



WHAT AM I offered? asks auctioneer Max Storey at the annual Y's Men's rummage and auction sale Friday night. Crowds encircled him from 6 p.m. till after 11. Rick Coe assists.

Sale raises near \$1,700

With a different location and different hours, the Y's Men's auction sale produced less revenue this year. However the sum raised was still high—about \$1,270 at the auction and over \$400 at the rummage sale.

The event has been held on a Saturday afternoon in the arena in past years, but had to be moved because of the work on the new roof at the arena this spring.

Some expenses will be taken from the profits, but not too much. Max Storey volunteered his services as auctioneer and worked hard from 6 p.m. until nearly 11 p.m.

The Y's Men had the auction sale upstairs in the Y gym and outside, while the Y's Menettes were in charge of the rummage sale in the basement. There are still heaps of clothing left which the women are planning on dispersing in the best ways they can.

A large crowd attended the annual sale.



Y's MENETTES pack rummage in bags for eager shoppers at the sale Friday in the Y. Good things went fast; later on the price came down to "All you can carry for \$1."

Budget wrapped up

Region cost is down for most taxpayers

Most ratepayers in Halton Region will pay less for regional services in 1975 than in 1974, but increases will be reflected in Oakville and the rural parts of Milton. Urban Milton will realize a slight decrease.

When the budget went before regional council Wednesday, council added one road project for Oakville plus a provision to spend \$75,000 on leachate removal at landfill sites in Oakville and Halton Hills. No further cuts were made in the budget. The budget reflects an increase of about 13 per cent over actual spending in 1974.

The budget was cut by \$1,000,000 prior to the committee even considering the budget. Chief Administrator Ernie Reid made the initial cut.

Smaller cuts

The various committees made various reductions after that but most were of minimal in value and had little impact on mill rates.

The major cut made by committees was in the public works area when the staff request for 18 additional workers was reduced to three with provision to hire some more help later in the year.

The initial staff reports recommended a budget of \$23,946,000. The CAO cut that to \$22,972,330 and council approved a budget of \$22,266,392.

Of the \$22.2 million dollars in the budget, \$6.5 million go to public works, \$7.2 million for police and protection, \$4.5 million for social and related services, \$2.1 million for health, \$1.4 million for planning, \$1 million for recreation, \$2 million for financial

and miscellaneous expenditures and \$1.2 million will be spent on general government.

Half from province

Provincial grants will raise \$10.9 million while levies to municipalities and supplementary taxes will bring \$9.6 million to the regional treasury. Other revenues total \$1.7 million.

In actual dollars Burlington will pay \$4,111,069, Oakville \$3,849,120, Milton \$711,792 and Halton Hills will pick up a regional bill of \$875,523.

Treasurer Don Farmer explained Oakville's ante increases this year compared to last year's because of the town's choice to step up work on a conservation project.

Farmer told council that while several department heads were disappointed with

Increase service

He said that in his own department, an approval for a manager of systems would have gone a long way to increasing the level of service.

Some areas cut from the budget, he was certain staff would provide the best level of service they could with the staff available.

Public works was probably the area most drastically affected by the budget cuts. Reductions there saw the staff request for 18 additional employees cut to three with a provision that some may be taken on during the latter part of the year.

Mill rate decreases in some areas and slight increases in others are made possible largely through the provision of increased provincial grants.

Mill rates in Milton range from a decrease of half a mill to an increase of a mill and a half. Decreases in Halton Hills range from .04 to 1.32 mills.

During a press conference last week Mr. Farmer noted the striking of the mill rate came just about two months earlier than last year when the region did not finalize a budget until July 30.

He said the first instalment on taxes will be collected by the area treasurers between July 10 and July 23 and the second instalment will be called for Sept. 9 to Sept. 17.

Area treasurers do the billing and collecting for regional as well as local and education purposes.

Mr. Farmer said he would like to start the 1975 capital budget in September and the operating budget in November with a view to striking a mill rate early in May.



TOYS WERE given away free after the Y's Men's auction was underway for a while. Taking advantage are Steven and Lorner McGinn.

Offensive weapons - OPP

Last Thursday night police charged an out-of-town man with being in possession of an offensive weapon—a three-foot piece of wood.

The incident happened downtown about 10:15 p.m.

Get co-operation from works-Cooper

Recreation co-ordinator John Cooper disagrees with a Free Press account of his remarks at the last recreation advisory committee meeting. "The story attributed to me a remark which I did not make," the co-ordinator told the group recommendations are given to works but they do nothing requested.

"As a matter of fact," Mr. Cooper explains, "I told the members that when I have

made requests for parks maintenance these have been carried out, and usually within a couple of days. Also, I have had a great deal of co-operation with Mr. Alf Duby, works supervisor."

Organize directory

The Halton Hills Public Libraries are in the process of organizing a directory of organizations, church groups, fraternal groups, community groups, political associations, arts and crafts clubs, sororities and sports clubs.

The library is requesting a list of officers, phone numbers, aims and other interesting tidbits of information like meeting times so they can serve the public better by supplying this directory service through a card file.

Officers of any club are requested to send the information to the library.

Whole escarpment under controls

These workshops will give the NEC a chance to explain in detail the development control system and give those who must work with the controls a chance to ask questions and express their views, a NEC spokesman said.

The first workshop is in St. Catharines tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon. The one to which all Halton officials are invited will be held next Tuesday evening, June 17 at 7:30 p.m. It will be held in the Halton Regional Council chambers in Burlington, Milton, Halton Hills, Burlington and Halton Regional Councils are expected to be represented.

Other workshops are planned in Lincoln, Hamilton, Caledon, Dundas, Warton, Thornbury, Owen Sound and Mono Township.

A series of 10 workshops is being conducted by NEC later this month, to explain the controls to representatives of municipal councils, planning boards, clerks, planners and engineers. Although the public is not being invited to the workshops, the press is welcome.

Coat of arms artist will receive \$500

Miss Dorothy Stone of Halton Hills will receive a \$500 honorarium for her work which led to the creation of a coat of arms for Halton Region.

The honorarium was suggested by Regional Chairman Allan Masson. While the idea was generally well received, Burlington Mayor George Harrington expressed opposition.

He claimed there was no mention of payment when Miss Stone came forward and he admitted, "I don't think much of the finally approved seal."

"Cheapskates"

Mayor Harrington's opposition prompted Oakville Councillor McLean Anderson to say "It's nice to see that all the cheapskates aren't at this end of the table."

"We've all been exposed to her, her expertise, and her enthusiasm. I think it's the only decent thing to do," he said.

Miss mower

A push-type lawn mower was reported stolen from Churchhill Rd. S. last Saturday.

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