

# Higher welfare payments reflect shaky economy

Poor unemployment conditions in Halton Region are cited as the greatest factor causing the increase in General Welfare Assistance according to Regional Director of Halton's Social and Family Services Department.

Rennie Vivian explained that there were a number of factors that would increase the total amount spent on General Welfare Assistance. Changes in what could be covered under the system along with increases in rates that are paid jack the total bill to the municipality.

General Welfare is up by about \$150,000 for the first six months of 1975 over the first six months of 1974. General assistance for that period this year is \$574,736 compared to \$424,066 last year.

Strange deal  
"It's a strange deal this year. There are a lot of fast turnovers. People don't stay on welfare that long. They seem to need assistance for a while until they get located in jobs."

Mr. Vivian notes that not all of those moving off the welfare roles were taking employment. Some collect unemployment insurance or assistance from a different government agency.

He noted that in the first three months of this year there were more than 115 people each month that had their cases closed.

Quick turnover  
Mr. Vivian attributed the quick turnover partly to a good working relationship his department has with Manpower.

Mr. Vivian noted the region's bill for day care services has more than doubled for the first six months of the year. This is partly due to greater use of day care and the regions increasing involvement in that field.

Mr. Vivian noted that in many cases the region pays the cost of day care for an unwed mother or for a deserted wife. He pointed out that while this brings a cost to the region it often means taking someone off the welfare role.

Better off  
"But it's more than getting them off the welfare role. Some are better off working for their own morale. It gives them a change in pace and a new interest in life. You have to consider the whole atmosphere."

Graphs recording the case loads of employable people collecting welfare indicate the highest number eligible in 1974 was about 85 and that came in December.

That caseload peaked in January of this year when close to 175 people were on the rolls and that has fallen to about 80 in June.

The caseload this summer has been higher than usual and this is attributed to the uncertain economy.

Lake swimmer  
Glen Williams is in the swim with the current fad of lake swimming. Pauline Heaton, 16, swam Lake Couchiching, Saturday, and came fourth in the Rotary Day Lake Swim.



MAKING GOOD USE of an antique horse-drawn plow, a farmer in the Speyside area has bolted it to a concrete base and suspended three mailboxes above the plow.

# Measures to curb crime — MP

Constituents can expect to see changes designed to stem the tide of crime and violence by this fall, Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook predicted in a recent interview.

Crime and violence has Dr. Philbrook so worried that he decided to speak to the Liberal caucus recently about his concerns. While he wasn't at liberty to reveal the substance of caucus discussions he was willing to outline his comments to his fellow MPs.

Dr. Philbrook said he told his colleagues that the public needs to be assured that everything possible is being done to make sure the public is being protected against crime.

He noted that his remarks delved into all areas of crime and justice including police work, the complexity of the courts, bail and punitive and rehabilitative measures used in Canada.

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## Veto paid convention

Any regional politician attending the American Public Works Convention and Equipment show this fall will pay for it out of his or her own pocket.

Regional Council defeated a recommendation from the Public Works Committee that would have had two staffers and four committee members attend with expenses paid for by the region.

Council stuck with an earlier decision that said no politicians should be authorized to go. Two staff members were authorized to attend the convention even though councillors voted

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## Philbrook poll

Constituents say execute killers

Results of a questionnaire issued by Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook indicate residents want police killers sent to the gallows and are fed up with civil service strikes.

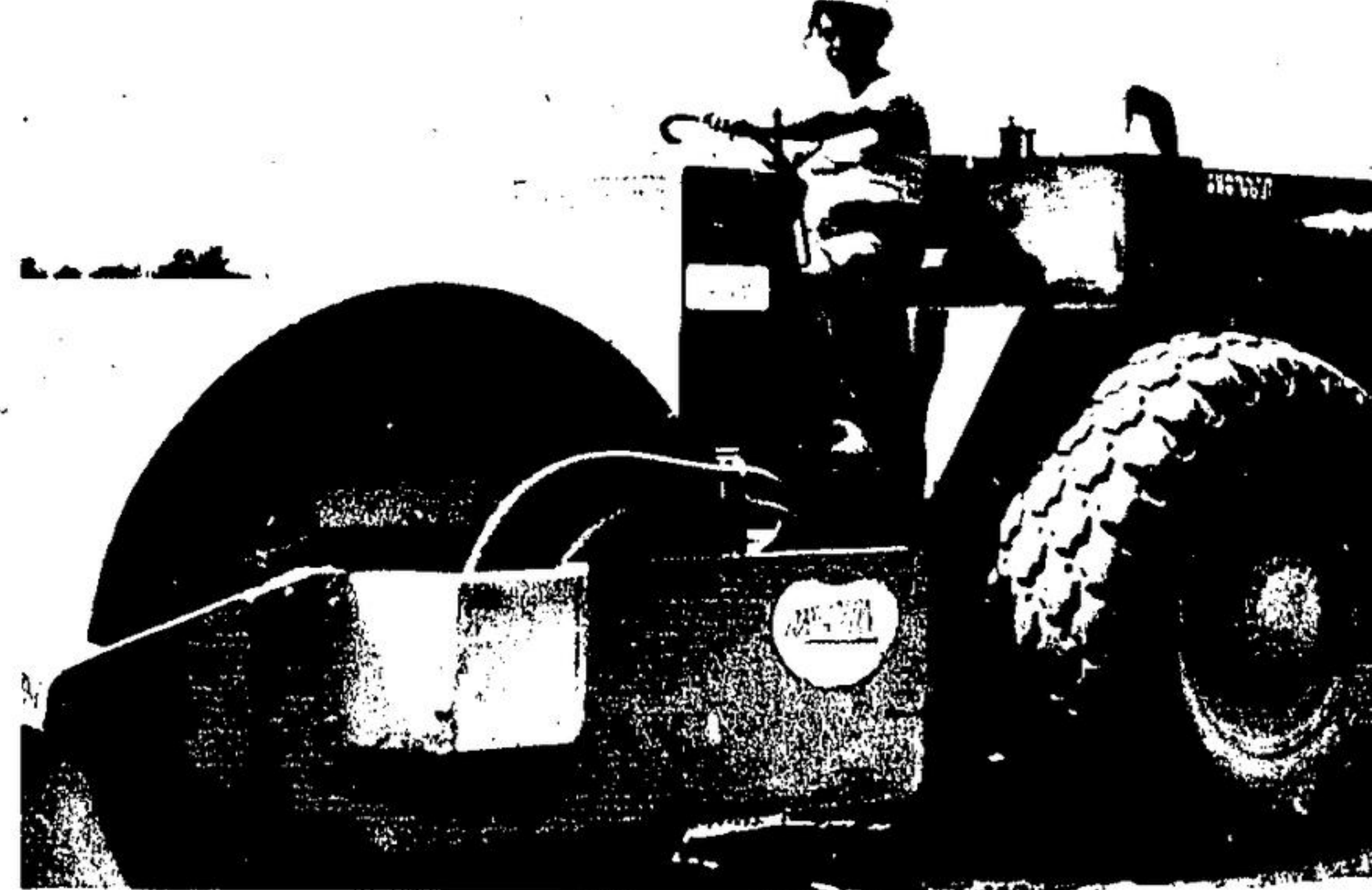
Earlier this year Dr. Philbrook sent a questionnaire to every household in Halton and received answers from about 10 per cent of the riding's residents. Results of the poll were released in a mailing to all constituents last week.

The survey showed 83.8 per cent of Halton constituents want to see police and prison guard killers executed while only 63.8 per cent of those who answered the questionnaire were in favor of the death penalty for other forms of murder.

Gun control  
In addition 87.7 per cent of the constituents who participated in the poll wanted stiffer gun control laws.

The survey also showed constituents aren't in favor of civil service employees being allowed to strike. A total of 72.4 per cent of the riding thought civil service strikes should be eliminated.

On the question of favored advertising regulations for Time Magazine and Reader's Digest 43.9 per cent of those who answered the questionnaire wanted the special status removed for the two magazines while 34.4 per cent didn't want it removed and 21.7 per cent didn't have any opinion on the subject.



SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Carol Gallagher of Toronto drives the packer for her father at the Legion construction site. Ravane Construction Company has been busy the past few weeks doing work there. Carol has been doing several jobs for her father such as running this machine, being a flag girl for traffic and counting truck loads of sand as they come in. Her younger sister Margaret Gallagher and Tracy Hiss also work for the company.



FLAGGING DOWN traffic to prevent tie ups at the construction site at the Legion is 16-year-old Margaret Gallagher of Toronto.

## Parade, prizes, rides . .

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possibly sell their wares. Paintings and arts and crafts are among the items expected. The cost to the artist is only the price of an admission ticket into the grounds. They are asked to be set up before noon, and to notify the fair board in advance of their plans so a space may be allotted to them.

A horse pull will interest many as six teams will be out to match their strength against skids loaded with sand bags. The horses pull the skids until they can no longer move. It is similar to a tractor pull.

Also on Sunday are a English horse show and a Western horse show.

A special addition to the fair will be a program listing the events and times. Up until this year, a fair book was printed listing categories for exhibits and prize money. This book was available only to those who participated in the exhibits. With the introduction of the program, everyone may have a souvenir of the fair.

Fair days are coming with just six more weeks to wait.

For the members of the fair board, they will be six very hectic weeks.

Very few regional meetings have been scheduled this summer.

The recent heat wave had to set a number of records.

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