

SCOTT MITCHELL, 71 BOWER AVENUE, caught his first "fish" of the year on April 26, in School Creek. Scott's catch is a 151/4-inch long sucker which he caught near the hydro building. With Scott, who is holding his catch, are his younger brother Steven on the right and friend Brent Larsen, of Mill Street East, on the left. The sucker was only out of the water for this picture. Scott raced to the creek to plop the catch back. Scott has been fishing since the first week of April. He used a rod, hook and worm.

Duuget Sun up 10 per cent

If the budget is approved

without the recommended

cuts Burlington will face a

5.21 mill increase, Halton

Hills 2.86 increase, Milton 2.63

If the cuts are approved it

The committee recom-

would lower the mill rates by

about a mill and a half across

mended taking \$400,000 from

the reserve for working

capital and another \$200,000

earmarked for that fund this

year, using it to reduce the

Chairman Morrow was

harsh in his criticism of this

recommendation, terming it

"the most narrow-minded

thing I have seen in years of

Morrow said it is wrong to

use those funds to offset the

mill rate and argued it was

municipal government."

and Oakville .84 per cent.

the region.

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lower the mill rate.

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department.

Cable 4 this week

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11th

7:00-"The Rud Whiting Show"

-guest Bert Arnold

Quality for that Special Lady

\$1695 to \$2795

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of Hope"

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\$2495 to \$3295

AND MUCH MORE

6:30-"The Bible's View"

Exercise

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WALLABEES

NATURALIZERS

Treasurer Don Farmer

said it would cost the region

another \$10,000 in short term

borrowing if it did not allow

the \$400,000 out, but felt it

wise to use the \$200,000 to

Cuts saw \$30,000 lopped off

the employee pension fund,

\$118,000 deleted from plan-

ning and public works studies

and \$180,000 that will be offset

by a contribution from

A further \$30,000 was

deleted from the estimates

when the committee recom-

mended that no new staff be

allowed in the public works

Director of Public Works Bob

Moore. He said the four extra

people were essential

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4th

6:30-"The Bible's View"

7:30—"The Questors"

(New Time)

7:00-"Rud Whiting Show"

-Comedy monologues

by the Seniors at Cen-

tennial Public School

The staff cuts were made in spite of protests from

Burlington capital levies.

He warned against taking

Faced with large tax in- per cent; rural Esquesing that very kind of thing that creases in some parts of the 34.2 per cent; rural Burling- ted New York City down the region, Halton Region's Ad- ton 4.8 per cent and urban Committee Milton 4.7 per cent. ministration agonized for more than six Wednesday chapped the budget by \$958,000.

But even if those reductions are approved by Council today, the budget will still be up over last year by 20.2 per cent. If the cuts are approved the budget will stand at \$32,519.409.

Halton Regional Chairman Ric Morrow told the committee the budget was pared as far as it could be, without reducing service and urged committee members to bite the bullet and approve the budget as it stood.

But the chairman's "bite the Bullet" proposition proved unpalatable for Oak-ville and Burlington repre-sentatives. Burlington Mayor Mary Munro searched desperately for ways to reduce the impact of the budget on

her community. Burlington will be the hardest hit in the regional budget this year. If the cuts proposed last week are not approved, Burlington ratepayers face increases for regional purposes of 44 per cent in the urban area and 23.1 per cent in the rural part

of the city. Oakville ratepayers find themselves in the healthiest position with increases of 6.9 to 16.6 per cent in the rural and urban parts of the town respectively.

Unless the proposed cuts are supported by council, Halton Hills and Milton ratepayers will face wide-ranging increases in both towns.

In Halton Hills there are six different rates. They are rural Acton, 21 per cent; rural Esquesing 38.4 per cent, rural Georgetown 22.1 per cent; rural Oakville 20.1 per cent, urban Georgetown at one per cent and urban Acton at 3.2 per cent.

In Milton there are also six rates: rural Milton, one per cent; rural Nassagaweya 2.7

Bite bullet

Halton Regional Council will be asked to pass a \$32,519,000 operating budget. but if statements and debates to date are any indication the budget is in for a rough ride.

Regional Chairman Ric Morrow was upset after the Administration Committee chopped \$600,000 from the reserve for working capital to help offset the mill rate. He argued the reserve fund should not be lowered. He claimed the move was poor financial planning and if continued would put into question the financial viability of the region.

Morrow told the committee that the action could be disastrous for the region. He said it was the same sort of thing that led New York City and other American cities toward bankruptcy and economic chaos.

The impact on the budget is heavier on Burlington than anywhere else because of the cost of expanding sewage and water chanellization projects in Burlington.

Some rural areas in north Halton also face big increases.

Semi approved at Knox-Park

lot at Park and Knox Avenues, Acton, was approved by Halton Hills planning board, but owner Fred Bennett will have to go to committee of adjustment for a minor variance.

Donald Seebach, solicitor representing Mr. Bennett, said the semi-detached house would face on Park Street. He said the houses on Knox Avenue are single family homes, but there are semi-detached on Main Street. He pointed out the zoning permits semi-detached or tri-

the setbacks required, but since this is a corner lot he felt the rearyard requirements should be applied to the side yard.

Councillor Les Duby said the people in the area do not object, and said the entrance to the house on Park Avenue was preferable to being on Knox since it would be close to the park entrance. He pointed out this lot has been vacant and overgrown with weeds for some time.

Mr. Bennett said one area resident was happy to have the house turned facing on Park Avenue, since her view He said if the house fronted of the park would not be on Knox it would comply with obstructed.

Police Week invites

police by going to a precinct during police week, May 15-21, according to Halton police commission.

Topping off the week's activitles will be the presentation of civilian citations on May 17 at 8 p.m. in Halton Hills town hall on Trafalgar Road. Presentations are open to the public.

Police are inviting citizens 1.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.: by 11 a.m. May 26.

Citizens can learn to help to accompany them during patrols in the ride-along program. A release form must be signed by anyone taking this ride. The ride-along program is week long, in all three

> cards will be given at displays in the following police offices: Acton, May 16 from 1.30 p.m. - 8,30 p.m.; Georgetown May 17 and 18 between list and are supporting them

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326 enumerators . . . (Continued from Page 1) A special training session will be made from May 23 to for poli clerks will be held to ensure smooth operation on May 28 and offices will be

located in all sections of the

side Dr., Milton.

KATHY McGILLIVRAY takes money from wee

Bernadette Rowsell at the Cancer Society's

rummage sale Saturday afternoon. Items sold

very quickly. The event was held in St. Joseph's

riding. The headquarters is at Advance polls will be held Milton Curling Club at 65 Mill-June 4 and June 6. The advance polls will be at places to All three candidates are benamed later. required to present lists of 100 people who are on the voting

election day.

Mr. Coulter said there will be some changes in the polling place locations this year.

Two fires on weekend

Acton fire chief Mick Holmes blames children for the two grass fires on the weekend.

no damage in either fire, and The first fire was on Saturday at 29 Church St. by the feed mill, the chief says.

both were minor. The chief noted that grass fire season is, basically over now that all the foliage has The second fire was on Poplar turned green and not as dry Ave. just over the Crescent as during the past few weeks.

Mr. Holmes said there was

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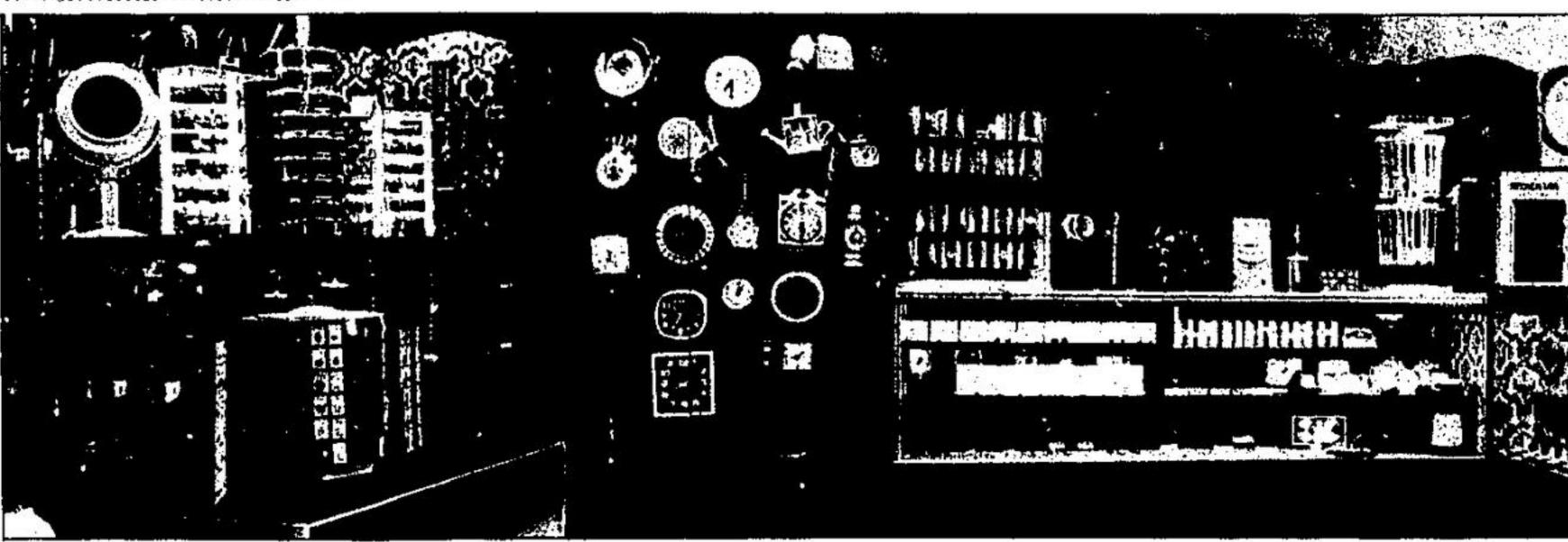
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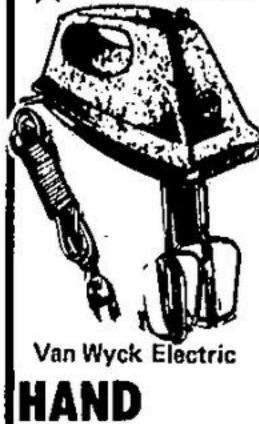
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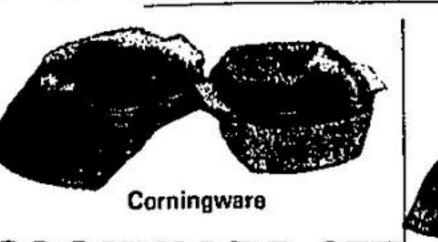
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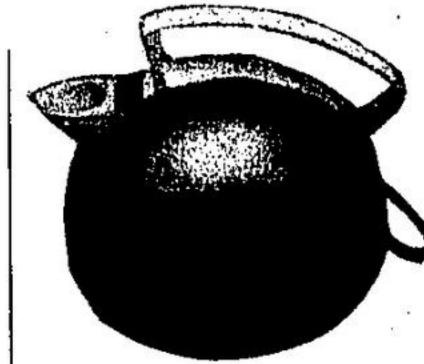
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