

QUEEN ELIZABETH II
1952 Silver Jubilee 1977
Historical Fountain

SILVER JUBILEE FOUNTAIN to be built at Halton Regional Museum, Kelso, is a project of the Friends of the Museum Auxiliary. It will pay tribute not only to the 25-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II, it will also commemorate the pioneers who founded Halton.

Silver Jubilee fountain tribute

A silver jubilee fountain, paying tribute to the 25th anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, will be built soon at Halton Regional Museum at Kelso.

The fountain is a project of the Friends of Halton Museum auxiliary and the group is seeking a Wintario grant to assist in the cost. Anyone wishing to contribute can do so.

"To my knowledge, this is the only effort made in Halton to erect a lasting tribute to the founders of Halton during the Queen's jubilee," said Eria Brittain, Curator of the Museum.

Underground pipes have been laid and a pump has been installed to recirculate the water. Work is expected to commence this fall.

The following is a description of the fountain which tells how it will pay tribute to the four main races which developed Halton:

The fountain which will mark the celebration of the Queen's Silver Jubilee has been designed to incorporate historical information by

symbolism relating to the early development of Halton County; history which is rapidly becoming overlooked and forgotten during the remarkable progress of the past quarter century.

Originally, the boundaries of the county formed a rectangle jutting northward from Lake Ontario, hence the chipped stone wall surrounding the fountain's pool is rectangular. On the front facing wall, the words "County of Halton" will be inscribed.

Three main streams meandered through the rolling hills providing canoe and small boat transportation, and more important, giving power and energy to the dozens of grain and saw mills which were built on the banks. In the fountain these three main arteries will be represented by a sculptured arm thrusting upward through the floor of the pool holding aloft a three-pronged trident.

The trident will be fashioned in hollow copper, allowing three jets of water spraying upward

between the pedestal and the wall of the pool. As the Twelve Mile Creek, the Sixteen Mile Creek, and the Credit River provided energy for the whole county, so the trident spray will supply the main water power of the pool.

Halton County was divided into four townships—two in the north with Indian names, Nassagaweya and Esquesing, and two in the south—Nelson and Trafalgar, commemorating Lord Nelson's great victory. These four names will be sculptured around the four-sided base.

There were five main towns in old Halton: Acton, Burlington, Georgetown, Milton (the county seat) and Oakville. These towns are symbolized by five water jets.

Mounted on the rectangular standard of the fountain will be a saucer-like basin which is filled from the jet final above. Within the rim of this basin four spouts will be cut in a position so that the water emerging from the spouts will cascade partially on and behind the boss-finials on the pedestal below. In this way

the emblems on the finials will always have an aura of mist water about them.

On the broad face of the fountain standard facing outward will be inserted a plaque 16 by 20 inches bearing the following words:

Queen Elizabeth II
Silver Jubilee
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The words will be surrounded by clusters of Maple Leaves surmounted by the Imperial Crown.

On the opposite broad face of the standard another plaque similar in size will be inserted bearing the words:

To The Settlers

The words will appear below a sculptured scene of an ancient plowman driving a team of oxen over land which has just been cleared.

When completed, the fountain should be a lasting testimonial to Her Majesty, the Queen on the occasion of Her Silver Jubilee, and a tribute to the pioneers who made Halton County one of the most prosperous in the Province



It's a good thing we have visitors once in a while or our house wouldn't get cleaned. Oh, it gets a lick and a promise every day, a bi-weekly vacuuming and face polishing, but it takes the knowledge of company coming to send me ferretting into closets, drawers, and cupboards.

My mother is coming today and I haven't seen her for over two years (she lives in England). She's not at all a fussy person, quite the opposite. She wouldn't notice if my silver wasn't polished or the grass uncut—but I would.

Yesterday I spent the entire day with a bulldozer and a toothbrush, taking two layers of skin off my hands and putting my back out just so I can greet my mother today and say, "I hope you'll excuse the mess of the house."

So I shove shove! I did something a mother shouldn't do. I cleaned my children's rooms. It was glorious.

Just to get in there with a couple of garbage bags and a shovel while they were at school was sheer heaven.

Naturally, both are responsible for their own rooms, which means every morning two minutes before the bus comes they throw the spread over the bed and kick the socks under the bureau. Once a week I grab the bull whip and they "have a good clean."

Pat's idea of this is to open every drawer and toss the contents in a heap in the middle of the floor. To this is added every book, ornament, toy and treasure till his shelves and closet are quite bare. He then starts to re-file the junk—without dusting first. Unfortunately, he usually finds an unread comic or a nice bit of car engine at the bottom of a drawer and is off in a trance for the rest of the morning, hastily coming to just before lunch and shoving the whole mess back into same corners again.

Erica is much more expedient. She pushes everything under the bed and waits a duster on visible surfaces. As all available shelf and furniture space is crammed with figurines, dolls and stuffed toys, this doesn't take her long.

Important people Yesterday, I carefully hid half her little ornaments in a bottom drawer to relieve the clutter, knowing she couldn't possibly remember all she had.

But when the kids came roaring in full of leaves and mud, bringing both shedding dogs and three long-haired cats with them, Erica went straight to her room and cried.

"Where's Harry and Josephine and Petunia and Elsa?"

By nightfall she had every damned thing back on her shelves again!

Reserve decision on Hydro line

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) will give either a red or green light to Ontario Hydro's bid to push a high voltage transmission corridor through parts of Halton Hills.

The OMB reserved its decision following two days of hearings in the municipality's offices on the Seventh Line Tuesday.

Ontario Hydro wants the town to rewrite its official plan and bylaws to permit the 500 kV power line, which starts at Nanticoke in the west and ends at Pickering in the east, to pass through parts of Halton Hills' rural area near Milton.

The town and Halton Region have resisted attempts by Hydro to get towers built. Planners for both jurisdictions called for further study to determine the best route through the area.

Mario Venditti, Halton Hills town planner, told the OMB he would like alternate routes which would run the power lines alongside transportation corridors such as the Parkway Belt or Highway 401. A third alternate would try to confine the line to the border of the industrial basin planned by Milton, he said.

The route for the proposed power lines would enter Halton Hills just north of Sideroad 5 in the west, and head towards Toronto. Between Highway 25 and Line Three the 250-foot wide path would turn south to follow the CNR tracks into Milton.

After taking a diagonal route through Milton the line would re-enter Halton Hills in the east on Lot Two at Line Four. Then the line again turns south to leave the area at Steeles Avenue.

In all, the Halton Hills sections of the line amounts to about three miles in total. The entire east-west corridor goes about 91 miles. Parts of the corridor are under construction.

Halton Region first took notice of the corridor issue in 1974, when it complained, lawyer John Parkinson for Hydro said. "Both municipalities sat on their hands for three years, then say they want studies", he said.

Parkinson told the OMB the complete expropriation hearing process would have to be repeated if alternate studies are allowed.

Parkinson told the OMB that if the power lines were shifted into Milton from Halton Hills, and Milton objected, then the hearing process would have to be repeated. "And in the meantime, the rest of the line is built, and no one in Ontario is getting 500 kV power," he said.

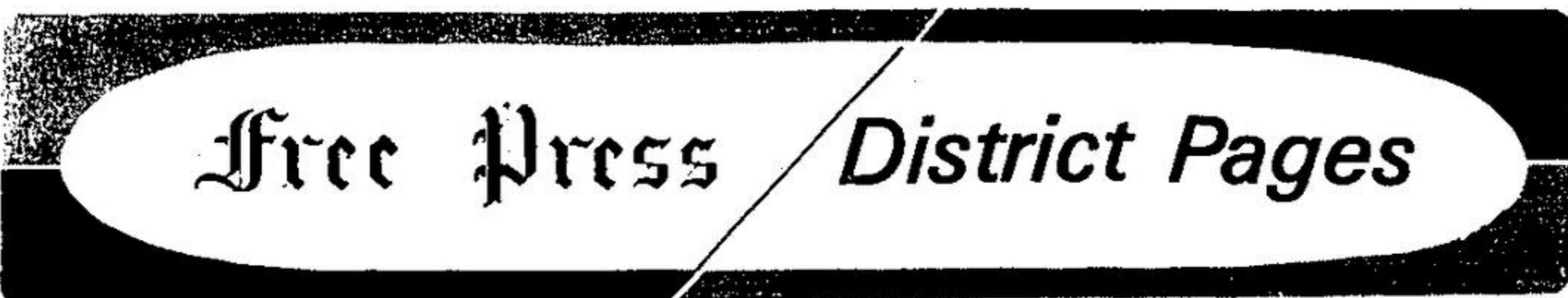
John Bousfield, a planner called in by Hydro, told the board Ontario Hydro only wanted a narrow amendment to the official plan. The change would only deal with Hydro, and only in the area where government policy was interested, he said.

Halton Hills planner Venditti said municipalities fear the utility clauses in their official plans may be expanded to include such large utilities as sanitary land fill sites.

The board's hearings confined themselves to the east-west corridor only. A later hearing will take up the north-south 500 kV line which stretches from the Bruce nuclear generating station to Milton station.

Interested Citizens' Group spokesman John Schneider, R.R. 2 Acton, said he felt the two lines turn on different questions. He said a decision in favor of Hydro on the east-west line would have no consequences on the north-south corridor.

Hydro's lawyer Parkinson said he thought a win for Hydro in this first hearing would do no harm to the provincial utility.



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Queen, plowmen highlight match

Excellent weather and plowing conditions prevailed for the annual Halton Plowing Match held Saturday, Oct. 22 at the farm of John Breckon, Fifth Line of Halton Hills.

The soil was medium in texture and just right for plowing, much different to a lot of the waterlogged soils at the present time in Halton.

The 4-H Tractor Club Achieving Day, horseshoe pitching competition, safe driving competition, and furrow queens all added to the success of this annual event. Following a meal at the Hillcrest United Church, prizes were presented.

Lynne Stewart of Hornby, the newly crowned Ontario Furrow Queen, spoke to the Halton plowmen and thanked them for supporting her in that competition. The two Halton Furrow Queen contestants—Nancy McKinnon, Milton and Lydia Koperdraad, of Georgetown, gave their speeches. Nancy McKinnon was selected as the new Halton Furrow Queen to compete at next year's International Plowing Match in Huron County.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cunningham were presented with a bouquet of flowers in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Jim has been a Director of the Halton Plowmen's Association for 51 years.

Miss McKinnon is a 19-year-old student of social sciences at the University of Guelph.

During the banquet Len Jefferson from the Ontario Plowmen's Association reported on the world plowing match in Germany, where Canada placed a poor 25th and 29th of 34 entries.

Plowmen and guests attending the banquet paid tribute to the late Stan May who passed away the previous night. Mr. May had been an active member of that and several other farm associations. He had been planning on being the master of ceremonies at the banquet that night.

Mr. May was, in a way, the last of a dying breed. Each year he took a team of Percheron horses to the match. In the early years of the match which dates back to 1866 horse drawn plows were the rule rather than the exception. This is the first year since 1866 that there were no horses at the match.

Prizes were presented in each class as follows. Class two—Tractors in Sod (Halton only), first, Janet Swackhamer, Acton (winner of the Royal Bank of Canada Trophy and the J. E. White-lock Trophy presented by Canada Trust, Milton); second, Margaret Breckon, Georgetown; third, Paul

Wilkinson, Georgetown; fourth, John Reid, Milton; fifth, Dawyne Riddell, Milton; sixth, Doug McPhail, Georgetown; seventh, Cecil Patterson, Milton; eighth, Glenn McClure, Georgetown; ninth, Bill Bousfield, Milton; and tenth, David Agnew, Milton.

Class three—Open Plows, Two Furrows or more open split, first, Shelby Williams, Oshwegan; second, John Hagar, Welland; third, Bert Perriman, Galt; fourth, John Wilson, Georgetown; fifth, Lloyd Reese, Fonthill; and sixth, Murray Breckon, Georgetown.

Class four—Open Mounted Plows, two or more furrows, first, Tom Pearn, St. Mary's. Class six—Tractors in Sod, open, three or more furrows, 14" plows, first Wayne Love, Guelph (winner of Silver Tray donated by Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce); second Richard McRobbie, Guelph; and third Rosemary Love, Guelph.

Class seven—Four or more 14" plows, first Howard Dunk, Guelph; and second, John Breckon, Georgetown. Class eight—The Ernest Irvine Tractor Utility Class, two or more furrows (Halton only); first John Wilson; second, Murray Breckon; third, Jack Taylor, Burlington; fourth Lee Wilkinson;

fifth, John Middlebrook; sixth, John Brander; and seventh John Breckon.

Class nine—Tractor Utility Class, Open Split, first, Shelby Williams; second, John Hagar; third, Bert Perriman; fourth, Lloyd Reese; and fifth, Howard Dunk.

Class 11—Antique Tractor or Steam Class (30 years or older), first, John Middlebrook, Georgetown; second, John Brander, Norval; and third, Sherwood Hume, Milton.

Horseshoe Pitching—first, Maurice Duguay, Georgetown and Keith Ruddell, Georgetown; second, Florence McCann, Milton and Joanne Middlebrook, Georgetown; third, Henry Stanley, Rockwood and Bert Davidson, Acton; and fourth, Grace McKinnon, Milton and Betty Wilkinson, Georgetown.

Winner of the Judge George Elliott memorial trophy presented by the Halton Plowmen's Association to the youngest Halton contestant went to Paul Wilkinson. The Hamilton Spectator special was won by Tom Pearn. The International Harvester Co. special for best plowed land in utility class by a Halton competitor using a mounted plow with three or more furrows (previous winners barred) was won by John Reid.



CROWNING THE NEW QUEEN of the furrow for Halton is Ontario Furrow Queen Lynne Stewart. Nancy McKinnon won the contest this year and Lydia Koperdraad (right) was the runner up.



CONVENOR of the United Church Women's bazaar Saturday in Ballinfad Mary Black sets up a display of items for sale.

Reed in Washington

Last week Halton MPP Julian Reed attended a Resources Recovery Seminar in Washington, D. C., his office announced. Mr. Reed made the trip to explore possibilities and alternatives

to existing legislation concerning soft drink containers. Mr. Reed accompanied the environmental critic for the liberal caucus Murray Gaunt and delegates of the Ontario Soft Drink Association.

Mother dies in accident

A new Mormon Church, which is to be built on 15 Sideroad, just north of Norval, will spring up soon, partially as a result of the efforts of 33-year-old Connie Symons, a pregnant mother who died driving her school bus near Orangeville, last week, trying to save the lives of 35 children.

Rev. Perry Spice of Brampton, a Mormon preacher who heads the

church's Halton Hills Ward, told The Acton Free Press this week that Mrs. Symons, wife of former Toronto Argonaut football star, Bill Symons, had taken the job driving a school bus specifically to earn money she could donate to the chapel construction fund.

Connie was a member of the Halton Hills Ward and attended services every Sunday at Alloo School on 17 Sideroad, just north of where

the new church will be built. "Connie was a marvellous person," said Rev. Spice. "She was blessed with handicraft skills. At one show held at Sheridan Mall she raised over \$600 for us."

The new church is to be built near the corner of the Third Line of Chinguacousy, on property formerly owned by Williams Graham. Rev. Spice said the congregation is within \$10,000 of the \$39,000 it needs to begin construction on the first phase.

The Halton Hills Ward takes in the area from Dixie Rd., west to Acton and north to Orangeville. Rev. Spice said approximately 40 members of the congregation are Halton Hills residents. Most members come from Brampton.

The Symons family asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Halton Hills Ward Chapel fund. Donations are being received

in Mrs. Symons' name at 251 Kingswood Dr., Brampton. The Symons met in Colorado where Bill was a star halfback with the University of Colorado, before coming to the Canadian Football League. Symons, a former Schenley Award winner as the outstanding pro football player in Canada, is well known by sports fans in Acton where he assisted, along with Argo teammates, with fund-raising projects for the town's centennial year.

Mrs. Symons was killed, last Wednesday, when the bus she was driving collided with a gravel truck on a quiet country road in Adjala Township. None of the children on the bus, including Mrs. Symons' own three, Kellie, Stacie and Curtis, were seriously hurt in the crash.

Police have charged the driver of the truck, as a result of the accident.

Mrs. Campbell said she'd like it if regional councillors would take the time to acquaint themselves with the job of the PHN.

"I don't think they have any idea of what we do. I would like it if they got really involved and found out about our jobs and our programs, instead of assuming we have a soft touch."

Mr. McKenzie acknowledged the fact that the nurses are the lowest paid of the nurses working in this part of the province, but he suggested there'd be little



BRUCE COLES guides this tractor and wagon carefully through an obstacle course set up for the 4-H safety rodeo at the Halton Plowing Match.

Norm Anderson wins rodeo

Thirteen young people from Halton competed in the first annual Tractor Rodeo Competition held at the Halton Plowing Match on Saturday, Oct. 23 at the farm of John Breckon, Georgetown.

High scorer in the competition was Norm Anderson with a score of 920 out of a possible 1,300 points. Second was Bill Bousfield with 860 points; third, Doug McPhail (870); fourth, Glenn McClure (860); fifth, Cecil Patterson (835); and sixth, David Agnew (780.) Other competitors were Ed Bird, Beryl Coles,

Bruce Coles, Jim Coles, Norm McDonald, Earl McLean and John Reid (Milton).

Norm Anderson received the Junior Farmer perpetual Trophy and the Farm Safety Trophy, plus \$25. Bill Bousfield received \$15 and Doug McPhail \$10. It is hoped that this competition will be an annual event at the plowing match.

the bargaining table. Mrs. Campbell said nurses are still looking for compulsory arbitration and hope for improved contracts.

Registered nurses working with the Health Unit earn slightly less than the PHNS. In January nurses and regional officials go back to