

For hydro line

Erin twp. council favors 401 route

Erin township council has come out in favor of the recently suggested alternative route for the Ontario Hydro 500 KV transmission line, one which would follow Highway 401 from the Halton substation near Milton to

a point near Guelph and from there to the Douglas Point generating station on Lake Huron.

It is also the opinion of council that the line should be placed as close as possible to the places

which have the greatest need of it, that the route selected should be the shortest possible and that a utility route corridor for all services should be formed.

Council has pointed out that the modified "Q" system which

follows 401 would cross the Niagara Escarpment only once, whereas other routes would involve more crossings.



BUBBLES THE CLOWN was guest of Foodland Store in Acton, Saturday afternoon. A Hamilton resident, Bubbles handed out free Foodland balloons to all the children in the store. —D. Pink Photo

Ottawa Report

by Terry O'Connor — Halton MP



The Unemployment Insurance Commission's frantic attempts to regain credibility with the Canadian people have resulted in some highly questionable practices. It has become a frequent habit of the Commission to inadvertently overpay UIC recipients amounts ranging, in one case in Halton, up to \$490. This overpayment error was entirely that of the Commission, and not that of the unemployed recipient, a fact admitted by the Commission.

The questionable practice occurs when the error is discovered and the UIC demands repayment. As can be expected, the recipient, being unemployed, is already in financial difficulty, and usually has spent the overpayment. The UIC, after several demands for immediate repayment, has adopted the

practice of seizing the unemployed person's bank account, without notice to the person even where the account is one jointly held with a wife or husband.

Certainly the UIC is entitled to repayment and should take steps to collect money owed it. But in my opinion such zealous pursuit of small amounts of money, without notice, from people already in financial difficulty is

an unwarranted invasion of privacy and grossly unfair.

Wanis evidence

When the practice was brought to his attention last week, Robert Andras, the Minister in charge of the UIC agreed. He said, "If that were in any way the case, I would take steps to prevent it, but I am certainly not aware of it and I should like to have clear evidence."

The Minister certainly has a short memory. On Feb. 27, 1973, I wrote him setting out the facts, including copies of the UIC letters (called Demand on Third Party) to the Bank of a recipient whose \$490 had been seized without prior notice or advice. On March 7, a Research Assistant in the Minister's office acknowledged my letter saying the Minister had asked her to do so.

On April 30, Mr. Andras wrote to me and after discussing other aspects of the case, he said "...a Demand on Third Party was made Feb. 8 in order to liquidate this debt..."

The letter is written on the Minister's letterhead, with his name typed at the bottom, but is signed on his behalf by his Research Assistant.

Doesn't know
Either the Minister has a very short memory or he doesn't know what is going on in his office or what mail is being signed on his behalf by his staff.

Whether the Minister is forgetful or incompetent is irrelevant. What is important is that the practice of hassling people in this manner, which in my opinion is illegal under the UIC Act, must be stopped. In response to a series of



BRUCE DAIGLE
Bruce Daigle recent grad

Bruce Emery Daigle, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Daigle of Acton was a recent graduate from York University in the Honors Business Administration program.

Bruce is presently working with Andres Wines, in the sales and marketing division.

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BECAUSE OF GREATER LENGTH AND WEIGHT OF CAR AND TRAILER IT TAKES MUCH LONGER TO STOP.
IF YOU'RE HOLDING UP TRAFFIC, SIGNAL, PULL OVER AND LET OTHERS PASS.

BOARD OF EDUCATION BRIEFS
During the July meeting Thursday, members of Halton County Board of Education:
—Learned 1,844 have enrolled in the board's summer school programs, including several from Hamilton where no summer courses are offered. This enrollment is up 32 over last year.
—Appointed John Martin, an art consultant, as a full-time member of the Primary Task Force.
—Named the Oakville firm of Hallford and Wilson architects on the Limehouse Public School addition, and McIntosh and Muller architects on the Rolling Meadows School. A general purpose room and library resource centre are being added at Limehouse.
—Agreed to name architects at the August meeting for the new high school in Milton.
—Agreed to investigate the number of representatives to be named to the board from Central and North Halton areas under regional government. Georgetown trustee Ernie Bodnar claimed his area was "being shortchanged" if Central Halton gets the same number of board trustees as the North Halton area.
—Decided, by motion, to take no further action on a parent's complaints of overcrowded mathematics classes at Stewarttown Public School.
—Approved an agreement covering joint use between the school and community for a new swimming pool at Georgetown District High School.
—Delegated John Boich, superintendent of program to attend a September conference of the Canadian Education Association in Vancouver, and assistant superintendent H. R. Lishman was delegated to an Association School Business Officials conference in California in October. Trustee Dick Goodin complained the California trip was "a little out of bounds" but it was pointed out Mr. Lishman is an Ontario section director and has been working hard with the ASBO groups.

THE MOUNTIES ARE COMING TO SHOPPERS WORLD BRAMPTON
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