SHE'S NOT ONLY got a pulse, she's got the giggles! Victim Marilyn Smith gets the full attention of Halton board of education employees taking the St. John Ambulance course at the M.Z. Bennett School. Giving her the treatment are Gerry Sill, Burlington Central high school; Colton Roberts, Robert Baldwin School, Milton and Barb Ervin, a secretary at the North Education centre. Daytimes, Marilyn is the assistant to the chairman of the board.

Region supports town in Focal encounter

Council in the town's fight to to allow no development. block a massive residential The dispute about whether sible for sewage treatment development south of Silver or not sewage capacity should Creek. The decision to endorse be allotted to the proposed Monday on a 17-3 recorded Board.

Oakville Councillor Laurie Mannell and Milton Councillors Jim Watson and Jim Kerr voted against the motion to support Halton Hills.

lin Ltd., Ernie Bodnar said the town had contractual commitments to live up to. He said the commitments went back to 1968 when Focal Developments purchased property from a Georgetown developer. Focal is owned by S. B. Mc-Laughlin.

Bodnar and Halton Hills Councillor Roy Booth disagreed on the basis of the commitment. Booth contends the commitment has been met but Badnar disputed that

Bodnar told council his firm is willing to negotiate new terms for the agreement and

Halton Regional Council is would fight any effort to deny with the Sewage allotments supporting Halton Hills the firm sewage capacity and

the region that it does concu: ratio.

Halton Region Conservation Authority will consider

Burlington to Oakville.

The region's administration committee is hoping for a quick buyer or tenant so

under Bill 151. Halton Hills councillors said

and priorities established by

the town. The region is respon-

the town's priorities for development is currently be- the issue was very important sewage capacity was made fore the Ontario Municipal to the community and argued that if the large residential The region took a position on development was allowed to the proposal at the request of go ahead now, it would leave the OMB. The Board had the town with somethless than requested confirmation from the 60-40 residential industrial

Vice-president of Ontario-Operations for S. B. McLaugh- HRCA might buy new quarters

the purchase of the Regional Health Unit offices on King St. in Milton when the region moves its headquarters from

Until now the health unit has had its own headquarters but the health unit will move from Milton to Oakville when the building is ready.

proposed development but that proceeds from the office

sale can be used to offset the cost of moving into the new

Milton Councillor Jim Watson told the Administration Committee Wednesday that he had been appointed to act as a liaison person between the region'sbuilding committee and the HRCA. He said manager Murray Stephen was impressed with the building and noted arrangements were being made to have the executive committee see the

The region's new quarters are expected to be ready or nearly ready when the lease with P.C. Lush and Associates expires in April.

exists and often prefer to dishe suggested. card the crisis as a plot by the Reed said that sooner or petroleum companies to raise prices and a lever to get the government to make us do things we really don't want to do, according to Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed. Speaking to the annual

meeting of the Halton United Co-Oper-Branch. atives of Ontario in Hills-Thursday, Reed assured his audience that a problem does indeed exist and must be dealt with. Reed said the energy issue is of prime importance to farmers because farms are so dependent on reliable energy sources.

"Make no mistake about it. The situation is real. And if we are going to prevent a substantial wrench in the economy of our province, we've got to prepare now for the reality a decade from now. Maybe the biggest single task of government is to get this message of truth to everybody to convince them of its significance and show

People do not want to be them that there are alternatives rooted in conservatold that an energy problem tion and alternate choices,"

> later the province will have to even garbage is a very real move into the renewable resource field for energy production. At that point Ontario will be reproducing all or most of its energy through mechanisms inside the borders of our province.

"This will go a long way to-

wards solving our enemployment and economic problems, provide a stimulus to agriculture that it has not known for many years, enable the resulting industry to transition occurs and I use be diverse, bolster the en- the word when-not if. The vironmentalist, provide business opportunity for the free enterpriser and be acceptable to the socialists. It will justify the conserver, supply the consumer, challenge the innovator, pacify the protester and give us all a degree farm co-op is already set to of independence from utilities that has not been known in agricultural waste." our lifetime," Reed sald.

The MPP said the province must look towards alternate fuels to petroleum. "One of

the answers lies within agriculture itself, the production of alternate fuels for internal combustion engines from crops, wood waste and probability when it comes to Ontario's energy future.

"A vegetable product can be used for producing either methanol or ethanol," Reed said. He claimed that an allacre sugar beet crop will produce enough energy to run a farm operation for a year.

"The choice of crops is limitless. Consider the boon to agriculture when such a development is now a certainty, the only question is timing. The State of Nebraska has already authorized the incorporation of methanol as an additive to gasoline and my understanding is that one manufacture methanol from

Reed noted the transition to renewable resources as fuel would come but the timing would depend on economics.

Co-op Vice-president Don Moffat later emphasized the significance of what Reed had

"All farm people had better soon recognize that fossil fuels are a short term solution." He claimed that methanol would be one way to go, but he noted oil would have to go up to \$20 per barrel before it becomes economical and it is at \$9.85 per barrel

During his speech Reed noted that Ontario is the second most valuable province in terms of energy, importing 80 per cent of its energy needs at a total cost of six and a half billion dollars a

He spoke briefly about solar power, the nuclear energy program and other means of getting energy. Reed was critical of Ontario Hydro, noting that a lot of the decisions on energy production have been prompted because of convenience and as a result, a lot of waste is brought on.

Halton Dairy Queen Holly

Energy crisis is real - Reed Hurren spoke of the need to attract young people into farming and the difficulties and challenges young people

would encounter during a life of farming. During the business portion of the meeting the members elected Dwight May, Mac Alexander, John Reed, George Pelletterio, Blythe Meek and Art Lawson as delegates for the Halton Group Council. The group in-

branches. Discussion of the financial report indicated the Branches within the Guelph area operated with a reduced profit in

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Complaints from some farmers about service in some branches and the cost of particular items were raised and dealt with.

Area manager William Chamberlain explained people had been laid off and some trucks taken from the branches to help cut high operating costs experienced during the year.

Vice-president in charge of wholesale, Don Moffat explained the decision of an American co-op which sells fertilizer to the Co-op not to pay patronage lowered Co-op revenues by \$750,000.

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VON asks region for grant to help pay costs in north

Another agency has approached the region with an increased grant request to cover services to the northern part of the region. Last week the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) asked the regional community and social services committee for a grant for \$11,000 for 1978. The previous year the VON was given a grant for \$8,500.

Decision on the request was deferred. The committee wants to find out whether it can give the agency the monles in a route other than a grant - a route that will allow the region to recover some of the amount from provincial subsidies. The VON provides bedside

nursing care in the home on a visiting basis at a fee of \$12 per visit. VON Treasurer T. McCaughan said a grant was requested from the region to cover the cost of care to patients in North Halton who are unable to afford the cost of a visit and who, for various reasons, are not eligible for benefits under the Homemakers and Nurses Services Act. (Under this act the region pays part or all of the cost of care for people of minimal means. However, the province subsidzes 80 per cent of this cost.)

In his submission Mr. McCaughan said the Burlington-Hamilton-Wentworth

VON on the grounds it is no longer prepared to fund activities in the northern areas of the region. (At its previous meeting the committee heard a delegation from Consumer Credit Counselling Service request a grant to cover costs of service to North Halton. That agency also said it had received a smaller amount than requested from Burlington-Hamilton-Wentworth United Way because the United Way objected to paying for services to the

Chairman Walter Mulkewich said if the United Way were regional then more money would be raised and the entire region would benefit. Councillors agreed to discuss the issue of a regional United Way campaign at a future

Mr. McCaughan said the number of visits made in the north is expected to increase in 1978 as the area develops.

Wallet stolen

An Acton man has been charged with theft under \$200 after a wallet belonging to an R.R. 2 Hillsburgh man. According to Halton Regional Police, the wallet had pre-United Way has reduced its viously been reported stolen.

contribution to the Halton Out of a total of 19,109 visits in Grant requests approved by Halton to the end of October the community and social services committee go to the 1977, 988 visits were made in regional committee of the Milton and 1,634 visits in Halton Hills. The treasurer whole for approval. They will be submitted as part of the also said he expected costs to increase. The fee per visit is community and social services budget package. the same throughout the region although the cost per visit is greater in the north because of the distances

> travelled. The Home Care Program pays the VON for services given to patients enrolled in the program. The Department of Veterans Affairs and the Workmen's Compensation Board pay fees for their patients.

At the same meeting the committee recommended a grant of \$1,750 to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and a grant of \$1,000 to Community Youth The Programs. program provides selling and life skills training for the older adolescent who is living with a volunteer

recommendations bring the total amount of grants to just over \$85,000.

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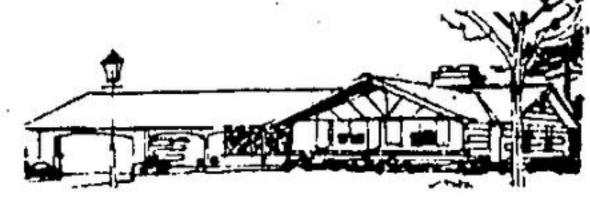
Courthouse at Simcoe. The \$794,000 project rehabilitated the building which now becomes Simcoe's town hall. The end of the project was

Ontario Heritage Foundation presented the final \$25,000 of a \$250,000 grant the Foundation made supporting the restoration. Praising the harmonious

Restoration work has been marriage of old and new completed on the 4-year old design in the restored former Norfolk County building, Mr. Lawrence paid special tribute to the efforts of the project architect, Carolos Ventin of Simcoe, Mr. Ventin's additions, noted Mr. Lawrence, both compliment and enhance the design fabric marked when A.B.R. Lawrence, chairman of the of the original structure.

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