

## Health units have widespread duties

North Halton is serviced by the Halton County Health Unit located in Milton with a branch in Georgetown.

From these two places mobile nurses go out to their assigned districts and visit schools, hospital referral patients, pre-natal classes, pre-school examinations, first aid, follow up emotional problems and refer people to specialists, and help the senior citizens.

Wednesdays and Thursdays, the public health nurses from Milton visit Acton. Anytime a patient needs aid other than these two days, the nurses

can make special trips.

To some extent, according to Mrs. Beryl Stevenson, who is a nurse, they work with the high school nurses. She has found, through her work at the schools in Acton, Milton and Georgetown have a large number of drug users. Mrs. Stevenson works with the school nurse to prevent this from becoming more of a problem.

The other nurses servicing North Halton are Susan Robinson, Betty Mercer, Marilyn Silk, Loveday Tuck, and Joyce Wood.

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## Pet of the week



NAM TSO Celia, an elegant Himalayan, surveys her surroundings from her mistress's fur coat. Originally a cross between the Siamese and Persian cats, the Himalayan breed is highly prized. Celia is a lilac point featuring lavender markings on champagne-colored fur.

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## Defer request for assistance

A request for financial assistance in the amount of \$8,000 for Halton Helping Hands was deferred after being considered by Halton Region's Administration Committee Wednesday.

Regional Treasurer Don Farmer reported the organization provides home assistance needs for the disabled and senior citizens in Oakville, Burlington and Halton Hills.

Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur suggested that only those municipalities benefitting from the service should have to pay. A spokesman for the Halton Helping Hands assured this

newspaper that the service is being provided throughout the region and Milton people are also making use of the service.

Councillor Pat McKenzie of Acton told colleagues on the committee he opposed the grant, noting some things have to stop. Oakville Councillor Gordon Brown said if the service was a necessary one it should be brought under the umbrella of the Social and Family Services Department. He suggested there was some duplication with that agency and others such as Red Cross and Victorian Order of Nurses.

## Will determine salary schedule

A study indicating how much individuals working at the middle management level in the Regional Corporation of Halton are worth will be conducted by Personnel Manager Dennis Camm and Ernie Reid, Halton's Chief Administrative Officer.

Both Reid and Camm asked the region's administration committee to consider spending \$5,000 on a study to be done by consultants in order that an objective overview of the situation could be assured.

Reid suggested any recommendations made by Camm and himself con-

cerning middle and upper management levels could be questioned because of their proximity to the people now holding the positions.

Councillor Gordon Brown disputed the claim and said both individuals were being well paid to be objective.

Burlington Mayor George Harrington said he had experienced both the consultant route and the in-house study. He preferred the in-house study, noting the consultants' recommendations get distorted at the committee level anyway. He looked upon a consultant study as a waste of time and money.



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