

No Knight comes to renters' rescue

Tenants at 82 Millside Dr. hoping for rent hike help from MPP Don Knight have had those hopes dashed. Mr. Knight had been asked by residents to do something to get new rent review legislation passed which would apply to newer buildings such as the one at 82 Millside Dr. The tenants there got notices of 15 per cent hikes last year and some only paid four per cent.

Those who withheld the rent have started receiving notices this week to pay up. That comes on the heels of a notice to tenants of another hike for this year of 10 per cent in the rent.

In his letter to one of the affected tenants Mr. Knight, Halton/Burlington MPP, blames other political parties for the Liberal's slowness in enacting new legislation which would cover newer apartment buildings.

"It had been the hope of the Liberal Government to avoid such a situation by having Bill 51 passed early this year. However, the opposition parties exercised their right to call for complete committee hearings and the passage of the legislation has been held up.

"I would urge you to write to the opposition parties requesting that they support the bill and work for its speedy passage."

In the meantime affected tenants have only until the end of the month to pay or face eviction.

The residents are planning to hold a meeting to consider their fate and have invited Mr. Knight to attend.

Rabies shots for family

Three local residents are undergoing a series of rabies vaccinations because their family pet came in contact with a rabid fox in the Dorset Park area on Thursday.

The pet, a dog, was involved in a fight with the fox, and his skin was broken in the battle. That dog and another one are being held in quarantine for 90 days, as prescribed by Agriculture Canada.

The fox was later captured and killed but only after local police took several precautions including contacting all schools to alert them about the rabid animal.



Kristen Harding, 7, of Campbellville, was at the Nassagaweya Homefest at Brookville Hall on Saturday. She was demonstrating how to make lace angel Christmas tree decorations, as well as several other Christmas ornaments.

Community Notebook

Quality care for kids promoted

In celebration of the Week of the Child (Oct. 15), the Halton Association for Young Children is sponsoring a day-long seminar to promote a communication network for all those concerned with providing quality care and education for young children in the region.

It will be held Saturday, Oct. 18, at L.B. Pearson High School, 1433 Headon Rd., Burlington. Guest speaker in the morning is Ada Schermann with panel discussion in the afternoon.

For more information contact Mrs. B. Jenner, 540 Lakeshore Rd. W., Oakville, Ont. L6K 3P1.

Sensitive tour

Several unusual orchids are among the many rare plant species participants will view tomorrow (Thursday) during the tour of Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) sponsored by the Halton Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee (EEAC).

The tour will take place on the 540-acre Scotsdale Farm which was donated to the Ontario Heritage Foundation by Mr. and Mrs. S. Bennett. Part of the farm is the Snow's Creek Woods ESA.

The EEAC was formed by and is designed to report to Halton regional council on matters of environmental concern.

Is she crazy?

In the Milton Players' production of *Angel Street* by Patrick Hamilton, Margaret Brady has been cast in the role of Mrs. Manningham.

Margaret has been with the local theatrical group for a few years and has starred in four previous productions in leading roles.

As Mrs. Manningham, she is playing the role of a Victorian wife who thinks she is going crazy. Is she really going crazy, and why do objects disappear?

Come on out Nov. 6, 7, or 8 to Halton Hills Place and find out. For ticket information call Margaret Hamilton at 878-4044. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors.

Help for smokers

It's still not too late to take part in the smoking cessation clinics being offered by the Halton Lung Association.

The next of the five-week sessions begins Nov. 3 at Central Library in Oakville. The clinic involves seven sessions and it teaches how to taper off smoking.

The cost is \$75 (about the cost of smoking for a month). More information can be obtained by calling 632-8499.

Kelso mountain climb

The second Norco Mountain Bike event of the season will be held Sunday at the Glen Eden Ski Area at Kelso Conservation Area.

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. and racing begins at 10 a.m. Races include uphill sprints at 10 a.m., beginner race at noon, intermediate race at 1 p.m. and the 10-kilometre endurance race at 2 p.m.

Registration is \$10 and includes all races. There will be race prizes and \$350 in cash vouchers. For more information call Bob Falle or Judy Nicholas at 878-5011.

Quote of the Day

If you want your children to improve, let them hear the nice things you say about them to others.

DR. HAIM GINOTT

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Prehistoric creations

Most children are fascinated by the study of prehistoric times and particularly the huge beasts which lived then. Dinosaurs were the topic of study in Ann Scott's Grade 4/5 class at Brookville School recently and students put their

creative talents to work. They produced models of their favourite dinosaurs. Showing off for the photographer are from left; Danielle Campbell, Krystal Bard, Lisa Sark, Peter DeGaris, and Marie Howard.

Photo by JON BORGSTROM

President says...

Girls can 'bang heads with boys'

By MIKE BOYLE
Champion Reporter

The prospect of girls playing hockey with boys, as suggested by federal sports minister Otto Jelinek, isn't likely to have any effect in Milton.

Terry Brandt, the president of Milton Minor Hockey, said no girl has applied to MMHA or tried out with any of its rep teams.

"There's still girls hockey around," said Mr. Brandt, "and until girls hockey folds, no girl would probably register with us."

Mr. Jelinek's statement last week suggested girls should be allowed to play integrated sports with boys until the puberty age. That has been a contentious issue in Ontario, especially in hockey, with the celebrated Justine Blainey case.

In that case, the 14-year-old Toronto player finally got a right to play hockey with boys after a decision by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Jelinek has since clarified his position, he said, in this matter. He said the federal government would not force — but rather encourage — boys and girls to play on

the same teams. The federal government has no jurisdiction in provincial sports organizations and Jelinek said his suggestion that this be completed by 1989 was to be used only as a guideline.

The Province has decreed that girls be allowed to play on boys' teams only if no girls' team is available.

In Milton, girls play with boys in Milton Minor Baseball. All teams are integrated in T-Ball (up to 9 years of age) and although Minor Baseball allows girls to play in the older age groups, none have in the past few years opted for either Milton Girls Softball or Milton Girls T-Ball organizations.

Meanwhile, Milton Youth Soccer has a separate division for girls with none playing with boys. There are girls' teams from ages 5-19 with adult teams following.

Despite the segregation of boys and girls in hockey, Mr. Brandt said he wouldn't be disappointed if they were to become integrated.

"If boys and girls bang heads with the boys," he said, "that's fine."

"But I think boys should be allowed to try out for

... on hockey rink

girls' teams. Fringe boys hockey players who aren't good enough for an all-boys team should be allowed to play in the girls' leagues where they will be able to keep up."

Mr. Brandt said he knew of only one area team, in Flamboro, with a girl on an otherwise all-boy rep team. She was playing with the major pee-wee team (aged 13).

Despite Mr. Jelinek's announcement, Mr. Brandt said he thought girls were losing interest in hockey. From a high of four teams about four years ago, Milton Girls Hockey is reduced to just two teams this year.

"The interest (among girls) is dying out," he said. "And there are girls teams around us in Oakville, Brampton and Burlington they can play with if there's no team in Milton."

However, Mr. Brandt said it hasn't yet become an issue in Milton.

"We haven't had anybody try to register or play. Until we have a test case, we won't have to deal with it."

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Inside Today's Champion

Off to Queen's Park



JONATHON BUDWORTH

At 12 years of age, Jonathon Budworth hasn't selected a career for himself, but after five weeks at Queen's Park he says he might know what path he'll take. His stint as a page might convince him to become a politician. See story Page 5.

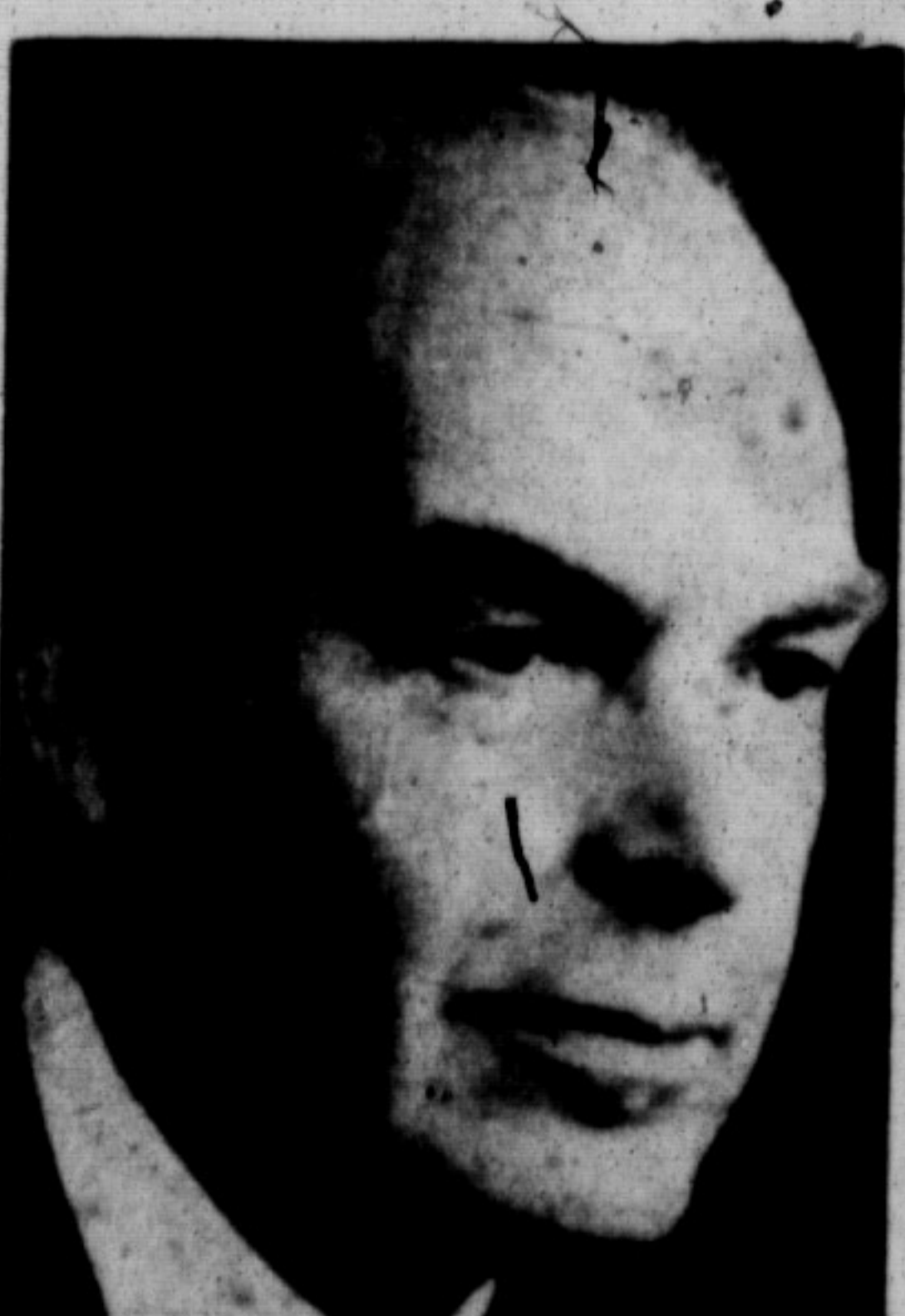
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Former Citizen of the Year dies



JOHN OSTLER

John Ostler, Milton's 1983 Citizen of the Year died Oct. 11 at McMaster Medical Centre in his 75th year.

Soon after Mr. Ostler and his family moved to Milton in 1955, he became involved in establishing a new hospital for the town. He was a member of the first hospital board of directors and served for 20 years, five of those as president. In 1980 he became the first president of Milton District Hospital Foundation, the facility's fund raising arm, and held that position until his death.

A native of Hamilton, Ont., he came to Milton as an employee of Canadian Metre Company and became president two years later. He retired in 1976, having started as a clerk with the company in 1937. During his career, he served as a board member and president of both the Canadian Gas Association and the Ontario Gas Association.

He was a past president of the Milton Chamber of Commerce, served for eight years on the board of governors at Sheridan College and was a Rotary Club member. Mr. Ostler was president of the board of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra from 1978 to 1981. He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Ostler joined the Ontario Hospital Association board in 1969 and served for one year as president beginning in 1976.

Honorary chairman is a title in held in relation to the United Way of Milton and more recently the Milton Arts Council.

He married Frances Biggs in 1938. He is survived by his wife and their son David, daughter-in-law Dianne of Brampton and daughter Ann (Mrs. Frank Putman) of Milton. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Jeffery Putman, Maggie, Julie and Holly Ostler.

Fraying the fabric of the family

By MIKE BOYLE
Champion Reporter

The Pentecostal Assembly, including the church in Milton, has launched a major campaign to persuade the provincial government to change a bill the assembly says could destroy the family unit.

When Queen's Park opened yesterday, MPPs were besieged with petitions and letters urging it to vote against an amendment to Bill 7 which would allow the term "sexual orientation" to be inserted into the Human Rights Code.

The amendment, explained Rev. Don Forrest of Milton's New Life Pentecostal Fellowship, might allow for homosexuals and lesbians to be classed as a family with all its rights and privileges. (See Our Readers Write on page 4).

"This hit me really hard," explained Rev. Forrest. "What it basically does is remove the family unit as the fundamental unit of our society."

The family is deteriorating in North America so badly, this will just blow it to smithereens. At the moment, 50 per cent of adults are single and a lot of it is marriages are falling apart.

Ultimately, you could end up with a civilization that's falling apart."

To that end, Mr. Forrest has contacted Don Knight, the MPP for Halton-Burlington in an effort to persuade him to vote against the amendment.

Mr. Knight cautioned that the amendment came from an all-party committee and is not automatically to be included in the bill. It could, he said, be revised by the government.

"First off, let me say I'm opposed to discrimination of any kind," said Mr. Knight.

"But I'm not sure if that gets rid of discrimination. I'm not sure of what the wording means."

Mr. Knight said he's not likely to vote for the amendment but he'd

wait to see the final amendment before making up his mind. He said the committee upheld the amendment which was proposed by the New Democratic Party.

"I'll take their concerns to the government to have them addressed," said Mr. Knight. "I'm not in favour of the amendment as it's now written. I'm not sure I'd vote against the government but I'd make sure I'd have my concerns addressed by the government."

Mr. Knight explained that the bill is intended to make changes to bring the Ontario Human Rights Code in line with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"There are various things we are in violation of in the Charter and we have to correct them."

Mr. Knight said there was much opposition to the amendment in Queen's Park and from church groups. He added that he didn't know when the bill would be presented in the house.