

# News Digest

## Ask province give aid

The finance committee of Halton Hills is recommending council endorse a resolution from Welland calling for the province to administer all supplements to senior citizen benefits rather than the municipalities. The committee felt it was left to the municipalities to do it, some would refuse, creating a situation where all pensioners would not benefit.

## Halton Hills fights Hydro

In a last ditch bid to fight the looming hydro towers planned to march through Halton Hills, a committee of Mayor Tom Hill, Planner Mario Venditti, and councillors Len Cox and Joe Hurst, and representatives of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture will meet with Allan Grossman Provincial Secretary of Resource Development, Friday morning.

The committee plan to base their arguments mainly on the loss of prime agricultural land in the area.

## Ask town to buy locally

The finance committee of Halton Hills is recommending council issue a directive to town employees to purchase supplies and equipment locally whenever it is possible. Councillor Ernie Sykes was perturbed as the committee went through accounts and noted some purchases had been made outside of Halton Hills, when they were available within the municipality. Chairman G. W. (Pat) McKenzie concurred.

## Town wants Chapel St. school

Chapel Street school won't be lost to the town if Halton Hills council gets its way. They hope to buy the school from Halton Board of Education for a dollar and use it many ways. St. John's United church are interested in using part of the playground for parking.

Councillor Ernie Hyde, who has pushed for the purchase since the June 1 closing of the school was announced, said it could be used for a recreational headquarters, a home for theatrical groups, or even a police headquarters.

## Open park early for anglers

The Credit Valley Authority is opening Belfountain and Terra Cotta conservation parks at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 27 to launch the 1974 fishing season. The ponds at Terra Cotta have been stocked with trout as well as the Credit River.



JOANNE EDMUNDSON liked Mike Brien's horse best in the Art '74 display at the M. Z. Bennett school last week.

## Reclaim exempt sales tax

Halton Hills will hire a firm of experts to recover provincial and federal sales tax which have exemptions but have been paid in the past, the finance committee decided Monday. There is no cost to the municipality—the firm is paid 27.5 per cent of the funds it recovers. The firm will also advise the town staff of procedures to follow in the future to reclaim tax money.

## Steamer precedes GO run

This Saturday is a big day for steam buffs and GO Train enthusiasts as a 1912 steam train precedes the first GO Train leaving from Georgetown station on a dry run. The ride on the steam train is by invitation only, but a regular 10 car GO Train is following behind for the public.

## Wins crest award

Halton Regional Council has a new crest. The crest designed by William J. Foulds of Burlington shows a beaver representing Halton Hills, a deer representing Milton, an oak tree representing Oakville and a lighthouse representing Burlington. It was one of about 30 designs entered in the crest contest. First prize was \$300.

## Halton Region Briefs

During a meeting of the Halton Regional Community Services Committee the committee:

Agreed to distribute funds in the Museum account under trust funds between the region and the "Friends of the Museum". It was agreed the region would hold in trust \$200 earmarked for the Museum and \$1,000 for restoration and turn over \$1,000 to the Friends for their exclusive use. It was noted some of the funds had been donated for a particular cause and others unconditionally.

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