

Turner plans bid for PC leadership

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Milton Bus Lines, even though their tender was initially \$35,000 more over the three year contract period than the low bidder.

Milton Bus Lines had held the contract for 20 years and it was felt by a slim majority of councillors that the potential savings were not significant enough to justify the changeover.

Also in March, with the federal election looming ever nearer, Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner announced his interest in the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party. At the same time, federal Revenue Minister Otto Jelinek told a fundraiser the Progressive Conservatives would win a majority government, and that under no circumstances would Jean Chretien be prime minister.

The *Champion* reported the death of fiery former regional councillor Bill Johnson, who succumbed to stomach cancer in Maple Ridge, British Columbia. Mr. Johnson moved to B.C. after his retirement to be closer to family. He was 71.

Town council threatened legal action against Scott Farms' composting operations during a specially convened meeting at Bishop Reding High School. About 200 residents attended the meeting, most complaining of odors coming from the Britannia Road facility.

Halton Centennial Manor reopened as Allendale in March, with official ceremonies scheduled for June. The new building has eight sections, each with 25 rooms and dining areas.

The Milton Merchants squashed the Streetsville Derbys in the first round of the Central League hockey playoffs, knocking them off in three games. Also in sports, Chris Spence of E.C. Drury High School claimed an Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association silver medal in the provincial championships, and Milton District won the boys midget basketball championship.

Donna Coulter, Jim Dills, Rose Harrison, Ken Hassard, Mayor Gord Krantz, John Lawrence and Gord Rayner were selected by the federal government to receive Canada 125 medals in recognition of their work in the community.

Local teachers rejected an idea to donate one day's pay in order to make up a \$1 million shortfall in the Halton Board of Education budget and avoid layoffs.

Otto Jelinek floated the idea of



March police weapons amnesty netted hundreds of firearms throughout Halton Region. Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

running for the Conservative leadership, but decided against it and announced his retirement from politics. He cited the desire to spend more time with his family.

Milton councillor Rick Day declined a one per cent raise that council voted itself, saying the \$115, a year increase was sending the wrong message to voters. He was the only councillor to decline the increase despite four negative votes being registered. Mr. Day, Colin Best, Gerry Brooks and Marion Howard all opposed the raise.

The Milton Merchants defeated the Burlington Cougars 4-1 in games to advance to the west division final of the Central League.

The annual municipal tax increase was \$5 for urban Miltonians and \$4

for those in the rural area. Milton's tax increase was the lowest in Halton.

Milton dentist Barbara Wilson, 44, died in a scuba diving accident off the coast of St. Kitt's in the Caribbean. Dr. Wilson grew up in Preston and moved to Milton in the mid-1970s. Diving with members of a Burlington scuba club, she indicated she was having trouble. By the time she struggled to the surface she was only semi-conscious.

Preliminary results from the Halton Urban Structure Review suggest that 50,000 people would be moving to an expanded Milton in the next 20 years. Major growth pressures in the region will be shared equally between Oakville and Milton, accord-

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