

## \$400 grant for Ballinafad Hall

If council agrees with a Halton Hills administration committee recommendation, the town will match an Erin Township grant of \$400 to Ballinafad community hall.

Councillor Russell Miller, a member of the Ballinafad Hall Board, said the board had maintained the hall with a grant since regional government was established. He said they now plan to renovate the basement area in order to attract more bookings and make more money.

Miller said they would like to cover the block walls and put a ceiling in the basement.

A letter from the hall board stated the hall had been self-supporting through fund raising events, rentals for club meetings, dances and weddings. The Halton Hills recreation department and the Georgetown "Y" came in for praise for their activities

for the residents in the hall. The letter said the centre is "a place that" residents of Erin Township, upper Halton Hills and Ballinafad can identify with, and can participate in functions".

The board letter estimated operating expenses at \$2,000 a year, and asked for consideration of a share of such costs from Erin and Halton Hills. The hall is located on the boundary line.

Councillor Roy Booth described the Ballinafad users of the hall, as "a fantastic little group", and said they deserved support.

Councillor George Malby said he agreed, but felt the timing was unfortunate since the budget has been set.

Councillor Les Dubsy suggested consideration should be given to improvement of the parking lot as well as the basement area.

## Will isolate legal costs

Halton Hills treasurer Ray King is preparing a report, which will isolate the costs of various functions performed by legal firms representing the town.

The report is a result of a query at a recent finance and personnel committee meeting from Councillor Pat McKenzie about whether or not it would benefit the town to hire a full time solicitor.

At Monday night's committee meeting, McKenzie also asked whether it would be advantageous to have lawyers participate in the drawing up of subdivision agreements at an earlier stage than they do now. He said he doesn't think it wise for solicitors to come into dealings "cold" without knowledge of previous recommendations.

Clerk administrator Doug Pritchard explained that agreements, in the early stages, are basically put together by town staff and council.

# Eviction looms for Waterfalls residents

Twelve couples in mobile homes at Waterfalls Park with no place to go and little likelihood of selling their \$15,000 to \$20,000 mobile homes are in a dilemma.

At last week's Halton Hills council, Councillor Dick Howitt explained an agreement between the town solicitor and Waterfalls park owner's solicitor had been reached, with no area designated for permanent mobile homes. At that meeting Howitt claimed there never was any doubt the permanent trailers would be moved out.

The 12 couples, all childless, since no children are allowed in the mobile homes, say they will unite to fight eviction from their homes.

Mrs. Shirley Wagar, who has lived at Waterfalls for three years, said they knew

nothing about it and only learned about the possibility of eviction from stories in this newspaper.

She said she and everybody else, is upset at the news and don't know where to turn. She pointed out there are no trailer camps in this area or for miles around.

She said she moved to Waterfalls because she wanted to get out of a crowded

apartment, and found the park so clean and quiet. She said it would cost almost \$5,000 including hook-ups and foundation to move her trailer if they have to return to her home north of Belleville.

"I'll be broken-hearted if I have to leave. I'll have to give up my job here", she stated. She said if there was another trailer park anywhere in the vicinity where she and her husband Al could go to it wouldn't be so bad.

Gord McCallum said he too had absolutely nowhere to go. He said the situation in Ontario is deplorable, with scarcely any mobile home areas. He said in the west there are many places for mobile homes.

He pointed out he cannot even sell his trailer. "You can't sell one without a lot to put it on." He said he and his wife would take a fantastic loss if they are forced to leave Waterfalls Park.

Mrs. Sandy Sheehan, also a mobile home resident at Waterfalls Park, said she planned to fight as much as she can. "We plan to stick together since we all will take drastic losses." She said she had been at Waterfalls for three years and described it a lovely park kept spotlessly clean. She said she could not understand since they were doing no harm to anyone. She pointed out there are no children in any of the trailers so they are not putting a burden on the school system.

"We can't seem to get any answers, we don't know what's going on. If we hadn't seen it in the Independent we wouldn't have known at all," said Mrs. Sheehan.

She said her mother and father live in the next trailer and thought they were there for life. She said a lot of the people are close to retirement and had intended to stay there in retirement.

Another resident, Mrs. Jim Weir said they have been trying to find another place for their trailer, but claimed some places only rent to people who buy trailers from them.

She said the trailers are beautiful inside, far superior to many apartments. She repeated other residents plea

would be glad to buy a piece of land to put her trailer on, "But they won't even let us do that around here."

She said she would be happy to pay school tax, if that was one of the reasons they were being put out. She claimed some people still look upon mobile home dwellers as vagabonds, and wondered if any councillors had seen inside the homes.

She said the rent is \$90 a month, including hydro, garbage pick-up, and piped in water.



DISCUSSING PADDLES are John Malcolmson (right) and Norm Cornwell (beside him) the two instructors as well as two of the very sparse crowd who ventured to Fairy Lake Saturday for a demonstration on wilderness canoeing.

## Encephalitis

# C.V.C.A. won't spray land in Halton

Credit Valley Conservation Authority will not take part in any program to kill mosquitoes on land they own in Halton Region.

A letter from Halton Region asked what action the authority would take on land it owned in Halton Region.

CVCA manager H. K. Watson said that the Ministry of Health had reported that there is no threat of encephalitis north of Limehouse. He said all of the authority's holdings that would be subject to spraying are north of that point.

Ken Williams said the program wouldn't do any good any way because it is restricted to public properties.

He claimed mosquitoes would continue to breed on

private property regardless of what was done to stop it on publicly owned lands.

Encephalitis is a general term for inflammation of the brain. The St. Louis strain of the virus which causes encephalitis and it was responsible for four, possibly five deaths in Southern Ontario in 1975.

Ministry of Health reports 66 confirmed cases and 122 suspected cases last year in Ontario. There is no vaccine or specific treatment to prevent or cure encephalitis.

Birds are infected by disease carrying mosquitoes. Other mosquitoes pick it up from the birds and pass it to humans.

The executive committee of the authority agreed to do nothing but indicated it would not object to the region going ahead with its own program on CVCA lands.

## May move to Mohawk

Steam-Era reunions, after 16 years in Milton, may move to Campbellville's Mohawk Raceway next year.

This year's labor day weekend reunion is definitely scheduled to be held in Milton Fair Grounds on Friday, Saturday and Monday, Sept. 3, 4 and 6. But the 16th annual reunion may be the last in the central Milton site.

Because the Halton Agricultural Society, sponsors of Milton, Fair and owners of the fair grounds on Robert St. won't allow Steam-Era to hold Sunday shows there, the directors have decided to look elsewhere for accommodations that would permit Sunday openings.

Model T's

Model T Ford owners in Ontario have chosen the Halton Region Museum as their home base. Sunday May 16 at 1:30 p.m. owners of Model T's will gather at the Museum to commemorate the founding of the Ontario Chapter.

## \$21,000 grant from Wintario?

## Gov't. money for retarded

The North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded received \$59,785.40 from the provincial government for construction of the 18 bed residence they are building on Trafalgar Rd. just north of Hornby.

The money in the form of a grant is just a portion of the estimated \$233,650.40 the province will pay in grants for the construction work.

The payment is just one of thirteen progress payments given by the provincial government around Ontario. The total amount of the progress payments is \$1,257,000.

Milton may receive as much as \$21,000 in the form of a grant from Wintario—the provincial lottery—says Mayor Anne MacArthur.

The money would go towards the new Campbellville recreation hall which is to feature locker rooms, washrooms and three outdoor tennis courts.

The recreation hall will be adjacent to a fire station on the east side of the Guelph Line, north of Highway 401.

Wintario profits support community efforts of a sporting or cultural nature.

## CVCA approves building

Credit Valley Conservation Authority's executive committee approved plans to construct a greenhouse on the floodplain in Norval Tuesday.

The plans were submitted by Frank Van Ofwegen of Norval. Mr. Van Ofwegen has existing facilities that will have to be moved by Nov. 30 due to the reconstruction of Highway 7.

No members of the Executive Committee opposed the motion.

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## Model farm may close

Faced with an operating deficit of \$15,000 Credit Valley Conservation Authority will give serious consideration to closing its model farm at Silver Creek.

Chairman A. G. Clarkson said the authority had a number of options. It could rent the land and the house separately or it could lease the whole operation to the farm manager.

Noneed Mr. Clarkson said he felt there was no need for model farms. "There are lots of farms people can see."

The motion passed by the committee gives the farm

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