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Halton Warden Suggest Planning On County Scale

There were a number of significant accomplishments this year in our council. Construction will begin in the spring on a new modern Registry office, complete with microfilm equipment. This new building with equipment will be about \$100,000.

Staff accommodation at Halton Centennial Manor was inadequate and a new staff house is under way. Its cost will be close to \$100,000, and will give us about 20 more beds in the Home.

Almost 10,000 shots of the Salk polio vaccine were given to children in the county of Halton, and Dr. Bull expects to immunize an even larger group next year. The Federal and Provincial governments provide the vaccine free of charge and the county administers the program under the Halton County Health Unit.

Over 3,000 attended child health clinics, and many thousands of calls were made to inspect and check all milk, water and food supplies distributed in the county.

The Children's Aid Society of the county has under its care over 100 children, but almost twice that amount of children were placed in homes other than their own. Another trained social worker is being hired to handle the increasing work on adoption, child neglect, family allowance and other welfare matters.

At one of the first meetings of the year, county council made provision for a probation officer and requested the attorney general's department to make an appointment. This was done and the courts are cooperating in a program of probation.

A \$2,500 grant was made to the Oakville-Trafalgar area to set up a school for Retarded Children. The County Council has meeting put into effect a pension plan and more complete Blue Cross coverage for its employees.

The Road Budget was almost doubled this year and about 21 miles of road received either asphalt, double surface or other types of asphalt treatment. This was several times more such treatment than was possible in any previous year. This year a road committee was one of the most conscientious committees I ever served on in my five years of municipal work. One or two roads broke up on them this summer and they will of course be condemned for that in spite of excellent work in almost every other respect, including one new forty foot bridge.

Immediate action must be taken to provide right of ways on the county roads below No. 5 Highway such as Maple Avenue - Brant Street, the Guelph Lane, the road from Bronte to Palermo and the 7th Lane and part of the 8th in Trafalgar. Some of this can be done through our planning boards. Subdividers must deed whatever land is required by a county or Township engineer to widen abutting roads.

I would for a moment like to say a word or two about who we are in Halton and what might be in store for us. Being in the Hamilton Bay basin we are in the centre of Canada's main industrial belt. This belt extends from Toronto thro' Hamilton to Buffalo then along the south side of Lake Erie to Windsor in the shape of a giant S. One writer recently referred to it as the industrial heart of North America. The productive capacity of this S is greater than that of the whole of Europe.

One other fact, so that we are properly oriented, according to the Department of Trade and Commerce testimony in May, 1953, when the St. Lawrence Seaway is completed, there will pass within view of the south shore of Halton, more ocean freight and more of the world's commerce than passes through the Suez and Panama Canal combined.

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Christmas Program For Women's Institute

Christmas was the theme at last Wednesday's meeting of Georgetown Women's Institute when Mrs. W. G. Bell was hostess at her home on Main Street South.

Mrs. Wm. T. Sinclair was convener of the program which included carol singing, solos by Mrs. Francis Thompson and a reading by Mrs. Sinclair - "Christmas on the Farm." Mrs. Albert Dolson gave the motto "Let's Keep Christmas." Mrs. Frank Petch arranged a novel guessing contest and the birthday group presented a tableau "The Night Before Christmas." Mrs. S. Gowland read the poem and those taking part were Mrs. Herb Cleave, Mrs. Jack Williamson and Mrs. Norman Snyder.

Mrs. Bell reported sending seven parcels of used clothing to the Crippled Civilians organization. Mrs. R. T. Paul read a letter from an institute in Westerham, England, telling of work which this group does in the Old Country. The W.I. has since sent a parcel to Westerham.

The institute is planning Christmas treats for residents at Halton Centennial Manor and for local shut-ins, and Mrs. Bell is receiving donations for this. Mrs. Snyder will send cards to shut-ins.

The draw was made on a blanket on which the ladies had been selling tickets. Mrs. K. W. King, 32 Normandy Blvd. was the winner.

Mrs. Albert Livingstone presided at the meeting in the absence of the president. Members exchanged Christmas gifts at the meeting and Mrs. Cecil Davidson moved a vote of thanks to those taking part in the program and to the lunch committee.

ments to ensure that necessary services are provided to the taxpayer in the fairest and most economical way and I believe the first step to that end in our fast growing area is to employ the finest techniques of town planning that have been developed in the New and Old Worlds.

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