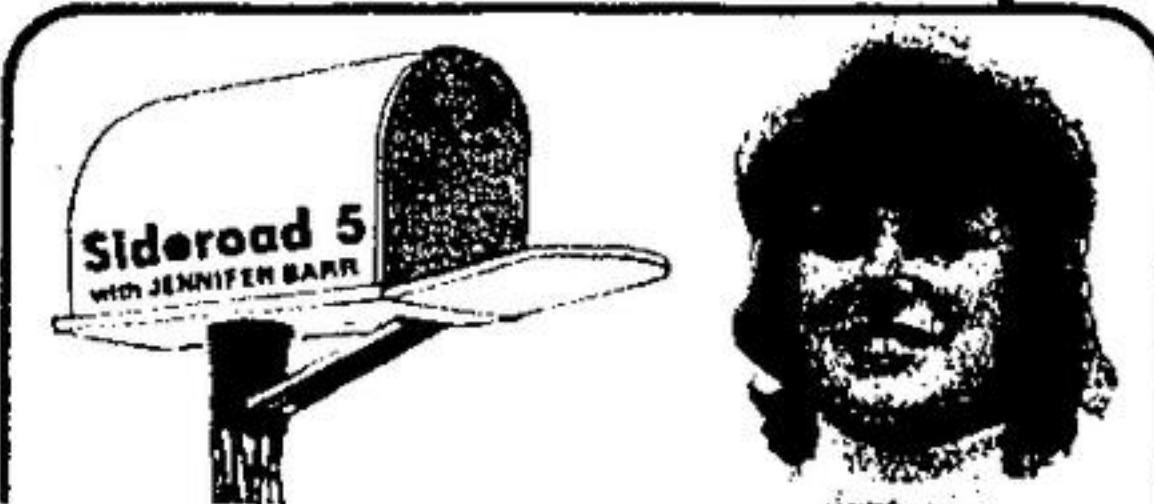




DISTRICT COMMISSIONER Dian Ewart took time out from her official Guide and Brownie duties to enjoy the pot luck supper last Tuesday evening at the Scout hall for the Scout and Guide Mothers.



Lots of excitement at our place this week - a little calf was born. In the days when calves arrived with the regularity of the hydro bill, our main concern was their health and sex. But one of the nicest things about having only a few special animals is the delight you take from each. This is the first calf we've had for years and years, and he's pretty great.

He's a love child, this calf. His father was a passing Holstein and his mother a Hereford. The baby is a wee plump black-white-face with little curlyques where his horns will be.

The two heifers are son Patrick's - he's the cow man around here. He bought Buttercup two summers ago as a calf herself. Marigold was last year's birthday present. So Pat was awaiting Marigold's calf with all the anxiety of a father.

The two weeks before birthing day were spent viewing Marigold's proportions and wondering "when?". Pat had a baby halter hanging in his room. Every day he shot out to the barn and begged to be allowed to stay home from school because This Was The Day.

Last Thursday he came home from school with a funny feeling - the feeling any good farmer gets at such times. He inquired about Marigold and was assured she was browsing in the bit of brush behind the barn.

But Pat wasn't convinced and popped out to check. He was right. The calf had just been born.

All was well and Marigold, a first time mother, seemed rather surprised about the whole thing. Pat made noises about the handsome price this beef calf would fetch but his brimming eyes betrayed him. It's pretty heady stuff for a twelve year old.

We're enjoying this calf so much. He's the type of ham (pardon the pun) who puts on a show at the drop of a hat. He careens around the paddock and pops under the fence rather than stop. This upsets his mother until he scrambles back just as quickly. He runs rings around Aunt Buttercup who is forgetting her new-found adulthood to bounce and play with him like two pups in a puddle.

I had a chuckle the first day the calf was put out. When it came to herding in for dinner, I waited in the barn while the kids did the roundup bit. Both cows trundled in and I was just penning them when Erica called "Watch out for the BULL!" pushing the tiny mite round the door uttering a plaintive un-bull-like "maaa".

Now that he has an impressive herd, Pat is putting on airs and planning a fat bank account. He also wants to get a Border collie to take care of his herd - all three of them. Anyone got a pup?

Halton contributed \$86,978 1976 Christmas Seal Fund

Halton residents and industries contributed an all-time high of \$86,978 to the 1976 Christmas Seal Campaign, giving the Halton Lung Association the distinction of achieving the second highest per capita rate in Ontario.

Halton's 1976 per capita rate of 40.2 cents compares with just 32 cents last year. The figure was surpassed only by Lambton with a per capita of 40.4 cents.

This was the good news announced by C.L. McFadden, chairman of Halton's 1976 Christmas Seal Campaign, at the annual meeting of the Halton Lung Association in Burlington last

Wednesday night.

To raise the record \$86,978 Mr. McFadden said the HLA sent out 24,202 letters appealing for funds to Halton homes and industries.

"The 1976 Christmas Seal Campaign saw the use of 'householder' mailing for the first time in Halton," Mr. McFadden explained. "And it proved very successful as it brought in contributions from sources we had no way of reaching in previous years."

He said it also saved on postage and acted as a follow-up on the addressed mailing.

"We added 2,366 new contributors from the householder mailing for a

total of \$11,552," he said.

Mr. McFadden added that the Halton Lung Association's return per contributor from its regular mailing was \$5.84. In addition to this amount, he said \$729 was received from first-time industrial contributors and another \$3,834 was received from Halton industries who had also donated to the Christmas Seal Campaign in 1975.

Mr. McFadden said the Halton Christmas Seal Campaign Committee, staff and volunteer workers gave a total of 905 hours to make the campaign a success.

He noted the cost to raise one dollar was 21 cents in 1976. This he attributed to the increased cost of supplies, postage, seals and stationery.

Too far, too fast offer is shelved

A recommendation urging Halton Region to purchase 25 acres of land for a works operation centre serving Oakville and Burlington and a resource recovery plant was shelved during a meeting of Halton Region's Public Works Committee Wednesday.

Milton Councillor Jim Kerr suggested that at \$15,000 per acre for agricultural land, the price was too high. Regional Chairman Ric Morrow said there was a real need for a works centre but he agreed the motion urged the region to move too far, too fast.

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(Continued from Page 5) building up to current standards.

The report mentions as main areas of concern the badly cracked arch over the front entrance, one crack which runs into the foundation wall, termed "fortunate", and the tower on the roof, considered unsafe. There were several areas of wood rot on the roof deck and rafters, but generally the wood is in good condition.

"With the exception of the front arch, which will probably have to be completely reconstructed, most of the defective brickwork can be removed and replaced at crack locations," the report stated.

Both the first and second

floors were judged to be in sound condition in the preliminary report.

The second floor ceiling plaster was "generally in good condition."

"Some excessive floor deflection was noted to have occurred at the rear of the stage. The remainder of the floor area, however, did not appear to have suffered any deflection."

—Halton Hills plans to hire a deputy fire chief to assist Mick Holmes, who was named chief of the whole community after Georgetown fire chief Ken Buikema resigned. Chief Holmes formerly headed the Acton brigade but is now the fire chief of Halton Hills.

Pl. Bd. recommends Town hire third planner

Halton Hills planning department will have three planners, if council agrees with a planning board recommendation made Wednesday night.

The new staff member will be in addition to a replacement for Assistant Planner Ron Burnett, who resigned two weeks ago.

The addition of a staff member was opposed by Mayor Tom Hill, Councillors Russel Miller, and Pat Patterson who contended the development officer now being hired by the engineering department could work half time for each department.

Chairman Roy Booth stated the regional finance-administration committee had a recommendation, that day, that no more staff be hired and no new programs be initiated this year.

Councillor Pat Patterson reminded the board he had been opposed to hiring a development officer, claiming someone from the existing engineering department could do the job. "It's no time to build empires," he admitted the planning department is busy and contended the help was needed there rather than the engineering department.

the work load in the planning department is heavier all the time. He pointed out much of the work is done at the direction of council, and agreed with Morris' suggestion to review the whole staff.

Councillor Marilyn Sergeantson agreed with hiring a third planner and likened planner to an insurance policy for the town's protection.

Councillor Pete Pomeroy wanted to defer the hiring until the priority of the development officer in the engineering department could be ironed out. He said maybe that staff member hiring could be delayed to allow the planner to be added.

Councillor Walter Biehn contended adequate staff is important, and said cuts could be made elsewhere. He maintained hiring consultants to assess staff needs would be a waste of money.

"The people who live here should not be called upon to pay for extra jobs created by the demands of developers," stated Miller. He said he agreed with Marks, the costs for applications should be raised to cover such costs.

Councillor George Maltby

Hilda Clark elected new HLA president

Hilda Clark of Oakville will preside over the executive council of the Halton Lung Association for the next two years, it was announced last week.

She succeeds J. W. Ostler of Milton in the position as president of the organization, formerly known as the Halton Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association.

Halton Hills will be represented by Mrs. J. V. Baker, H. H. Hinton, Judy Loveless (registered nurse), Pamela Sturgess and Dr. J. H. Chamberlain (M.O.H., Ex-Officio).

Nassagaweya representatives are Mrs. Horace Blyth and Mrs. Stanley Robinson. Lorene Sanford is the Esqueving representative.

The slate of officers from Oakville is comprised of Ewart Carberry, Mrs. G. compared planners to research and development industry and felt planners are the taxpayers' protection against "the big guns." He said the town cannot afford not to have another planner.

3,619 Halton lungs tested

The Halton Lung Association provided its Pulmonary Screening Program in 21 Halton industries during 1976 according to a report submitted by Charles A. Ludlow and Sheila Brown to the HLA's annual meeting last week.

The report said a total of 3,619 persons were tested for basic lung function during the HLA's 1976-77 year and that of this number 153 tests were found to be abnormal.

Councillor Peter Marks contended he could support no additional staff if there are no new programs, but pointed out there is great pressure from developers for applications for rezoning resulting in a heavier workload in the planning department.

"They are walking in the door every day with high priced help, making \$40,000 salaries, twice what our planners make, and we need our own planners to protect this municipality," he maintained no councillor has the expertise to match the developers' staff.

The mayor asked where the \$16,000 salary is available in the budget?

Marks said a piece of town property is up for sale that is not included in the budget. He maintained the application fees for rezoning are too low, and should be raised to cover the cost of the work involved.

Planner Mario Venditti said there are 103 development files in process in his office at present, with each one requiring 50 to 60 hours work.

Councillor Peter Morris, a former town engineer, said it would be impossible to share the one person between the engineering department and the planning department since the jobs are completely dissimilar. He disputed the allegation by Marks that private business paid more than municipalities. "Municipal employees are comparable not better paid," Morris suggested the total staff should be reviewed by an outside management consultant. He said a staff member could not be objective.

Miller said taxes can't go on rising every year or "there will be nobody left who can afford to own a home."

Councillor Les Duby said

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