



FLOWER ARRANGEMENT WORTH PRIZE

MISS VIVIEN PERRY OF HARRIS FLORAL, 10 Main Street, N., holds her flower arrangement which won second prize in a contest sponsored by the United Florists of Canada. The competition class was for designers with less than two years' experience in a florist shop. There were 25 entries in the contest which was held in conjunction with the UFC convention held recently at the Inn On The Park, Toronto. The design was of white snapdragons, mauve sweet peas, and deep purple starflowers on a styrofoam base, and complemented by a mauve box of dusting powder. Vivien is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Perry, 6 Shelley St.

Acton Reeve Demands County Assessment Chief

Acton reeve Herbert Hinton, a former county warden, last Tuesday slammed Halton Council's equalized assessment methods and demanded the appointment of a county assessment commissioner.

In a motion seeking the new appointment, Reeve Hinton, the 1966 county warden, said: "It is an indisputable fact that a truly equalized assessment cannot be realized without invoking the county commissioner system."

He said 24 out of the 38 Ontario counties have assessment commissioners and added: "Unequalized assessment in the county of Halton creates unequal, and therefore unfair, taxation on the large majority of the taxpayers of the county."

Reeve Hinton, whose remarks

were criticized by other councillors, said unequalized assessment was unfair and created inequities in the taxation system.

He asked council to approve the appointment of a county assessment commissioner, under section 93 (a) of the Assessment Act.

He said councillors should base their decisions on the best interests of the county as a whole, not on their respective municipalities, and added "it is time we either acted for the county or quit running."

Esquusing Township deputy reeve George Currie criticized Reeve Hinton's remarks. He said the reeve had produced no evidence or facts to show that the county had not been served in "a fair and honest" way.

Praise EMO for Efforts In Hunting Lost Girl

Halton County council paid tribute to county Emergency Measures Organization co-ordinator W. B. McGregor at its meeting, Tuesday, for the manner in which he conducted the EMO efforts during the intensive search for Marianne Schutt, 10, believed abducted from her Kilbride home several weeks ago.

Said Mr. McGregor in a report on the search: "The response by our volunteer personnel was excellent, and communications and rescue personnel worked exceedingly long hours and proved beyond doubt that the training they have received can, in a situation such as this pay dividends."

Officials now have little hope of finding the little girl alive, according to reports.

The girl was last seen getting into a car, thought to have been a Renault at 4:30 p.m. April 27. She has not been seen or heard from since.

will be pleased to hear he is back home again following a short stay in the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington.

The general meeting of the Hornby United Church Women was held on Wednesday evening, May 24, in the church basement. Mrs. James Snow, welcomed the ladies to the meeting which opened with prayer followed by a hymn. The roll call word "Hope" was answered by the 15 ladies attending. Mrs. Harold Reed was in charge of the scripture reading and meditation. A very informative Centennial Quiz was given by Mrs. Clifford Wrigglesworth. Miss Mildred Reed, who teaches school in Kitchener, showed slides of Spain and Holland which were very interesting. Lunch was served by Mrs. Roy Wilson and Mrs. Albert Marchment.

HORNBY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall, enjoyed a very interesting tour of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa on Monday, May 22.

Bath and Wilma Mason spent a recent weekend in Montreal where they visited Expo.

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Forecasts Halton Assessment Tops in Ontario This Year

The 1966 increase of \$28,694,577 in taxable assessment indicates an economic boom in Halton county. "It is quite apparent that the county will again lead the other counties in assessment total," Halton assessor Robert Beach told the county council, Tuesday.

In his annual report to council Mr. Beach said the increase was 9.37 per cent of the total assessment.

Total taxable assessment for 1966 is \$334,930,085. The 1965 figure was \$306,235,508. Last year's population increase was 9,749 or 6.8 per cent.

The assessment level review took in over 4,000 properties, compared with 900 the previous year. Mr. Beach said the market values continued their rapid

rise, slightly dropping each municipalities' percentage of assessment to market value.

Burlington's assessment ranked the highest, topping that of Oakville by \$2,121,730, taking in more business assessment under changes in the act.

Mr. Beach said the court of revision sat for 26 days last year and covered nearly 1,000 appeals. About 240 appeals were forwarded to the county judge early this year resulting in only minor adjustments, he said.

Total taxable assessment in Oakville is \$140,905,350; in Burlington, \$143,027,080; Milton, \$10,142,801; Acton, \$7,439,748; Georgetown, \$16,909,323; Esquusing, \$11,633,463; and Nassagaweya, \$4,872,320.

Seek Action To Curb County Deer Population

Whether or not Halton county's deer will be given "The Pill" something has to be done to curb their numbers, even if an open deer shooting season has not been declared this year.

This is the decision of county council's agricultural committee which has been studying various methods of controlling the wild deer.

They have appealed to the department of lands and forests in an effort to get an answer to the problem.

Upstairs Museum Room Soon Opened To Public

Holiday weekend attendance at Halton county's museum in Kelso conservation area at Milton Heights showed an indication of the crowds that are expected during the summer. Although the museum is open all year round, attendance figures soar on fine weekends.

Hundreds of tulips are now in bloom in the front of the renovated barn at the foot of the Niagara escarpment.

Extended exhibits in the museum will soon include those in the upstairs of the barn, expected to be open to the public soon.

The county's centennial project, a new building to house old vehicles, will be started soon. Tenders are to be opened this week.

Other buildings in the expanding complex include the farm forge, the Alexander family home and the new crafts building.

Museum director Major H. J. Newman of Georgetown says hundreds of local and out-of-county school children have booked tours within the next few weeks.

"Who's going to get the deer — and who's going to give them 'The Pill'?" asked Georgetown Reeve William Hunter, at council meeting, Tuesday.

Burlington Reeve Gordon Galagher thought provincial legislation should be sought to ensure necessary control measures over the deer population.

Committee chairman Reeve George Leslie, Esquusing, said an open deer season may be declared in Halton for a short period if neighbouring counties adopted a similar project.

Earlier this year council turned down a suggestion that a deer season be declared. A week ago six Oakville men were each fined a total of \$115 for hunting and being in possession of hunted deer.

The committee reported to council that Halton has the heaviest concentration of deer in Ontario with 30 to 40 of them per square mile in areas that afford most ground cover.

Members claim damage to trees and shrubs by deer is on the increase and that 30 to 35 vehicle accidents a year were caused by deer.

They have already discussed chemical means of controlling the cycling of the does but the Department of Lands and Forests feels the idea is impractical.

Now the department has been asked to consider a study of controlling deer numbers.

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