

Audit Report Lists \$2,038,219 County Spending

The \$2,038,219 county expenditure for 1962 is detailed along with the \$4,195,655.80 debt in the auditor's report accepted by Halton County Council last week.

The report covers the financial transactions of the county as well as Halton Council Man or Board, the Halton County Health Unit, and the Halton County Museum Association.

In his report, W. H. Matthews points out that a surplus for the year of \$32,951.10 combined with the 1962 general revenue surplus was \$71,566.34 from which the 1962 county roads deficit of \$38,615.24 is subtracted to leave \$32,951.24.

The revenue fund surplus accumulated totals \$247,567.32 of which the general revenue surplus is \$152,609.12 and the county roads surplus is \$94,958.20.

Check Legality

In his report to county council the auditor also notes "I am in doubt as to whether By-law 1961-8 or amended by 1961-30 fixing the fees and expenses of the members of the Council as well as the officers and servants of the County for the year 1962 is strictly in accordance with sections 405 and 410 of the Municipal Act, and the Council has

taken no action on my recommendation to obtain the opinion of the County Solicitors as to the legality of the various sections of these By-laws."

Largest expenditures for the county during 1962 appear to be \$607,519.53 for capital expenditures out of revenue; debt charges totalling \$423,038; public works \$31,446.86; protection to persons and property \$142,857.77; general government \$117,164.18; and Health Unit \$127,600.

Other expenditures included \$18,601.46 discount on county rates; \$4,382.59 rebates re tax cancellations; \$5,111.56 agriculture; \$2,500 patriotic grants; \$1,971,170.85. An additional \$100,000 surplus from the previous years was added to the budget.

The county's debt, which stands at \$6,195,655.80 which includes \$726,000 payable in U.S. Funds. The debt is broken down at \$3,734,645.86 for hospitals, \$77,000 for Halton Manor, \$509,000 for the county administration building and \$1,025,000 for high schools.

Manor Budget

Expenditures for the year on Halton Manor totalled \$288,882.69 leaving a surplus in that account for the year of \$54,152.87. Major expenditure was general operation and administration that included household supplies, repairs, fuel, water, electricity, telephone, sewers, insurance and salaries of \$220,171.31.

Other major expenditures were \$34,646.08 for food and provisions, \$12,840.50 for medical and dental services, \$4,595.28 for capital expenditures from current funds, and committee fees and expenses \$4,235.75.

Revenue in the Halton Manor fund was made up of provincial grants of \$75,760.57 and Halton County grants of \$135,856.86.

The Halton Health Unit expenditures for 1962 totalled \$313,168.52, with the largest expenditure in salaries of \$210,729.01. Staff transportation claimed \$30,063.73 and administration expenses including rent, main telephone, heat, light, laundry, postage, board expenses etc. was \$38,732.25. Professional services accounted for \$13,867, and a surplus of \$8,081.47 was reflected.

Unit Revenue

Revenue for the Health Unit Program came from the county contribution of \$127,600, provincial grants of \$117,691.79, the province re projects \$50,518.46; and plumbing inspection fees of \$16,746.70.

Copies of the complete auditor's report may be seen at the County Administration building.

Exams Next

I.O.D.E. Reception Held For Basic English Class

The two Basic English classes are just about over for the season. Monday evening members of the Duke of Devonshire club of the I.O.D.E. held a reception in the home economics room at the high school for the adult students of both groups.

Regent Miss Marnie Mainprize welcomed them and Mrs. Jelle Nittma replied. Assisting during the pleasant social evening were Mrs. H. Mainprize just back the day before from 10 weeks in Florida, Mrs. J. Whitham, Mrs. H. R. Force, Mrs. C. Heller, Miss R. Clark and Miss Mainprize.

Poem for Teachers

The intermediate class is comprised of Dutch women and the teachers are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dubois. Monday evening the ladies presented them with a very attractive Dutch lamp. One of the students read a poem, which she admitted her children helped her with!

The ladies write exams this week in English and Canadian geography and history. In the group are:

Mrs. Chris Dulker, Mrs. H. Hoekema, Joyce Mollema, Mrs. A. Nittma, Mrs. L. Riener, Mrs. Van der Kooy, Mrs. D. Van Straelen and Mrs. S. Vlietstra.

Six Men

Mrs. Grace Rogers teaches the beginners' class, comprising six

Ugoslav men who work at the quarry. They are: Joe Gicuric, Drago Vinski, Mike Mosaklem, Drago Bukovchan, Tom Maranic and Peter Uranic.

Small Fee

The classes began early in September and ran right through with good attendance, until Easter. They are sponsored by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration. A small fee covers the use of the school.

The I.O.D.E. had held a reception for several years but resumed it this year when the classes had a good enrolment. For several years not enough registers were available to warrant holding classes.

Acton, Milton Fire Brigades Honored at County Banquet

Awards for year-round efforts in fire prevention during 1962 were presented to four Halton fire associations Saturday, at the annual banquet of Halton Mutual Aid Fire Services Association in Milton Fire Hall.

The Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau received a "special recognition" for an outstanding county-sponsored campaign, and a certificate from the National Fire Prevention Association which conducts an annual contest for fire departments and fire prevention bureaux. John Turnbull, Deputy Fire Marshal of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office in Toronto, presented the certificate.

He also awarded a second prize certification to Acton Firefighters, who won the award in the under-5,000 population class of the national contest; an honorable mention to Milton Fire Department in the 5,000 to 10,000 population class; and an honorable mention to Oakville Fire Department in the 25,000 to 100,000 class.

During the banquet, a delicious turkey supper, served by the Milton Fire Department Ladies' auxiliary, several speakers praised the work of the Halton Mutual Aid members in their firefighting process. The organization was founded several years ago to standardize signals, equipment, and the workings of the various Halton fire departments, so they could work together fighting fires in each other's municipality.

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Appreciates Better Retarded Grants But Associations Still Run Schools

Promise of more provincial financial aid for retarded children's schools, announced in the legislature last week by Education Minister William G. Davis, does NOT mean a complete takeover of these schools by the Province, president G. G. Addison and executive members of the North Halton Association for Retarded Children pointed out this week.

"Despite headlines in some newspapers, there was no indication at all of the Province taking over our schools," said Mr. Addison. "The local executive will still operate the school, and we still have that \$5,000 mortgage on Sunshine School."

Pleased, But

Mr. Addison noted he and his executive were quite pleased with the increased financial aid outlined in Mr. Davis' speech. The Province plans to increase the grant (an approved future capital expenditures from 30 to

\$50 per cent, but the better grant structure will have no effect on the Sunshine School which was erected last year and opened last September. The higher grants will not be retroactive.

The Province also announced it would pay a higher percentage of the cost of current operation of these schools, including costly transportation which has made school operational costs skyrocket. The North Halton school brings in pupils from as far as 12 miles away. "How much higher will the grants be?" is the question on the minds of the local executive.

Just a Step

Although the local group is pleased about higher grants, they pointed out the Province's offer is only a step in a long range plan to give greater financial backing to these schools. The province realized the value of a completely local executive in charge of the

school's operation. Mr. Addison pointed out.

Mr. Davis' speech noted the Province's contributions and plans were working towards the day when local associations "will be relieved of any responsibility for raising funds for the operation of a school for retarded."

There are presently 2,497 pupils in Ontario's 79 schools for retarded. It has been estimated it costs \$430 a year to educate a child half a day, five days a week, in an association school.

Recently the North Halton Urban Board (councillors from Milton, Georgetown and Acton) petitioned the province and municipal councils across Ontario for higher capital and operational grants for retarded children's schools.

"Their efforts must have been brought to the attention of the government to help in this," said Mr. Addison. "I humbly thank the councillors for their support."

"When you cast your ballot Monday remember three things: Remember whom you plan to vote for; remember to use the pencil in the polling booth; and remember to mark your choice with an X. No other mark is acceptable and to count, your ballot must be properly marked. Don't be careless. In the last election there were spoiled ballots.

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Sunshine School Needs \$20,000 Seek \$8,000 Public Donations

The executive meeting of the North Halton Association for Retarded Children held on April 1st at Sunshine School, Hornby, was attended by Mrs. Norman Price and Mrs. J. Buckman.

G. G. Addison, president of the N.H.A.R.C. estimated that approximately \$20,000 will be required this year to maintain the Sunshine school. \$8,000 of this amount will have to be raised by public donations. In the president's report he mentioned that the articles which appeared in the national newspapers on March 29 stating that the government would finance all retarded children's schools were inaccurate and that he would make a public statement on the situation after this report had been further analyzed.

Eventually it is hoped that retarded children can enter schools at three years of age instead of five years as they are more receptive to learning at this age.

Sell Tickets

All tickets for the Ontario Moose Lodge association draw who donate their proceeds to retarded children must be returned by April 20 to the North Halton Association when a final door-to-door blitz will be conducted. The

draw will be held May 18.

Three delegates will be chosen from local retarded children's auxiliaries to attend the Ontario Association for Retarded Children's tenth annual meeting, April 25 to 27 at Queen's University, Kingston.

Two films, Children Limited and A Door, the latter about retarded adults, will be shown by the Georgetown Ladies' Auxiliary on April 18 at St. George's Church Hall, Georgetown. The general public is welcome.

Dr. B. J. Bebenek from Georgetown gave a report on the meeting he attended at the O.A.R.C. annual seminar for research in retardation which was held at the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.

Plan Campaign

This year the national campaign for retarded children will be conducted from April 28 to May 12 and will be publicized on television across Canada. Actionites will be urged to support this campaign and help to keep the doors of the Sunshine school open for these unfortunate children.

There will be another executive meeting on the N.H.A.R.C. on May 6 at the Sunshine School door blitz will be conducted. The

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