

Kowalchuk throws hat into Liberal ring

Chris Kowalchuk has given the green light to running for the federal Liberal nomination in Oakville-Milton riding.

Mr. Kowalchuk, 26, of Oakville, said he decided to run on the weekend but won't make an official public announcement until later this week.

Despite his relatively young age, this will be his third stab at politics. In 1984, he ran federally for the Green Party in Halton and in the last provincial election he was a Green Party candidate in Halton Centre. In each of those elections he garnered the most votes by any Green Party candidate although he finished last each time.

He faces two other announced candidates for the nomination. Bonnie Brown and John O'Boyle, both of Oakville, are also running. The sitting MP is PC Otto Jelinek, the minister of supply and services.

Mr. Kowalchuk said he doesn't think changing parties will make too much of a difference.

"It's not like I switched from the Conservatives or the NDP," he said. "I don't think being from the Green Party will hinder me too much."

"Some people have said I'm an opportunist but here I am running in a riding against Otto Jelinek. What kind of an opportunity is that?"

He said he would try to elicit support from within the Liberal party.

The nomination meeting will be held Friday Aug. 5 at White Oaks Secondary School in Oakville at 7:30 p.m.

Residents of the riding who were members of the riding association at least 30 days prior to the meeting are eligible to vote. That puts the deadline at tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m.

Immediate past members can vote at the meeting providing they renew their memberships prior to the start of the meeting.

For more information, contact Willie Campos at 842-3945; Audrey Cairns at 336-7885; or John Ledoux at 827-8708.




A large number of entries were received from area green thumbs in the annual spring flower show of the Milton and District Horticultural Society. Surrounded by prize-winning greenery are Mary Stout, second vice-president of the society and John Simkins who judged the entries in various categories.

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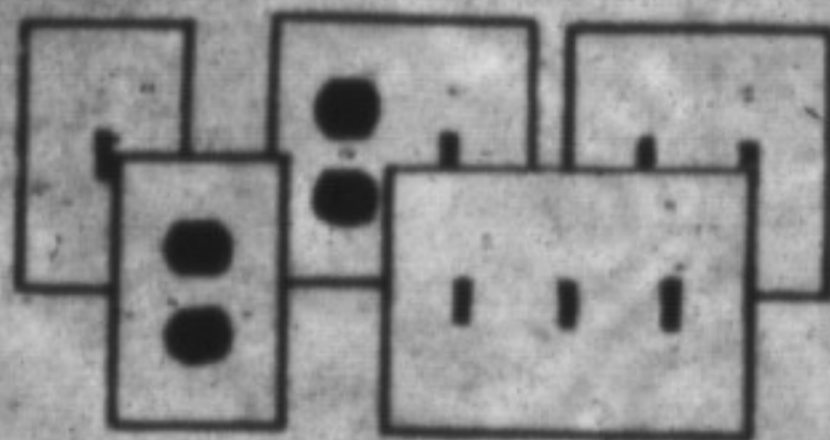
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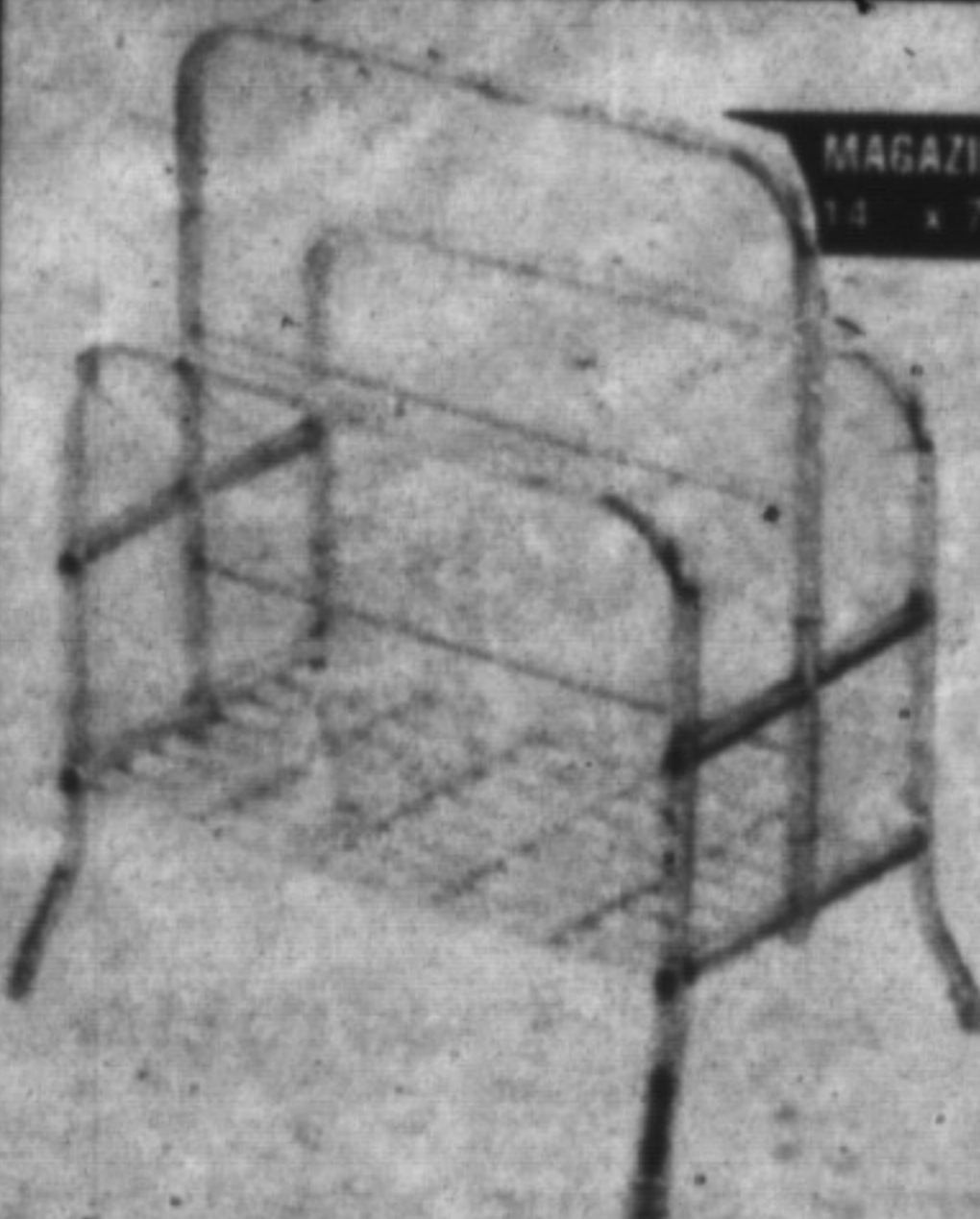
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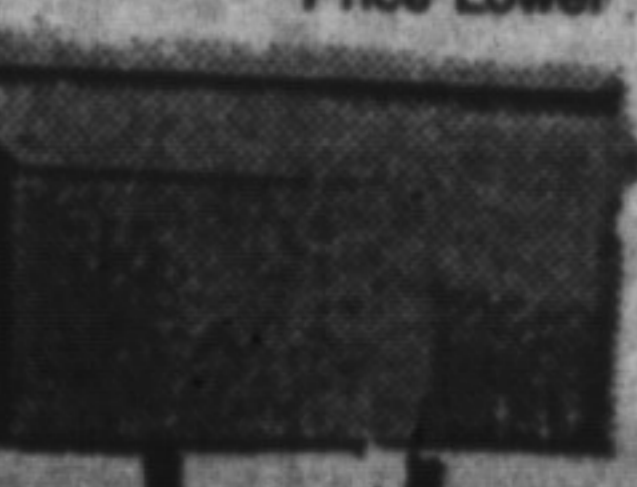
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