



Make way for new apt.

TREE cutters from the Moffat Tree Removal firm began last week clearing land at the corner of Church and Maria Streets, where the old Beverly House once stood, to make room for the construction of a new six-storey apartment building. The building is being erected by Noble Construction, Port Credit.—(Staff Photo)

Expect increase

Education mill rate may be up two mills

Municipalities in Halton County can expect an increase in their mill rates of about two mills for education purposes. Bill Priestner told a press conference Wednesday that the two mill increase was only a personal guess. Priestner is finance chairman for the Halton County Board of Education.

He said expenditures at the secondary school level were expected to increase by about eight per cent and by about 11.3 per cent in the elementary school system. Ceilings set down by the provincial government will allow per pupil costs in the elementary panel to rise by \$50 per pupil from

\$345 to \$395 and at the secondary level by from \$1,060 to \$1,100.

Grant structure
Priestner said provincial grants would be weighted this year taking into consideration areas with fluid population, special education, especially small board, depressed areas, those with old buildings and allowances for experienced staff. Halton will benefit a little from grants for an experienced staff and because of the fluid population.

Priestner explained municipal levies were calculated on the provincial equalized assessment factor. He explained the board

had no control over the factor or the municipal apportionments.

Two problems that could hamper the board are the availability of grants in March and salary negotiations. Priestner told reporters that if the grants weren't available by March it could alter the board schedule.

During an open board meeting Wednesday the board reviewed the 1971 budget. Trustees learned expenditures had come to within 3 per cent of the projections for that year. The net overlevy for the year was \$73,264.

Decide in February

Snowmobile ban delayed

Snowmobilers won't be forced off county roads — for another month anyway. A by-law banning them was deferred for one month when County Council met Tuesday of last week.

Prior to the county council meeting a delegation of snowmobilers from Hornby and

Drumquinn had met with the roads committee, asking that three roads and especially Derry Rd. be exempted from the by-law.

Will inspect it
Council agreed to inspect the road and see if an exception is feasible on Derry Rd. The delegation argued the ruling would cut them off from large

areas of land they now use.

Roads committee chairman Don McMillan told council that moving the by-law back until the February meeting would almost make its effect negligible, because there wouldn't be snowmobiling for any long period of time after the end of February.

Society recommends pets immunized against rabies

In recent years rabies has spread from Northern to Southern Ontario concentrated mainly in the skunk and fox populations. Over the years there have been a number of localized "scare" in which domestic animals were suspected of being rabid.

These scares have always resulted in a reaction on the part of a very naturally concerned general public. Any animal behaving strangely has been thought to be "rabid" when, in fact, it was nothing of the kind. But, to be on the safe side, Medical Officers of Health have always, as a general policy, required animals that have bitten anybody, even if the bite was little more than a scratch, to be held in quarantine.

Rabies is a disease communicable to man and is the concern of the Federal Government, Department of Agriculture, Health of Animals Branch and, of course, the Medical Health Officers of the country.

Few diseases are more frightening.

Some years ago the Ontario Humane Society reached the conclusion that the real danger to the general public lay in the possibility of rabies becoming commonplace in the pet animal population, particularly dogs and cats.

Instinct helps

Most people can recognize when a wild animal is behaving abnormally. When a muskrat attacks a large dog there is something very obviously wrong. When a timid, secretive fox becomes bold, brash and quite fearless then, obviously, something is equally wrong. The average person is instinctively cautious of wild animals. It is probably this instinct which has prevented the public from being seriously exposed to the danger of rabies despite the fact that the

naturally there will be difficulties in administering such a requirement but these difficulties could be overcome given the co-operation of the Federal Health of Animals Branch, practicing veterinarians, Government of Ontario, Department of Agriculture (Veterinary Services Branch) and the Ontario Humane Society, its 48 Branches and Affiliated Societies and municipal pounds.

The typical frightened reaction to a rabies scare is all too common to Humane Society workers. One case of rabies in a human being will produce a wave of pet killing, a reaction which is generally unreasonable and uncontrolled. When this occurs thousands of perfectly innocent, healthy pet animals are killed.

For their sake, and for the sake of the health of the general public the Ontario Humane Society recommends compulsory rabies inoculation as the only sensible solution.

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9 per cent abnormal TB, RD tests reveal

This year's Christmas Seal campaign compares favorably with last year's contributions, but more is needed. This was the report of C. L. McFadden, chairman of the 1971-72 Christmas seal campaign, at the regular monthly meeting of the Halton County Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association held recently in the board room of the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

Since adding respiratory diseases to their fight against TB the TB and RD Association has taken on responsibility and expense in its efforts to help people suffering from diseases of the respiratory system, particularly in the areas of emphysema, bronchitis and asthma.

Over 10 per cent

Greatest accomplishment has been demonstrated in an extensive program of Pulmonary Function Testing, a continuing program of the association. The testing unit has visited many industrial firms throughout Halton County, testing employees in order to detect abnormalities in the respiratory system. As a result unsuspected cases have been detected and referred to the individual's doctor. The testing is done free. A trained technician has been employed by the Association to conduct this program.

Mrs. D. C. Brown, Oakville, the

technician conducting the testing program, reports that to the end of 1971, 1795 tests had been conducted in Halton County. Of these, over 9 per cent indicated some form of abnormality in breathing. These were all referred to the individual's doctor for further testing to detect any possible disease, and for treatment by the doctor.

Mrs. Brown stressed that the purpose of the test is not to diagnose, but rather to detect any abnormality in the breathing pattern. She also observed that in the areas where the greatest number of abnormalities were detected, the environment and working conditions were generally dirty and dusty, that the persons involved were older in age, and were mostly medium to heavy smokers.

Take tour

The January meeting of the Association was held in the Oakville Hospital in order that the Board of Directors could be conducted on a tour of the Inhalation Therapy Department. Charles Ludlow, Chief Respiratory Technologist of the Hospital, conducted the tour and explained the function of the equipment used in inhalation therapy. He pointed out that some of the equipment in use was donated by the Halton County TB & RD Association. Mr. Ludlow commented that the work of the Association was proving

beneficial in that early detection and treatment was enabling the medical profession to cope with the disease in its early stages.

Mr. McFadden, in his report to the Board of Directors, pointed out that while donations to the Christmas Seal Campaign this year have actually surpassed last year's givings, much more is needed to continue the active program to which the Association has committed itself. He stated that the projected goal of the Campaign has not been reached but that the Campaign still has until the end of January to reach that goal.

Amend zoning by-law

Acton Council has amended its zoning by-law to allow owners of non-conforming buildings to reconstruct on exactly the same land, if the original building is destroyed up to 80 per cent of its value by fire, acts of God or causes beyond the control of the owner. Council will now pass a by-law to this effect.

Councillor Bill Coats explained the amendment was approved basically to protect persons, who through no fault of their own ended up living in a building of non-conforming use.

Deputy-reeve Pat McKenzie said it concerned him some people had lived in a home for

over 30 years, then found they were not allowed to renovate.

Councillor Peter Marks felt separate hearings before the committee of adjustment should be held on different applications and that the hearings should be free of charge to the applicant. Marks pointed out 80 per cent of the houses in town are non-conforming in some way.

Councillor Norm Elliott did not want to see a "carte-blanche" avenue to appeal given to owners.

"There must be some places where our town planners do not want to see non-conforming structures rebuilt," he said.



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