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the May 22 election that defeated Pierre Trudeau.

"We only had a mailing list of 200 when that campaign started," he said, "but now we have 2,000 members."

Finding a candidate may be the most difficult step for the party. Local councillor Ron Planche has expressed an interest, provided Dr. Frank Philbrook doesn't run again.

Mr. Philbrook, who took the Halton

seat for the Liberals in the 1974 election and then lost in 1979, is playing his cards close to his chest.

"I can't make any statement on that right now," Mr. Philbrook said when contacted, "as you can appreciate we don't have an average situation here."

Since losing his seat in Parliament, Mr. Philbrook has accepted a position with Wyeth Laboratories in Downsview.

On Monday afternoon, Mr. Philbrook was still undecided.

# Doug Black . . .

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ing to us from the beginning of the campaign as a credible and reasonable alternative."

Black received the NDP nomination by acclamation for the last election and is unsure whether or not that will be the case again on Jan. 3 when the NDP select a candidate.

"There have been others who have expressed interest," he said. "Whether they will be contesting the nomination or not I don't know."

"I know at least one candidate has indicated she's willing to support me and I think that's true of a second person."

Mr. Black was noted for

running a campaign last spring which focused strictly on the issues and he refused to get involved with the infighting between Philbrook and Jelinek.

He said he would conduct the same type of campaign this time around if he gets the nod from the NDP next month.

"If I'm the candidate my approach will be to simply lay out our guns and say 'here it is on the table we think it's a good approach, we think it's reasonable and it's different than the other two parties,'" he said.

"Our approach will be to show that the other two parties are one and the same."

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