



## Riding Report

Don Blenkarn, MP

If an Opposition party is going to be effective it cannot simply criticize the government for the sake of criticism alone. There have been a few cries that the Opposition in the 29th Parliament is obstructionist, opposing government legislation strictly to gain power for themselves.

This is not entirely true. The job of the Official Opposition is not to blindly support any government measure just to prevent another election. The Opposition must point out the problems facing Canadians to the government urging them to introduce good sensible legislation to solve some of these problems.

That is why the Progressive Conservative party, although criticizing the government, have suggested sound alternatives. If the government were to employ these we would gladly support them. In my opinion the whole idea of a democracy is not what is best for the Progressive Conservative party, not what is best for the Liberal government nor the N.D.P., not the Creditist but what is best for the Canadian people.

A perfect example of constructive opposition is the present debate on Mr. Turner's budget.

In his February 19th budget, Finance Minister Turner reduced personal income taxes. He decided that personal net income for federal tax purposes should be calculated in constant dollars or on net purchasing power. He rescinded the capital gains tax on transfers on bonafide farm land within the family unit. He raised pensions to offset increases in the cost of living.

He did not, however, include in his budget measures to prevent further increases in the cost of living or to substantially reduce unemployment.

The proposals Mr. Turner did include in his budget were suggested by Progressive Conservative Members of

Parliament when Mr. Turner brought down his last budget on May 8, 1972. We said that these proposals should be included in the May 8th budget to provide some immediate relief to Canadians. However, Mr. Turner rejected these measures at the time.

He has now decided that our suggestions have some merit and he has included them in his latest budget. But the point is, that the time when they could have been really effective has passed, and now, many of these measures will not take effect until 1974.

Meanwhile, the problems of unemployment and inflation persist and the government's basic policies with regard to economic management have not changed.

This is what we mean when we say that the budget should have been more expansionary. The budget should have included a frontal attack on the problems of inflation and unemployment.

If the Progressive Conservative Party had been in power, we would have brought before Parliament a budget which would have provided substantial stimulation to the economy.

In addition to our proposals which Mr. Turner adopted in his February 19th budget, we would have introduced a two-pronged attack on unemployment and inflation.

To counteract inflation, our budget would have included provision for a 90 day freeze on prices and incomes from which fresh food would be exempt.

The 90-day freeze on prices and incomes would be used to consult with the provinces, businessmen, union leaders and consumer groups about the range of guidelines we would use to combat inflation after the freeze.

To reduce unemployment, our budget would eliminate the federal sales tax on building materials, thereby stimulating the construction industry.

We would remove the federal sales tax on all clothing, including children's clothing.

We would provide for the immediate implementation of our Canadian Investment Incentive Credit Plan to encourage investment in small Canadian business.

We believe that the Canadian people would accept these proposals because they would be part of a joint assault on the problems of unemployment and inflation — a step which is long overdue in terms of the interests of the Canadian people and the Canadian economy.

The Progressive Conservative Party is committed to determining solutions to these two problems.



Frances Turk, 5, and Christa Turk, 6, are swinging high on the balcony of their home on Dundas Street. (Times photo by Ray Saitz).

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## Symphony symbol winner

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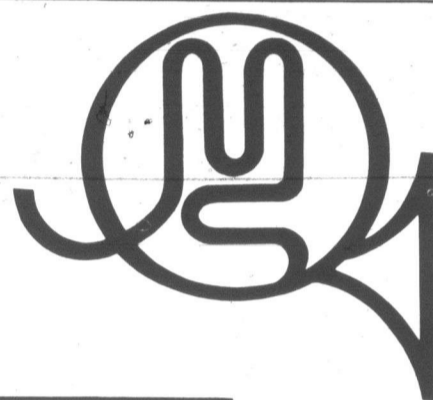
Carol Matalis, a graphic design student in her final

year, won over 25 other submissions from students at Humber and Sheridan colleges in the design contest sponsored by the Mississauga Symphony Association.

Students were asked to

provide a symbol that would visually project a modern contemporary organization and one that would break away from the image traditionally associated with symphony groups, according to Ron Duquette, information officer for the orchestra association.

Miss Matalis' winning design incorporated the letters MSO in a "ribbon-like" soundwave pattern resembling a french horn.



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Mayor Chic Murray received in a frame the first of 120,000 lottery tickets which organizers of the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre fund hope will bring in \$50,000 of a total \$150,000 the organization needs to raise for its share of the \$1-million facility.

Reeve Lou Parsons accepted the ticket in place of Murray who is on vacation in Barbados, and gave fund lottery chairman Mrs. Lucille Frith a shovel for the groundbreaking.

The shovel, Parsons said, had been used to break ground for the Clarkson Community Centre.

### Truck driver stabbed

A 53-year-old truck driver was stabbed in the lower back Saturday night in the bathroom of his Tyneburn Crescent apartment.

Police say they found John William Chilian of 1465 Tyneburn Crescent with a four inch stab wound in his back about 9 p.m.

Inspector William Snar and Constable James Bertram took the man to Mississauga Hospital where he was listed in satisfactory condition.

Constable Bertram arrested Gloria Coyne outside her fourth floor apartment a few minutes after finding the wounded man. She was returning to her home, on the same floor as Chilian's.

A five inch hunting knife was seized. Neighbours reported an argument between a man and a woman in the apartment before the attack.

The accused will appear in provincial court Wednesday April 4 on a charge of wounding.

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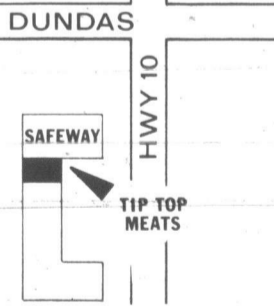
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