

# Clowns, entertainment, fun at Manor's annual lawn party

For a while Saturday it looked as though the annual Halton Centennial Manor Lawn Party would have to be a house party instead. But the sun forced its way through the clouds in early afternoon and guests at the Manor were able to enjoy themselves—wherever they wandered—indoors or out.

The centre of attraction was the Pettit House auditorium, however, where former actor and Halton MPP Julian Reed ably performed the duties of master of ceremonies.



**FOUR GENERATIONS** of the Allan family from Acton were reunited during the Lawn Party at Halton Centennial Manor in Milton Saturday. From left they are Beverly Allan Graziano, her father John Allan, Bev's daughter Sherri, six, Mrs. Agnes Allan, Joyce Allan Hughes and her daughter, Amy, three.

The afternoon program featured the Milton Girls Pipe Band, The Burlington Drum Majorettes, the Oakville Junior Band, the Alouette La Val Singers and the Georgetown Senior Citizens Choir.

Other performers included young accordionists Brad Arpa and Patsy McLean.

Three young clowns—Cheryl Galbraith, Barry Jones and Greg Cunliffe of the Junior Civilians in Oakville—scurried about the auditorium making sure children of all ages were enjoying the show.

The clowns weren't shy about running up on the stage to brighten up a performance or clapping their hands in the aisles to prompt audience participation.

On the lower level there were games and prizes to be won—and it wasn't too late to buy a present for Father's Day at one booth. They had special ashtrays and coffee cups for those who still wanted to show dear old Dad

they were thinking of him on his day.

Outdoors there were hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream and pop for sale. And, for those who craved something a little sweeter, cakes, cookies and pies were available at a special Manor bake sale.

Bingo games and a craft shop and white elephant sale also drew crowds of people from out of town.

Though many came to visit a parent or other relative, there were equally as many "bargain hunters" and curiosity seekers.

One special guest—who sort of stood out in the crowd—was a fellow by the name of "Banjo the Clown." Banjo (alias John Rosco) is a new resident in Milton.

Though he's been in the funny business for 35 years, he said his stint at the Manor Saturday is his "first gig" in costume in several years.

"Banjo" said he loves to

make people laugh and hopes to have a chance to do just that in Milton during the coming years.



**MPP JULIAN REED** was master of ceremonies at the annual Halton Manor Lawn Party Saturday afternoon. A former actor, Mr. Reed had no trouble keeping the audience entertained between acts.

# Federation blasted for not fighting

Two representatives of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture were blasted by Halton Hills farmers recently for not doing enough to fight the 500 kV hydro corridor which will cut through the heart of the town.

Bruce Taylor and Rae Cunningham of the Federation of Agriculture spoke to area residents at Stewarttown Hall on June 15.

Cunningham told the farmers about the kind of compensation they could

expect for their land from Ontario Hydro and informed them the federation has worked hard to get a good deal for farmers who lose their land. The advantages and disadvantages of selling the land outright to Hydro or simply allowing an easement for Hydro were outlined for the audience by Cunningham.

The farmers said the federation should present briefs at upcoming expropriation inquiry hearings. The federation was attacked when

Taylor said they would only appear if it was assured it wouldn't be ruled out of order.

He said he didn't want the federation to be made to look foolish by being ruled out of order when it tried to speak about agricultural impact at the hearings.

**\$406 monthly for cleaning**

Pioneer Maintenance was awarded the contract for janitorial service at the Halton Hills Administration building on the Seventh Line.

Their tender, the lowest of four submitted is for \$406.40 a month. The tenders ranged up to \$585 monthly.

The tender does not include grass cutting, which the finance committee recommended the town works crew take over. Council decided to refer the grass cutting to the works committee, to see if the works staff have time to do the job.

The farmers said the federation should take that chance on their behalf and expressed the view they wouldn't know if they could present evidence if they didn't try.

# Emergency service from health nurses

Striking Public Health Nurses in Halton provided emergency services for schools last week Halton Board of Education announced Thursday.

Director of Education Em Lavender informed the board the schools have been receiving emergency service from the health nurses but

noted all schools have been without health nurses and this hasn't been an ideal situation.

By the time the nurses return to the job following their strike and the region's lock-out school will be out for the year Superintendent Special Services John I ham said

# Dick Howitt hired for Hydro fight

Halton Hills councillor and Georgetown lawyer Dick Howitt has been chosen by the Halton Interested Citizen's Group to represent them when they fight the 500kV power line coming through Halton Hills at upcoming expropriation inquiry hearings.

Recently farmers along the line who received expropriation notices decided to band together, hire a lawyer and fight Ontario Hydro.

Both those who received expropriation notices and homeowners between the Fourth and Fifth Lines have been encouraged to send letters protesting the expropriations and requesting a hearing. The letters were sent to Ontario Energy Minister Dennis Timbrell.

Howitt said this week the Minister is acknowledging the requests for hearings and has said an inquiry officer will be appointed and hearings held. There has been no indication from the province yet when the hearings will be held, or who the inquiry officer will be.

Chairman of the group Re-ford Gardhouse said every resident along the proposed Hydro line and between the Fourth and Fifth Lines has been contacted and asked to send in their letter of objections.

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**THESE CLOWNS WERE BUSY** making sure everyone had a smile on their face during the Lawn Party at Halton Centennial Manor in Milton Saturday afternoon. Clowns Barry Jones and Greg Cunliffe of Oakville help Shirley and Birtha Krantz of Acton with a game of BINGO. Birtha Krantz is a resident at the Manor, and daughter Shirley was up for a visit.

# "Keen group" set for compensation hearing

An enthusiastic group of local farmers formed a committee at Ospringe last Wednesday to prepare for Ontario Hydro expropriation hearings concerning property in the path of the proposed Bradley-Georgetown power corridor.

"It is a really keen group," says Interested Citizens' Group (ICG) chairman Bill Mann. "This group will be sure people will ask for a hearing", he said.

Forty people turned out for the evening meeting which appointed a seven-man executive, headed by David Coleman of Erin, to cover the middle portion of the 500,000 watt line from Georgetown to Bruce nuclear generating station on Lake Huron.

A working committee of 13 was created with the responsibility of contacting residents up and down the line from near Colbeck in the north to the border of Halton Hills. The committee will also be contacting people adjacent to the line who won't receive compensation, Mr. Mann said.

The group will print flyers which will be distributed to other residents, Mr. Mann said. Residents from East Luther, East Garafraxa, and Erin attended the meeting in Ospringe school.

To defray the legal costs for representation at expropriation hearings, the group will be asking residents to contribute a minimum of \$50 per acre or a dollar for each acre, Mr. Mann said.

Vice-chairman of the group which as yet has no name, is Wayne Tucker of Orton with Sandy and Ken West, of East Luther, as additional vice-chairmen. Bob Turner is the treasurer and Donald Switzer, the secretary.

At a meeting held at Stewarttown Hall on June 15, Mrs. Cooper and Gilles Morin explained the Ombudsman was originally ordered off the case brought to him by the Interested Citizens' Group because the decision to go ahead with the Bradley to Georgetown corridor was made by the Ontario cabinet.

She said the Ombudsman's office does not have the authority to investigate cabinet decisions, noting the Ombudsman was only able to investigate the hydro line for a

period of time because no one was aware of the order in council designating the route the line would follow.

Mrs. Cooper said the Ombudsman's office might be able to get involved in the case once expropriation inquiry hearings, which many citizens along the route have requested, are completed.

She explained Ontario Hydro must show the inquiry officer the expropriation is fair, sound and reasonably necessary.

Should the inquiry officer agree with the citizens that the expropriation isn't needed and the Minister of Energy overrules his decision, as has happened in the past, then the Ombudsman's office can investigate the Minister's decision, she said.

# Ombudsman may resume hydro line investigation

There is a chance the Ontario Ombudsman could once again start investigating the Bradley to Georgetown 500 kV power corridor Kathy Cooper, a lawyer from the Ombudsman's office told a gathering of Halton Hills farmers recently.

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