charged with keeping the county's roads system open and clear from ice, rain or snow recently had one of the busiest holiday periods they have had in recent history. According to engineer Jack

Stan Wilson, the four inch snowfall Dec. 19 marked the start of a busy two weeks.

"Since then it has been go, go, go", Wilson said in an interview. The 30 outside regional employees and the 10

the region in road maintenance were called out almost every day including Christmas and New Year's Eve and Christmas and New

Several of the men worked

EMPLOYEES DAVE DEFOREST and Clark Armstrong are shown beside a grader in the new county garage. Both men and equipment were taxed to the limit during the recent two week period of bad weather.

hours and then returned to spare off another man on a plow or truck. One man worked 50 hours overtime during the two week period and the crew as a whole worked between 300 and 400 hours in overtime during those two weeks.

According to Corbett, Stan Wilson practically moved into the regional garage where the operation is coordinated during the past two weeks. Corbett noted many men missed Christmas supper or Christmas morning in an effort to keep the roads in good shape.

the explained that since Dec. 19 blowing snow, rain or falling snow hampered driving conditions almost every day. The crew has 170 miles of regional roads to maintain. About 140 of those are paved and the rest are gravel roads.

Last winter staffers used 15,000 tons of mixed sand and sait plus 2,500 lons of straight salt. According to Corbett and Wilson the amount of salt and sand used in last year's relatively mild winter wouldn't be nearly enough to meet the needs this year if this weather continues. -

Wilson said he couldn't guess at how much salt or sand would be needed for the balance of the season and noted it might well be that the brunt of winter has already passed.

Steady snow He explained that it wasn't any one particularly heavy storm or an accumulation but rather steady snow, rain or blown snow that made it necessary to have men and

Halton 4-II Clubs are

snowmobile club are

Next weekend our red and

stock's Alpine team comes to

Glen Eden on Sunday. Lots of

luck to all our skiers.

4-H clubs organize

Halton Region staffers Corbett and general foreman contractors who work with 14 or 15 hours, slept for a few machinery on the road almost

In addition to the men who operated machinery the two mechanics were called upon to work extra hours over the holiday to keep the machinery in good running

Wilson explained each machine is delegated to a certain part of the county. If one area is cleaned up before another, machinery will be used to help in the other area.

"The new garage is worth like this," Wilson said. He was referring to the new works garage just completed in the autumn. The spacious garage on Steeles Ave. at the Third Line is in direct contrast to the cramped quarters in Milton where the crew worked until the new one was

"It's tough having to call men day after day on what is supposed to be their day off or a holiday, and asking them to work. Their wives answer and say "ya, he's here," Wilson explained.

No time Wilson would continually tell the men to take tomorrow off, only to have snow during the night and have to call

"We call the day shift in as early as 1 a.m. and the night shift in as early as supper,' he sald.

Like so many jobs that involve service for the public, little thanks can be expected. "In our business no news is good news," said Corbett, explaining that for every pat on the back the department gets a handful of complaints.

with about 40 members at-

tending and plans for the new

year call for the regular line-

up of 4-H clubs including

dairy and beef calf, field

crop, horse, sheep and possibly a tractor club.

An organizational meeting

will be held Jan. 16 in Milton

for the sheep club, which

gives members training in

the breeding, feeding and

management of sheep. Other

the March winter break and

on 4-H is urged to contact the

agricultural office in Milton.

Parents

can visit

Parents and school trustees

will be given free access to

schools under the new

Consolidated Education Act

which was given first reading

Under the new Act, parents

and school trustees are

designated as school visitors

and will be able to visit a

school at any time. The

designation was previously

limited to clergyman and

A parent will be able to visit

in the Legislature



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May go there

Thompson there has been

some consideration to moving

to alleviate crowding at

hall is 878-7211. That number

will work for the variety of

offices at town hall and at

According to Mr. Thomp-son, water and sewer services will remain the function of the

local government for the time

being. Any queries about planning, sewers and water should go to the local level of

government first. If it should

be referred to the region it

In Halton Hills the

municipal staff is split bet-

ween a number of locations

for the time being. Staffers

will be, says Thompson.

The new number at town

downtown headquarters.

Brookville.

The Brookville office that

the services normally delivered from the county administration building on be handled from that future at least.

residents can be switched to staff into the Brookville office any of the regional departments operating from the building. Those services include Social and Family Services, the administration office, engineering and public works, planning and Emergency Measures Organization. Departments on the Halton Museum, Halton Health Unit and the county

Separate number Halton Centennial Manor has a separate phone and can

The following are the people in charge of the

In Milton municipal staf-

Regional Council, Milton Council and Halton Hills Council are all ready to go.

At the regional level all of police offices in town hall. has served as the township Steeles Ave. will continue to office is still open and sparsely staffed. According building, for the immediate to Deputy Clerk Campbell

phoning 878-2801 878-2801 line that operate out-side the main office include

works garage.

4-H clubs will be organized in be reached at 878-4141 while the police phone number is anyone wanting information 878-5511.

various departments: Rennie Vivian, Social and Family Services; Garfield Brown, administration; Ed Cumming, Planning; Dr. J Chamberlain, Health Unit; Bill McCrearie, EMO: Erla Brittain, Museum; Stan Allen, Halton Centennial

fers from the old town of Milton and the Township of Nassagaweya have crowded into town hall. The building and inspection department under Ray Olan, parks and recreation department under Bob Small, clerk's depart-

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The Ontario Federation of Agriculture has come out against the Imposition of

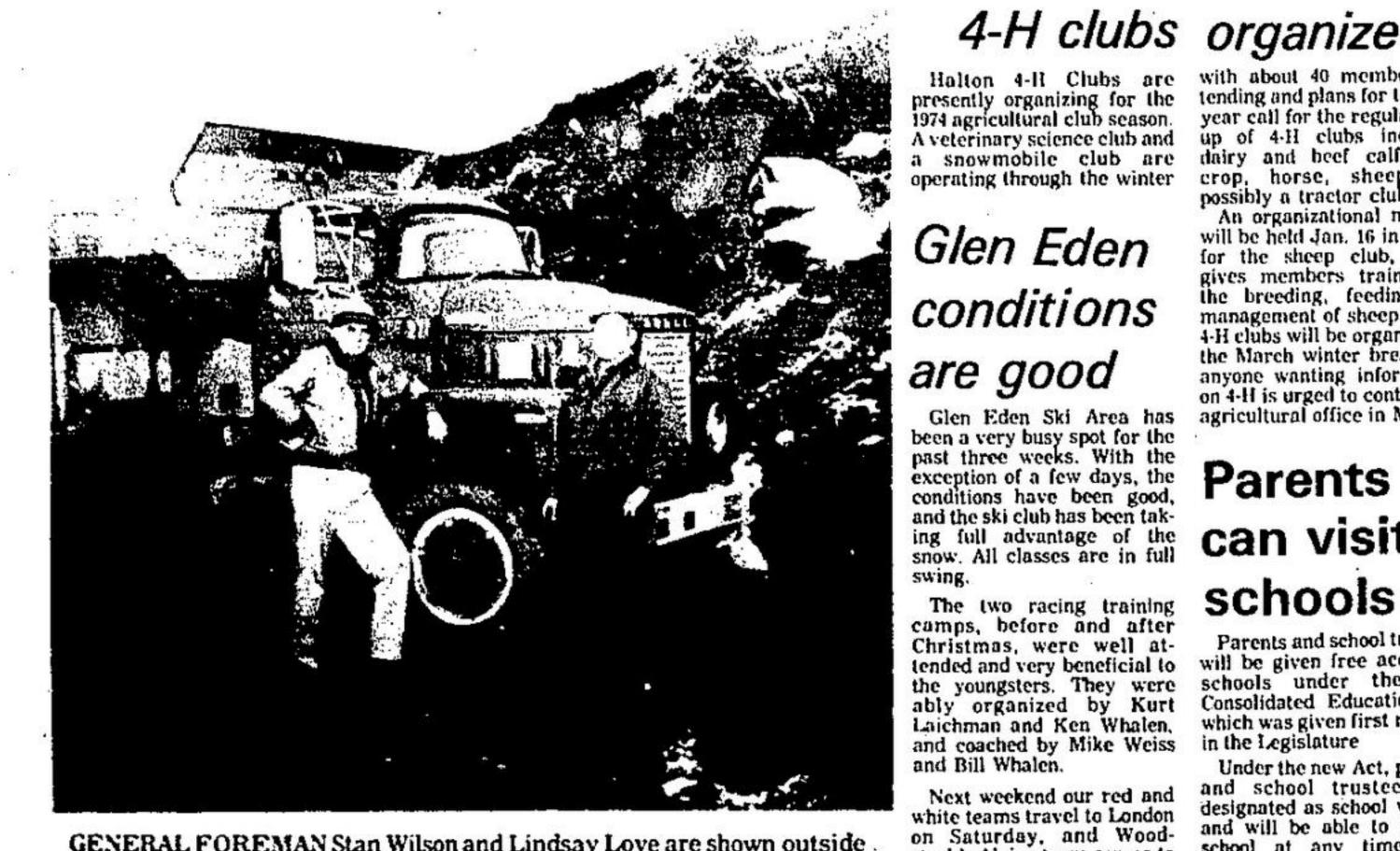
The executive of the Federation claim to have received countless telephone calls from their members opposing the possible time

Members are concerned about sending children to meet school buses in dark early morning hours, while dairy farmers are particularly concerned about the possibility of a "double" daylight saying time in spring and summer, when they must cure hay according to sun

The executive of the OFA said they could see little reason why the majority of people in the province should have an arbitrary time unposed on them, when the corporate world can adjust their schedules to that of their U.S. comtemporaries and parent companies_

DANGER

Drivers are reminded by the Ontario Safety League of one of the easily-overlooked winter dangers. Intersections are likely to be more dangerous than other road sections, because the heavy traffic tends to polish ice and snow to a hard glaze Approach intersections more



GENERAL FOREMAN Stan Wilson and Lindsay Love are shown outside the county garage. The truck is being loaded with salt and sand ready to combat the next spurt of bad weather.

Time produced Elora gorge

Grand River valley the speciacular 70-foot deep Elora Gorge situated at the the Grand River Con-Irvine rivers.

logical events, spaced almost. The hike gets under way at three million years apart, 1:30 p.m.

Time-nearly six million resulted in the gorge as we years to be exact, gave the know it today. And the Elora Conservation

Area is the location chosen by junction of the Grand and servation Authority (GRCA) for an afternoon snowshoe In fact, two separate geo- hike, Sunday, January 13.

were responsible for the The snowshoe hike is the fifth feature of the Grand During the first event, the River Experience program rock was formed after which which is designed to help the cutting action of streams valley residents enjoy the

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Bligarre Elora Conservation Area

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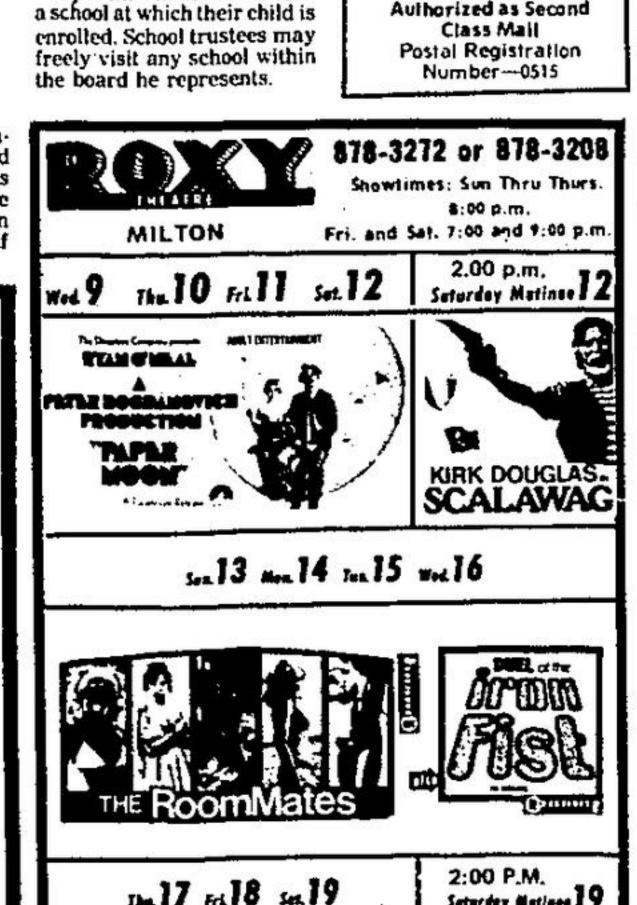
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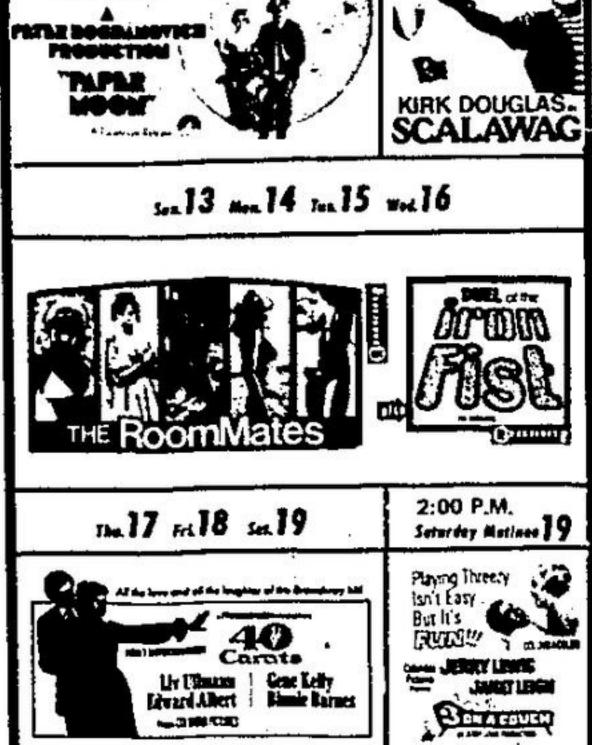
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Georgetown, to the Esquesing

municipal building on the

With him will go two

Treasurer Lloyd Peterson

and his department will stay

at 36 Main St. in Georgetown.

The inspection department,

where building permits and

plumbing permits are issued

will move up to the engineer-

ing office on Maple Ave. E.

For those planning mar-

riage, marriage licences will

still be available at 36 Main

Acton municipal offices will

THE ALL CANADIAN FAMILY STORE

stay where they are for at

least the next six months,

according to Mr. Pritchard.

secretaries and the planning

department under Mario

Seventh Line.

Venditti.

Clerk Administrator Doug