

Expanded program considered by Mentally Retarded auxiliary

The president, Mrs. R. Loutie, occupied the chair when 19 members of the Acton Auxiliary of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded met at the home of Mrs. R. J. New on March 2. Two new members were welcomed.

Mrs. H. Dodds reported that because of broadcasting rights the film they had requested for a public viewing.

Mrs. K. Conroy volunteered to convene the June bake sale. Mrs. M. Price, rummage sale convener, reports that the inflow of clothing is tardy this year. It is expected that the regular volume will be attained a spring cleaning gets underway.

The skating sessions have been lively with at least one student mastering and another beginning the art with members help. It is felt that they must prepare now to move into a gymnasium setting as soon as the ice goes out. Volunteers for this activity from without as well as from within the Auxiliary would be appreciated.

Mrs. R. McMurray has agreed to speak to a local service club in an effort to secure the sponsorship of a manual arts program for the boys; plans are already under way for a program of household arts (run by the auxiliary) for the girls.

They have heard no report from their effort to secure a place for the children in the Acton summer playground activities, so further representations will be made in this area. Relatively few special considerations would be needed, the main one being the avoidance of undue social and manual skills competition with children of greater capabilities.

Baha'is present brief on religious education

In a brief presented to the Hon. Keiller Mackay's Committee on Religious Education, the Canadian Baha'i Community announced that 86 per cent of Ontario citizens believe that children should receive a knowledge of all the religions of the world. The method of presentation which 65 per cent favor is a course in the public schools.

Acton was one of the 32 cities and towns in Ontario surveyed. Here the results were slightly above the provincial average, with 91 per cent favoring an "all religions" program of education.

The Baha'i Community believes that the current discussion of religion in public education has generated an artificial controversy between two "extremist" points of view.

The Baha'is brief argues, instead, that the "inter-faith" program which it proposes can satisfy the legitimate concern behind both of these points of view.

Unlike several of the other suggestions for a "comparative religions" approach to the problem, the Baha'is proposal advances the idea of incorporating religious material into the existing courses to which it is related, especially into literature, social studies and art.

Nass. plans approval high school expansion

Nassagaweya Township Council voiced its approval on Monday night of the proposed expansion plan for Milton District High School.

In a formal notice of motion, the council stated it is prepared to accept its proportionate share of the debentures required for the proposed high school addition.

Councillors indicated, "If we turn down the outright gift, we'll be doing everybody an injustice." If the plan is approved by Milton, Nassagaweya and Esqueping councils, by March 31, the expansion program would be eligible for higher than normal grants.

Cons. Hildreth with O.P.P. here



After two years with the Oakville Provincial Police, Const. Robert Hildreth has been transferred to the Acton detachment. He began his duties here on March 1.

He replaces Const. Pete Campbell, who was transferred to Oakville.

Const. Hildreth is single and his home is in Burlington. He was with the Canadian Guards for three and a half years stationed at Soest, Germany for a year and a half and later at Picton. He was a gym instructor in the army.

In Oakville, he was assigned to general traffic duties. Constables in Acton have a more varied range of duties.

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Extension urged for highway 25

Extensions of Highway 25 north through the Orton-Grand Valley area to connect with Highway 89 was urged in the Ontario Legislature by John Root, MPP for Wellington-Dufferin.

"This extension would serve to take some of the heavy traffic off the more southerly roads, in particular when tourists are heading north," he said.

"It would make it possible for them to avoid some of the congestion that develops in the Toronto - Peel area and at the same time, it would give stimulus to development in the Grand Valley, Shelburne and Erin areas."

In a 30 mile stretch between Highway 10 and Highway 6 between Primrose and Mount Forest, all north-south traffic was carried on the municipal road system and there had been substantial population increases in some townships in the area, he noted.

He thought it was not unreasonable to ask for another north-south highway to carry these people to and from the southern part of the province, and not ask the municipalities to maintain these arteries.

He said communities in his riding were seeking industries and blamed the Federal government's designated area policy for discriminating against the Wellington - Dufferin region.

He hoped provincial government departments would move to help in attracting industries "to these smaller centres."

Noting the strong rural nature of his constituency, he praised the farm policies and agricultural grant system of the Ontario government.

I honestly believe it is better to know nothing than to know what ain't so.—Josh Billings.

Payroll deductions have accomplished one thing: it is impossible to spend all one earns.—Mary Aikens.

Northern Nassagaweya

Wrecking yard approved

Approval for the establishment of a wrecking yard in the north end of Nassagaweya Township was given by township council on Monday evening.

An application by John McLean and Douglas McLean for the licence was approved by a three to one margin, with the proviso that the approval is subject to okay of the Halton County Health Unit.

The Township Planning Board had recommended the application be turned down, principally because of concern for the possible pollution of water in the area.

Councillor Ross Gordon spoke out in favor of granting the licence and Reeve William Coulter and William Mahon also voted in favor of the motion. Councillor Anne Mac-

Arthur voted against. Deputy Reeve William Hoey was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Provided approval is received from the County Health Unit, the wrecking yard will be established on the south half of lot 24, con. 1.

PURE WATER

When planning to move to the summer cottage, it is wise to take a quick inspection trip before the season starts. If you obtain drinking water from a natural source, collect some in a sterilized container and have it tested for purity. Even if it has proved pure in previous years, conditions may have changed so that it has become contaminated. The local health department will advise you as to the procedure.

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Leave museum at Kelso county council advise

The museum staying in its present location.

The decision to leave it in Kelso came as a committee recommendation at last week's meeting. The council also authorized the museum board to go ahead with a \$30,000 carriage house as a 1967 centennial project.

During the same meeting, councillors agreed to let the conservation authority use the county council chambers for their meetings, instead of the present "cramped quarters" on Main St. Milton. A recorded vote was also called for and it was approved 24-9.

Only councillors Reeve H. Hinton of Acton, Deputy Reeve Charles Menely of Milton and Deputy Reeve Frank Rogers of Burlington opposed

Wide range of benefits, ideas from leadership seminar

A Leadership Seminar, held at Oakville on March 3, 4 and 5 was sponsored by the membership committee of the Ontario Association for the Mentally Retarded for the benefit of region four which includes the Associations of North Halton, Oakville, Burlington and Hamilton.

Local delegates, Mrs. J. Buckman, Mrs. H. Dodds and Mrs. R. McMurray felt that the stimulating program under the capable direction of Brian Holliday and Peter Gomery was a most effective means of encouraging personal assessment as a team member, acquisition of leadership skills and consideration of the need for additional services to the retarded in our own community.

The retreat type atmosphere combined with the group approach to the assigned tasks evoked utmost participation from each delegate. The workload was heavy, being interrupted only for meals and a minimum amount of sleep but the constant evaluation of progress and technique produced a high performance level.

Because local delegates were in different work groups, each of which had differing task assignments, a wide range of ideas and benefits comes back to the community. Two of the five basic tasks were (a) planning a program as a part of a meeting and (b) the planning of a service or facility to be offered to the community by an association.

Each of the six groups presented to the seminar as a whole a complete picture from the choice of topic through all the steps necessary to production. An example of a program chosen was an "Educational program to get the idea of Workshops (i.e. HOPE workshop in Hornby) across to an association with a large new membership." An example of a service chosen was "the setting up and financing and operation of a day care centre for physically handicapped retardates of all ages in an urban community."

The Acton delegates felt that this seminar presented a real challenge and an incentive to greatly increase activity in the North Halton Association, of which Acton is an auxiliary.

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Christmas Seal fund \$37,199; near record

Donations totalling \$37,199.26 from Halton County residents will help fight the battle against tuberculosis and other related respiratory ailments.

The annual Christmas Seal campaign officially ended last week and total receipts were \$37,199.26, the secretary-treasurer for the local association Mrs. M. E. Lunau reports.

The figure represents a slight drop — about \$396 — under the record-high figure of \$37,588.21 collected in 1965. About 40 per cent of the 30,948 packages of seals sent out in Halton County were answered with donations.

The money raised will help support the monthly chest clinics held in county hospitals,

Singer attacks Tory big brother attitude

The attitude of the current administration is — nobody really needs to question us, big brother has decided," deputy-leader of the Ontario Liberals Vernon Singer told more than 300 supporters. "One would think that most government decisions are made in the London Hunt Club — the Tory power image is almost exclusively in London."

Speaking at the Halton East Liberal nomination convention in the Pine Room of Oakville Arena, the M.P. for Downsview stressed "we have to do more than tell the public what's wrong, we have to show that we as Liberals are a reasonable alternative."

The speaker traced the rise in Ontario Liberal fortunes from the low period following the 1963 election until now. He said former Liberal leader Andrew Thompson had worked for the people of Ontario and indicated, "all the people of Ontario owe him a debt of gratitude."

He described new leader Robert Nixon as a "man of ideals — a liberal with a small 'l' and big views."

During his nearly three-quarters of an hour address, Mr.

provide for an expanding program against related respiratory ailments and provide a grant of about \$10,000 for research.

"We were really quite pleased with the results," Mrs. Lunau concluded.

Candid camera County council considers film

Smile, folks, you may be promoting industry on Halton's "candid camera."

Halton County Council is considering the production of a 20 minute color film promoting the county as a good industrial location. A firm has offered to prepare the film for a cost of \$9,000, using some local talent. The price includes one print of the film, but extras could be bought for \$1,400.

J. T. Hurst of Acton, chairman of the Halton Industrial Committee, presented the proposal to councillors at their meeting last week, and called the project "extremely valuable" in light of the heavy competition for new industrial assessment.

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