



TIRES WERE SPINNING again, as the Toronto International Dragway between Acton and Georgetown opened up for another season on Victoria Day. Drivers from all over the area competed in E-T racing in front of a medium-sized appreciative crowd on a perfect day, weather-wise. One of the competitors takes off from the starting line (above), while Susan Laird of Georgetown and Joanne Dermott of Acton (right) watch closely from the tower, ready to guide the next competitors up to the line.



CAS budget up

Halton Children's Aid Society will have to take another look at its budget proposal calling for an expenditure of \$649,948 to fund the operation of the society in Halton Region for 1974. The budget represents a substantial increase over the 1973 actual cost of \$512,727. Had the budget been approved, the region would have had to raise \$108,161 and the province the remaining \$441,787. Councillor Terry Mannell noted the region's share represented a 42 per cent increase.

Society Director Gordon Askwith told the Community Services Committee the budget reflected additional staff, increased fees for boarding homes, group homes and salaries. No room to cut Councillor Pat McLaughlin said he had sat through the Society's budget deliberations and was convinced there was little room for any further cutting, even in face of the large increase.

Askwith explained that while the number of children in care was down from several years ago, the number of youngsters

receiving service was greater than ever and he noted the type of role his workers play is a changing one. McLaughlin asked a special meeting of the Society be held so that all members of the Community Services Committee would have a chance to attend and become aware of the difficulty in cutting the budget.

Change

Members of Halton Regional Council have voted against appointing councillors to two committees each, rather than one committee as is currently the practice. Several weeks ago councillors voted to broaden their workload and appoint members to an additional committee.

\$140 a month for guards

School crossing guards will be paid \$140 a month retroactive to January 1, 1974. Halton Hills council decided this week. They will be paid during the 10 month school term, and spare crossing guards will be paid \$6 a day. Councillor Les Dudy asked how much an hour this represented. Councillor Roy Booth said it worked out to \$2.50 an hour.



Stanley Dutchburn The appointment of Stanley Dutchburn as division insurance analyst of the Ontario Division of International Nickel has been announced. Mr. Dutchburn was born in Acton, and educated in Paris, Ont. He spent the war years in the Royal Canadian Air Force serving both in Canada and overseas.

Fewer babies available today

Adopting parents face long wait

There are approximately 800 couples on the Halton Children's Aid Society's adoption waiting list. Last year 30 infants were placed in homes. With the declining birth rate and fewer children available for adoption, people on the bottom of the list could be there for a long time. The Halton Society doesn't expect to have to follow the lead of the Peel Society and suspend adoptions of children under six, at least not in the near future. But adoption supervisor Ann-Lorraine Thiessen advises a lot of patience is necessary for prospective parents. Presently the only major stipulation of the Halton Society is that couples seeking to adopt a child

should not have two or more children of their own. Otherwise homes are considered in the order in which they apply. At any given time 20 homes are being studied for placement and waiting applicants are moved up as placements are made. The Society will be surveying couples on the list soon to discover their opinions on the regulations which have been in use. Problem children As in Peel, most applicants ask for young white children. Between 60 and 70 couples will accept older and problem children, and 30 to 40 will adopt children of another race. The older children generally come from broken families and have been involved in separations. Many

adopting parents don't feel they could handle such a situation. Presently, the greatest majority of children available for adoption in Ontario are groups of brothers and sisters. Placing sibling groups of up to six in one home presents a major difficulty. When it is not possible, the Halton Society tries to place the children where they can still contact each other. Society social workers are spending more and more time with groups and older children since they are not as easily placed as babies and integration with the new family may take up to a year. A new placement method pioneered by agencies around

Niagara is a party where prospective parents and children meet each other as a group. If a particular couple and a child take a fancy to each other, placement is made that much easier. Three provincial conferences a year and regular bulletins help local agencies to find children and homes that are well matched. Daily newspaper articles such as Today's Child and Family Find are an educational tool. Mrs. Thiessen says, that have helped in the placement of

handicapped children. After a child's picture and description have appeared in the paper up to 200 calls from interested parents across the province may come into the central office in Toronto. Approximately 60 per cent of these children are placed in suitable homes. Private adoptions, where families make their own arrangements are processed through the Children's Aid Society, but they are considerably fewer in number. Mrs. Thiessen estimates

there were between five and 10 private adoptions in Halton last year.

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"DEAR CONSTABLE BOYES - thank you for letting us go to the police station and thank you for letting us try on the handcuffs," was an excerpt from a letter written by the grade one class of Mrs. Rosemary Black's Robert Little students. The students had enjoyed a morning session of visiting the police station. Lysa Krzyzik is seen handcuffed to Constable Dave Boyes while Gaynor Jenkinson and Leah Stanbridge look on.

Talkers, streakers and firecrackers

During Police Week, Acton officers talked to 897 students from both the Robert Little and M.Z. Bennett schools. If that didn't leave time for much more, it didn't matter, for it was a very quiet weekend, they report. There were no complaints of fireworks usage and very little activity on the holiday. One liquor seizure was recorded in the books. Two local men were charged after streaking through the Dominion Hotel, not once, but twice. They did their jogging stunt about 9 p.m. Tuesday of last week. They appear in court June 12.

Halton Board of Education Physical Education Program Council Will present its annual report at a meeting open to the public on **THURSDAY, MAY 23rd** at **8:00 p.m.** to be held at Pineview Public School on Trafalgar Road (77th Line and No. 5 Side-road). Copies of the report may be obtained by contacting Mr. Jack Richardson at the Central Administration Building.

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