

**4-H leaders**

**Finalize plans summer program**

By Hugh Cook  
At a recent meeting of the Halton 4-H Club Leaders' Council, plans for the 4-H program for the summer months were finalized.

The county livestock judging competition will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 2 in the Acton area. This competition involves our 4-H members, Junior Farmers, and any other young people who are interested. Trophies are awarded for the top scoring competitors who judged sheep, swine, beef and dairy cattle or horses.

The Halton County Seed Judging Competition will be held on Monday, July 31. This competition is also open to the same above mentioned group of people. Trophies will be awarded for the judging of various field crops, cash crops and forage.

The invitation to visit Halton County has been accepted by the Kiwanis Club of the Kingsway. These Kiwanians will be visiting farms in the county on Sunday, June 25. It is anticipated there will be approximately 20 families in the visiting group. 4-H Club Leaders, members and parents of the members are encouraged to come out and meet the Kiwanians.

Ten 4-H Agricultural Club members will travel to Maryland on a 4-H exchange from July 22 to July 29 of this year. These members will be accompanied by two chaperones. They will be staying in the homes of 4-H members from the State of Maryland. The club leaders anticipate an active summer with attendance in the 4-H program being higher than it has for some years. There should be good attendance at most functions.



Y BOARD Chairman Pat McGreener accepted a donation in the form of a \$350 cheque recently from Y's Menettes representatives Sally Leatherland (right) and Shirley Broostad (left). The ladies raised the money at a book sale, rummage sale and fashion show. The money is to be used to purchase equipment for the Y.M.C.A. program and for general administrative purposes.

(Photo by D. Gibbons)

**Donations, purchases made from Y's Menette projects**

Y's Menettes held their last meeting of the year June 12 at the home of Donna Bateman in Rockwood. Everyone enjoyed a delicious barbeque meal and social evening including guests who had helped with the fashion show held in April.

The main item of business on the agenda was the delightful job of deciding what to do with the money raised from the various projects during the year.

**Donations**  
New curtains are being made

for the banquet room and kitchen. Also it was decided to purchase a new colored coffee percolator. A donation of \$250 is to be given to the Y. Board for programs and equipment within the Y.M.C.A. A further \$100 donation is also to be given for General Administration Expenses.

The barbeque marked the end of a very successful season and the Acton Y's Menettes have adjourned for the summer and start back to their regular meetings in September under the new executive.

**School caretakers sponsor scholarships**

Thanks to the caretakers and maintenance staff of the Halton County Board of Education, two deserving students in the county will be receiving \$100 scholarships each.

The awards will be given to vocational students from General Brock Vocational High School, Burlington and General Wolfe Vocational High, Oakville. The two are the only vocational schools in Halton County.

of Education employees, who are also members of Local 1011 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, are making the awards. The scholarships are an annual affair.

The Local has adopted a child named May Ann in India and annually contributes to her education through the Christian Children's Fund of Canada and also makes a donation each year to the Mentally Retarded Children's Association, secretary David Bruce reported.

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**Task Force meets in Milton**

**Urge no homes, quarries on escarpment**

It is scandalous to consider residential development on the Niagara Escarpment, W. D. Brown of the Bruce Trail Club told the Niagara Escarpment Task Force which held its first public hearing in Milton.

Quarries should not be allowed to mine within a mile or half a mile from the face of the escarpment, Brown said. He urged speedy acquisition of the land, to be held in perpetuity by the government.

Asked by a Task Force member about financing, he replied financing was a matter for the government's concern, not his. Later Brown asked how Ontario Place was financed. "No one asked for Ontario Place. Many people are asking for the

escarpment. There is a terrific interest." He termed the Ontario Place a terrific plastic monstrosity.

**Worst threat**  
He said residential development was the worst threat to the escarpment. "Mining tends to be located in one area while subdivisions spread like wildfire."

Ray Lowes, secretary of the Bruce Trail Club said control of the escarpment should be under provincial control, not local jurisdictions. He claimed municipalities felt they couldn't afford to refuse quarries in the area because of assessment, and indicated the province would be less apt to be swayed by such an appeal. He said quarries near the escarpment should be phased out

and turned into botanical gardens.

Nassagaweya Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur disputed that point and said her council refused the licence for Milton Quarries, only to have the province extend the right to quarry. She said her council had tried to stop Cloverleaf Quarries from opening a new pit but the province permitted the quarry the right to operate.

**No fond mother**  
"If you think the province is the fond mother taking diligent care of you, you'd better change your ideas."

Noting the township had more than 3,000 acres devoted to forest and recreation, she said Nassagaweya was doing its bit for the urban roamer. She said she would like to see the escarpment preserved for recreation but spelled off with estate development in order to provide assessment for the township.

Esquering Councillor Dick Howitt said he sympathized with Bruce Trail people, but noted there are 19 pits and quarries in his township and two of them were the largest taxpayers in Esquering.

He noted the township had lost \$60,000 to \$70,000 in assessment, it was bound to hurt the township ratepayers.

**Region government**  
Task Force chairman Sam Clasky asked if the township might be more viable in a regional government position. Howitt said other areas had found it more expensive and he wasn't convinced the wider tax base would be of that much benefit.

A. Symmes from Terra Cotta represented the Coalition of Concerned Citizens. He was concerned about the hydro line proposed through the Credit Valley. The swath proposed by Ontario Hydro is 600 feet wide.

Paul Fisher of Burlington, who described himself as a worn out farmer, urged the Task Force to consider the farmer's plight when they get to the interest of the public to keep those farmers who are working land on or near the escarpment, there. He said he paid about \$800 a year in tax for his farm and some property had been acquired by the province on which no taxes were collected.

**Want to stay**  
He suggested the force consider lowering taxes to allow the farmer to stay in business, rather than tax him out of business and then have to buy the land from the speculators.

"We want to stay and we can keep the green belt more economically than you can buy it," he said. He told the force that he realized they were civil servants and none were from the department concerned with taxation.

Fisher added a light touch to the meeting when he said he realized civil servants got involved in their own department and never even talked to each other, let alone doing something together, but he urged they give consideration to the farmland. He indicated he allowed the public to use his pond and his land.

**Seek best method**  
The Task force is made up of civil servants from various departments of the provincial government and they are now involved in collecting facts about the escarpment and trying to determine the best use of the area and the best means of

acquiring land or controlling use.

Three means of preservation were considered: complete control by outright purchase, selective control by the acquisition of defined rights in the land by such means as easement and leasing, and the third method would be through land use regulations such as zoning by-laws. The meeting was the first of several to be held.

Milton Mayor Brain Best suggested regulatory control is expropriation without compensation.

Murray Stephen, manager of Halton Region Conservation Authority told the force his authority had acquired 2,350 acres of escarpment land. Basically that acreage is situated in the following areas: Mount Nemo, Crawford Lake, Rattlesnake Point, Milton outlier at Kelso Conservation Area and Hilton Falls and the 16-Mile-

Creek Watershed north of Highway 401.

He noted the province subsidizes purchases of such land by 75 per cent but won't recognize and responsibility for maintenance and operation of the land after the purchase.

**Wants guidelines**  
He suggested the province give additional guidelines concerning land use in the escarpment area. He pointed out cases where a parcel of land was acquired, the contour of the land changed, and vegetation removed before any municipal agency was approached.

In his brief he outlined HRCA opposition to the proposed extension of Brant St. in Burlington, resulting in a cut in the escarpment. He indicated two cuts are in the escarpment now for road purposes and said more thought should be given to the land features.

**Refuse flood control request**

Following a request from Glen McTavish, who is building a home at Lot 30 on the Sixth Line, Esquering council agreed to have roads superintendent C. E. "Bud" Snow look at road conditions there. But they absolved themselves of responsibility for water problems which may be encountered.

McTavish asked council Monday night to supply fill and dig a ditch to control flood waters near the building site. He also complained the road is not safe in its present condition.

**Partial approvals**  
Reeve Tom Hill told Mr. Mc-

Tavish the township received only partial approval of subsidies for its roads program from the Department of Transportation and Communication.

"That's the first complaint we've ever had on that road", Hill said. "All I got to say to you Mr. McTavish is you should have looked for another site."

Deputy-reeve Russell Miller said council would like to be able to have all roads fixed up, but lack of funds make it impossible.

Mr. McTavish said he also hopes to construct a 4 1/2 acre lake on the property.

**Flowers of Hope produce \$1,047**

Campaign returns to date for Flowers of Hope amount to \$1,047.34 - considered very good for a town the size of Acton. Returns are still coming in to the Bank of Montreal, and anyone missing may still donate there.

Georgetown has about \$900 in returns and Milton \$1,000 to date. The marigold seeds, given in return for donations, are starting to sprout in town gardens as a reminder of the donations to the mentally retarded.

**Many canvassers**  
Canvassers who assisted the local L'Arche auxiliary in the drive are:

Ruby Laustsen, Val Drinkwater, Bea Ginger, Mrs. Wissenz, Mrs. Anna Lee, Mrs. Coultrup, Gail Beerman, Ruth Miller, Madeleine Lee, Jo Whitham.

Mrs. D. Gibbs, Mrs. P. Gaeton, Mrs. G. Graham, Mrs. Anker, Mrs. B. Grahmann, Mrs. B. Eastwood, Mrs. J. Muckle, Mrs. N. Silcock, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. J. Conroy, Mrs. B. Bennett, Miss L. Graham, Mrs. M. Pope, Mrs. D. McGiloway, Mrs. Berry.

Lynda Ensing, Ann Hofstede, Hennie Van Dam, Marjorie Loutlet, Barb Jackson, Pauline Gordon, Maxine Hurst, Ann Doda, Margaret Dunn, Ivy Hall, Mary Kenny, Mrs. A. Barratt.

Lena Mason, Doris Townsley, Rhona Thornhill, Pat Frizzell, Teresa Hanley, Doreen McIntyre, Lucy Synnott, Net Van Fleet, Milly Kelly, Kitty Allan, Janice Withers, Faye Pink, Helen Fowler, Peggy De Bruyn, Lois Gordon, Laura McEachern, Linda Dolton, Mrs. C. Land-sborough, Mrs. C. Armstrong, Jessie Price, Cathy Frizzell.

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