



SECOND HOUSE WAS moved from site of planned senior citizens residence Friday. The house will be relocated in Fergus. Machan the Movers, who did the job, had to remove the roof of the house so it could pass underneath hydro wires.

Cruiser accidents common

Halton Regional Police Commission chairman William Hourigan is surprised at the number of police cars involved in accidents. "I haven't seen so many in ten years," Hourigan told Thursday's commission meeting at Oakville. "It's getting to be a common occurrence" said Hourigan. Last year's damage figure was about \$14,000, commis-

Few attend meeting on proposed twinning

A very small group met Wednesday evening in the Robert Little school to discuss the proposed twinning of Speyside with that school. With vice-principal Ron Ciglen presiding, the few attending listened to area superintendent Don Gentlemen speak on twinning and then discussed the matter. The proposal of twinning was prepared and circulated confidentially by the principals, association. The report became known, however, and special meetings were held to explain the proposal to the concerned parents. Meetings were originally to have been held after the final report was presented to the board, Mr. Gentlemen explained. Misinformation resulted in parents thinking schools were due to close. This was not correct, Mr. Gentlemen explained. "Twinning is not necessarily a prelude to closing. In fact, it is planning for the long slide of declining enrollments. Halton could soon have too

many principals and vice principals and planning ahead could resolve the situation. Twinning would also effect some economies. If Robert Little and Speyside were twinned, there would be one principal. The vice-principal would spend most of his or her time at Speyside and would also be expected to teach at least half time. Limehouse may also be twinned with Joseph Gibbons school in Georgetown. A delay has been requested and the principals' report on twinning will not go to the board of education now before April. None of the schools involved are near the low enrollment figure which would require a study on possible closing. However, Robert Little enrollment has declined, due to the opening of the separate school, to the point where there would be no vice-principal there now in any case. Few teachers would be affected. The R. L. librarians would likely also go to Speyside. The children would not likely notice any changes at all, Mr. Gentlemen said. All vice-principals in the north will be required to teach half-time. A part-time teacher would be required at Speyside to spell the vice-principal. Likely additional office help would also be required. Mr. Gentlemen said there are no plans to move kindergarten or Grade 6 students from Speyside, as rumored. One parent who moved here from the States wondered why parents are not asked to pay for their children's school supplies here. She also questioned the size of classes. Mr. Gentlemen and Mr. Ciglen explained resources and special help available to teachers with large numbers of children in their classes. A similar meeting was called in Georgetown to debate the twinning of Limehouse and Joseph Gibbons school; no one showed up.

Review complete

Seek change in region

Halton Regional Council will seek a number of changes to Bill 151, the bill implementing regional government in Halton. The committee chaired by Milton Mayor Don Gordon has been studying ways to improve regional government legislation for about a year and finally reported to council last week. Recommendation included those with far ranging implications and others of a more minor nature. One of the major recommendations would see responsibility for water and sewer lines returned to the four area councils. That work is now done by the region on a chargeback system, with each area picking up its own share of the cost. The council will ask for a change in legislation that will make legal a secret ballot to elect a chairman. Stand up voting is now required for the election of a chairman and the method is felt to be divisive for councillors. Council will ask that the legislation setting out planning responsibilities be set out clearly in an effort to end the duplication between the region and area level. Among the other resolu-

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Quick decision on corridor...

(Continued from page 1) Milton Station, between Georgetown and Milton. A section of the line of double circuit wire is planned to pass between Acton and Georgetown. Plans call for the line to travel north-south between the 5th and 6th Lines. The ICG and many other groups and farmers have opposed the plans for about five years. An alternate line, which was suggested by the ICG at previous meetings, would take the power from the Bruce, east to Essa, near Lake Simcoe, where it would link with an existing 500 kV corridor. It is shorter than Ontario Hydro's line. Systems planner McClymont termed such a suggestion as "not practical." The general area from the Bruce to Essa was studied, according to McClymont. "It was a study of many pages. Basically an assessment on maps by people knowledgeable of the area," he said. The assessment summary was read out by McClymont as to the factors for turning down a line parallel to an existing 115 kV line which passes through the area. "The most prominent bluffs of the Niagara Escarpment" would have to be crossed, the systems planner read. Continuing, he said the Bruce Trail would have to be crossed, as would 31 miles of class one and two farm land, the headwaters of trout streams would be run into, two private air strips plus the Collingwood airport would be affected and several houses, barns and sheds would have to be removed. All those drawbacks are on the existing line, Schneider told McClymont. Much of the discussion delved into technical data concerning post fault transfers, contingency and security problems of hydro lines. Most of the discussion was carried on by three or four men, while the rest of the audience sat attentively.

In previous meetings the ICG has contended it wants no more than what the people living along the Nanticoke-Pickering Line got—an independent study of the proposed line. If such a study proved the need of the line, and showed it had to go where Ontario Hydro said it must, the ICG has said it would end all objections. ICG spokesman John Minns, of Glen Williams, asked if the practice of Ontario Hydro buying farms for the line, would continue. Having started buying farms which are adversely affected, the practice will continue, Baetz said. When Minns pointed out that agreement had to be given from Ontario Hydro's agriculture representatives, Baetz said there are other boards for appeal. The energy minister even suggested Ontario Ombudsman Arthur Maloney may play a role in such matters, even though the ombudsman feels it is not in his field, Baetz said.

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