

94 on Walkathon raise \$2,444

Although attendance was down, enthusiasm and sponsorship were up Saturday when the Halton and Peel Association for the Hearing Handicapped held its fourth annual fund-raising walkathon in the Milton-Acton area.

A total of 94 walkers—66 from Milton and 28 from Acton—trudged a 32 mile route around the North Halton roadides and expect to collect a total of \$2,444.44 from the sponsors who underwrote them.

Top walker of the day was Colin Best, teenage son of Milton Mayor Brian Best, who went 30 of the 32 miles at \$5.07 per mile for a total pledge of \$152.10. Colin adopted a brisk pace early and maintained it throughout the day, soon passing all the other Milton walkers. He would have been the first to finish but he had to quit walking at 2.15 p.m.—to go play in a soccer game!

Dueck in front
First finisher was Robert Dueck, who completed the 32-mile route in just over seven hours, arriving back at the Milton starting point at 4.10 p.m. Second across the finish line was an Ontario School for the Deaf teacher Edgar Daniell, third was Robert Dueck's brother George and fourth was another OSD counsellor Paul Johnson.

Mrs. Joanne Clements of R. R. 2, Milton, wife of the HPAHH president G. Bradford Clements, was in charge. She said she was disappointed in the small turnout but quite happy about the amount of money the young walkers raised. "I think the kids did extremely well, considering their age level."

Proceeds from the Saturday walkathon will go toward sending a team of deaf Canadian athletes to the world olympics for the deaf in Sweden next year. Canada will send a team of 65.

Organizers said the walkathon was switched from a spring to a fall event this year for the first time. But the switch caused some problems. Some of the school officials in the district did not want to promote the walkathon in case it interfered with UNICEF campaigns, they said. And the walkers who did show up were mostly girls—the boys were busy playing minor hockey.

This year's walk brought in the lowest total dollars in the four

years the walkathon has been going. In 1969 it raised \$3,500, in 1970 it brought in \$6,000, and last spring it set a record when 469 walkers raised \$8,500. In past walkathons, however, OSD students have made up a large percentage of the total walkers. This year only a few from OSD participated.

Cool, windy
The walkers began their big trudge at 7 a.m., under cover of darkness. Although the sun shone part of the day it was cool and a cool wind toward late afternoon made the walking even more painful.

Walkers were travelling at anywhere from five cents to \$5 a mile, Mrs. Clements noted.

Those from the Acton area started at the Acton Community Centre and marched south on Highway 25, east on Steeles Ave., north on Seventh Line and west on Highway 7. Milton walkers started from Martin St. Senior Public School and followed the

same route. Refreshment stations were set up in cars along the route to make sure the walkers had plenty of food and drinks. St. John Ambulance vans patrolled the route as did several parents and volunteer helpers in official walkathon cars. Radio communications were handled by Ron Beattie of Halton EMO and several volunteer mobile radio operators plus a representative of the Oakville REACT group. Officials reported no accidents, no problems and no lost walkers.

Stop at 7 p.m.
All the walkathon participants who were still walking the roads were brought in at 7 p.m. when darkness fell. Most of them were glad to get a ride home after 12 hours of trudging around the colorful north Halton countryside.

Besides the money the walkers expect to collect from their sponsors, the HPAHH is \$22 richer when the day ended. A

woman from Toronto dropped into the headquarters and left a \$20 donation and another man donated \$2.

Most of the walkers were public and senior public school students from the Acton, Milton and district schools. There were none from Milton District High School and only a few from OSD. Mrs. Clements explained the Halton-Peel Association is trying to get other hearing-handicapped groups in Ontario organizing walkathons in their own areas, so the OSD students were not asked to participate because they will likely be asked to join walkathons in their home areas.

Adults walk too
A few officials from OSD did join the walk, including superintendent Don Kennedy who did his usual five mile walk (Milton to Hornby) at \$7.22 a mile, and some teachers and residence counsellors. Milton Mayor Brian Best also went five miles to raise \$5. A few adults joined in the fun too, including E. B. Clements, father of HPAHH president G. B. Clements, who completed 20 1/2 miles at \$1.08 per mile.

Mrs. Clements said 44 of the walkers went the whole 32 miles.

GO-train parking tracks no go with twp. council

Esqueping Council has promised to do everything possible to keep the Government of Ontario Transit from constructing a passenger car bedroom for its Georgetown-Toronto GO-train in the township just west of the Seventh Line crossing.

"The only way they'll come out here is by superceding our authority or by expropriation," Reeve Tom Hill assured a delegation of Sixth Line ratepayers Monday night.

Government officials reportedly still favor two locations, one on the north side of the C.N.R. track, the other on the south side, both west of the Seventh Line crossing, after a recent meeting with Georgetown council where it was suggested the passenger car parking area could be located either near the old Smith and Stone spur line or near the Georgetown Industrial Park.

Expresses concern
Spokesman for the Sixth Line delegation, Richard Romp suggested the industrial park

area of Georgetown would be a preferable spot for extra tracking and expressed concern that the rural atmosphere of Esqueping would deteriorate, if the rail cars were allowed to park in either of the two locations favored by the government officials.

At a previous council meeting a representative of the Government of Ontario Transit admitted the cars are left to run on idle throughout the night.

Reeve Hill said Monday night he suspects government officials favor the Esqueping locations because land there would be cheaper than industrial land in Georgetown.

However, he emphasized the township will continue its battle against having the rail cars parked in Esqueping.

"We don't want it. It'll mean an interruption of traffic on our roads and noise at night, yet 80 per cent of the benefits of the service will be to Georgetown people," he pointed out.

Also opposed
Councillor Len Cox added his opposition to the proposal,

assuring the delegation council will do everything possible to avert it and suggesting that if the transit officials want to go further north, they keep going to Acton and Guelph where they would be of service to some more people.

George Bart, whose farm is very close to the two proposed Esqueping locations wondered if the cars are equipped with emission control systems.

Demonstrate vegetables

Lila Dennis was named president of the Masagaweyn Nymphs 4-H club at the group's first meeting Oct. 2. Vice-president is Darlene Snyder, secretary Valerie Knight, treasurer Susan Kidd and press reporter Irene Kidd.

"They'd another us there when we are 150 yards away," he said.

Another Sixth Line resident, Tom Brotherton said he has had previous experience negotiating for the installation of spur lines and promised to provide cost figures to council to help them in presenting their case.

GO-train service is scheduled to begin the fall of 1973.

standard measurements in cooking.

At the second meeting members learned a donation had been given by the Women's Institute. Three of the girls demonstrated shredding cabbage, two others cleaned and prepared cauliflower while two more made a sauce. Then members enjoyed the demonstration samples.

The club members have gone through 20 pages of their members' pamphlets to date.



STEPHEN MITCHELL, of R.R. 1, Acton, and Gordon Bollert of R.R. 4, both students at Speyside School, were among those who completed Saturday's 32-mile walk in aid of the deaf.

(Photo by H. Coles)

Foot-weary walkers

These are the foot-weary walkathoners who participated in Saturday's chilly walkathon sponsored by the Halton and Peel Association for the Hearing Handicapped.

This group finished the whole 32 miles: Scott Withers, Gord Bollert, Kathy Turkosz, Sherri Phillips, Maureen Kitley, Mike Roach, Dave Salt, Sandra Shubert, Stephen Mitchell, Janie Woodworth.

Other walkers and the number of miles completed: Norm Thornhill 27, Pat Kelly 15, Cindy Thornhill 27, Karen Tremills 27, Susy Chawani 15, Karen Smellie 15, Craig Tatton 5, Agnes Slaven 20, Julie Ismond 22, Janine Griffon 20, Kelly Ryan 20, Lisa Adkins 20, Sheryl Shubert 15, Marita Marina 20, Karen Middleton 20, Elaine Brown 20, Ron Billings 21, Denise McLarty 21.

The Acton participants walked under sponsorships of anywhere from eight cents to \$2.55 per mile. The \$2.55-a-mile walker was Pat Kelly, who completed 15 miles of the route, for a total pledge of \$36.25.

HALTON County Council HIGHLIGHTS

During a meeting of the administration committee of Halton County Council Wednesday, the committee:

—Recommended the passing of a by-law engaging James F. McLaren Limited as consultants to handle a study on solid waste management in the county.

—Agreed to withhold payment of a bill for J. Carpenter for publicity work involved with the county's exhibit at the International Plowing Match held recently near Stratford. Members of the committee noted the work agreed upon hadn't been accomplished satisfactorily. The matter was set over until the November meeting of the administration committee when Warden Jim Swanborough would be able to attend.

—Learned the Association of Clerks and Treasurers of Counties and Regions of Ontario will hold a meeting Nov. 6 in Brantford.

—Received a report from Emergency Measures Organization co-ordinator Ron Beattie pointing out progress on a number of projects and learned he had attended a five day course in community shelter planning at Arnprior. Mr. Beattie reported Brian Dumble of Oakville had accepted the position of communications officer in the organization on a part time basis. Mr. Beattie felt Dumble's expertise in the field would be useful.

Lumber stolen

An estimated \$1000 worth of lumber was reported stolen from the new Bovis Homes subdivision, Acton O.P.P. were informed last Thursday and date of the theft was not known for sure. The lumber had been piled outside. Police are continuing their investigation.

Batteries were stolen from two cars during the past week. A minibus valued at \$15 was also reported stolen.

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