

**Unsanitary condition**

**Urge renovations at Halton Manor**

Major expenditures are being recommended to eliminate unsanitary conditions in the Pettit House at Halton Centennial Manor and to provide the home with a new laundry.

In his monthly inspection report, home physician Dr. I. Hunter said that while the Pettit House kitchen is clean it does not have the appearance of such.

He noted the equipment is all old and painted, (not stainless steel), plaster is coming off the walls and the lighting is rather poor.

The new defunct Manor Board of Management had discussed for some time the possibility of providing a free standing building for a laundry.

A consultant has recommended buying new equipment and getting a new building rather than rejuvenating the existing laundry room.

Progress reports on investigations into both projects were presented to the Community Services Committee of Regional Council Wednesday.



**Crossing guards**

Works committee of Halton Hills Council is presently divided on the need to have three crossing guards on duty on a half mile stretch of Mountainview Road, south of Guelph Street in Georgetown.

As a result, Councillor Len Coxo, chairman of the committee has suggested the matter be discussed further at a full council meeting.

In a letter to council, former Georgetown police chief P. N. Schwantz recommended that crossing guards be stationed on the street both at the intersection of Sinclair and Conset Gate.

Councillor Mike Armstrong, who lives in the area told the committee a number of parents are concerned about children crossing Mountainview Rd. He explained there are some children crossing to the east side on their way to St. Francis of Assisi and many more crossing from east to west to attend Centennial School. He suggested that the committee follow Chief Schwantz' recommendation.

Councillor Ern Hyde pointed out that putting guards at both places would mean that there would be three guards within a half mile on the street. A guard is already stationed at a third site on the street.

"Three guards within half a mile is a bit much and each one is costing us dough," he claimed. "We have only two on the whole of Highway 7."

Councillor Hyde rather thought the problem was one of excessive speeding by drivers.

Councillor Armstrong said he's amazed no one has been killed on the street yet.

"I've seen the flow of traffic go down there. Nobody drives under 50 there," he said.

Chairman Coxo thought perhaps then that the matter should be looked into by the regional police force.

Although he said he was not entirely familiar with the situation, Ward 1 Councillor Joe Hurst said he would have to side with Councillor Armstrong and support the police chief's recommendation.

Recognizing the matter is controversial, Chairman Coxo suggested it be discussed further at a regular council meeting.

**Salary charged to Region - committee**

The switch to regional government posed a problem for the finance and personnel committee of Halton Hills council Monday night when the matter of paying the salary of Mrs. M. Patterson of Acton was brought up.

Chairman G.W. (Pat) McKenzie explained that Mrs. Patterson worked for the Ontario Provincial Police in Acton, and her salary had been paid by the town of Acton.

He said Acton had provided the equipment, building, caretaker, heat, light and some staff for the O.P.P.

Councillor Ernie Sykes pointed out that policing was now a regional matter, and that any arrangements would have to be made between the regional council and the O.P.P.

Councillor McKenzie said he understood the O.P.P. may stay in Acton as long as three years before being replaced

by regional police.

Treasurer Lloyd Peterson said Halton Hills would issue the cheque but it would be charged back to the Region.

The committee recommended Halton Hills continue to pay Mrs. Patterson but charge her salary back to the Region.

Councillor Levy pointed out the O.P.P. was using the building and furniture which now belonged to Halton Hills and suggested rent should be charged.

Councillor Russell Miller told committee members while Acton had been paying for the O.P.P. service Esquesing and Nassagaweyn had received the same protection free.

The committee recommended to council that an agreement for the use of the Acton municipal building and caretaking services be drawn up with the Halton Region Police Commission.

TELEPHONE RINGS from its floor location Monday in the midst of moving day at the town office. Heather Dumarsh takes the call before moving to a new position with Halton Hills in Georgetown.

**Reservoir levels cover ugly mess**

Water in the Scotch Block Dam reservoir in Halton Hills will be kept at a reasonable height according to Lea Coxo, chairman of the Water Control Advisory Board of Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Trees were cut in the area when the flooding of the reservoir began. However, stumps were left in and mounds of earth remained to make an unsightly mess when water levels recede.

A delegation to the authority, led by Mr. Griffiths of Esquesing Township asked that the stumps be pulled, the

earth knocked down, and the water levels kept higher.

Levels in the reservoir are controlled by the Ontario ministry of natural resources. They have agreed to keep the level higher.

The authority will clean up the area and take out the stumps which have not yet rotted away. The banks will also be graded along the Hume property.



HOUSES ARE fringed with spangly icicles these days. Jack Carpenter's camera records this interplay of light and shadow.

**OUR READERS WRITE:**

**Bouquet for Councillor McKenzie**

Dear Editor:

Many parents may not have been aware of the crossing guard situation on Hwy. 7 and Acton Blvd. last Thursday and Friday in particular. Those of us who noticed no guard was available to help the wee youngsters from kindergarten, grade 1 etc., were greatly concerned. It was like a game of Russian roulette for these children to dash across a busy four lane highway without the guidance of a guard.

Councillor McKenzie was made aware of this dangerous situation and within a matter of minutes our minds were set at rest to learn a town employee would be at that busy intersection Monday morning and every day until a permanent guard was hired.

Such prompt reaction to safeguard our young people proves an invaluable service

by our representative to this Halton Hills community.

Our hats off to you, Councillor!

A Grateful Mother from Glenlea

**New crest**

The new town of Milton is offering a \$200 prize for the design of a new town crest.

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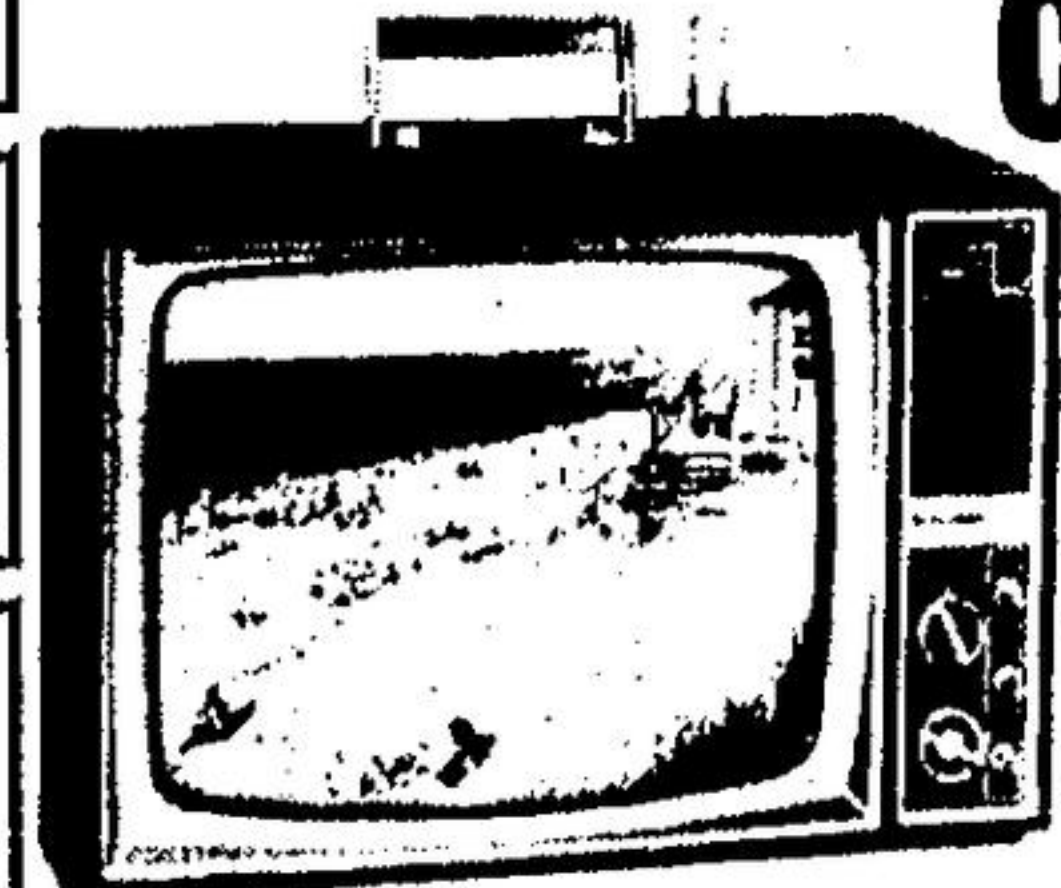
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