



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL Y luncheon was held Thursday, with people getting served downstairs in the Mug.

## Population forecast for region is down

In the first round of revisions to the draft regional official plan the regional planning committee has modified population projections for Milton and Burlington.

Planning committee meetings this month are devoted to reviewing responses to the plan from the public, from organizations and from government agencies.

The anticipated population for Milton for 2001 has been revised downward to 34,000 people from the original projection of 40,000.

It now looks like the population of Burlington won't be as high as originally predicted either. The 1986 population projection has been revised downward to 133,000 from 149,000, and the 2001 population to 170,000 from 190,000.

The 2001 population for Halton Hills remains at 50,000 and for Oakville at 130,000.

The figures are in line with the province's forecast for the regional population.

Population figures for the northern communities of Milton, Acton and Georgetown have to be kept within the limits that can be served by present sewer and water systems.

The design capacity of the expanded treatment plant in Milton is equivalent to a population of 28,000. That is, it could accommodate an urban population of 28,000 people. But parts of this capacity will be used for industrial, commercial and institutional purposes.

The greater the industrial and commercial use of the plant, the less is available for residential use and vice versa. Staff estimated the actual residential component using the Milton plant would consist of approximately 22,000 people.

To this number of urban residents was added a projected rural population for 2001 of 12,000 people. The rural figure represents a growth rate of approximately two per cent per annum.

In Georgetown the equivalent population capacity for the water pollution control plant is 30,000 and in Acton 10,000.

The section of the plan concerning solid waste management remained unchanged, so far, despite a request by Oakville Councillor Ron Planche to have potential landfill sites, whether large-scale or small, embodied in the official plan so people would be warned well in advance. Milton Mayor Don Gordon supported Mr. Planche's suggestion, but the rest of the committee turned down the idea.

Halton Hills Councillor Roy Booth said the question was whether the region or a small minority will do the planning for the region. Oakville Councillor Arch Donaghey said if potential landfill sites were designated in the official plan, the region would have delegations coming to it all the time protesting something that might not happen for 25 years.

Mayor Gordon commented their arguments sounded like a move to eliminate the people problem by eliminating the need for an official plan amendment.

Planning director Ed Cumming said it was not the point of the plan to show specific sites for services.

Concerning the section of the plan dealing with heritage, the committee agreed to change a policy statement calling on the region to co-ordinate preservation efforts to read that the region's policy would be to assist in the setting of priorities for the conservation of heritage sites. Criteria for heritage features will be developed and included in the appendix of the plan.

The committee received 156 submissions to the plan. The process the committee followed in considering reactions to the plan was to review a staff summary of the submissions, the staff's analysis of each group of comments, and the staff's recommendations for modifications to the plan.

Revisions made are preliminary and the plan is subject to further change. Submissions from the public are still being received. Reactions from the area municipalities will be considered separately at a later date.

## Cite growth at conference

Tremendous growth in all areas was the keynote in all reports given at the annual conference of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Western Ontario last week. In addition national representatives from the Toronto office of the P.A.O.C. reported that 1977 had been a banner year all across Canada.

With around 150 churches across the nation the P.A.O.C. now has the largest ongoing Sunday school in

Canada. Last year they also gave over four million dollars to mission work. Overcrowded bible colleges and churches are becoming more and more common in this rapidly growing denomination.

Pastor Brian Rennick of Evangel Tabernacle here in Acton attended the conference and was officially ordained at a special service last Wednesday night.

## Convention big ripoff

A request by Oakville Councillor Laurie Mannell to send a councillor to the spring seminar in Stratford sponsored by the Community Planning Association of Canada received no support from members of the region's Administration Committee last week.

Councillor Carl Eriksen said the conference was a picnic at the expense of the rate payers. "The thing is a ripoff. It's one big cash bar," he said.

After looking at the program he said it was just a weekend of riding a bus, drinking and playtime.


Mannell had recommended a member of the planning committee attend but in the event no one was available, he volunteered his service. He is a 25-year-long member of the Association.

The request to send a representative was rejected at the committee level.

Later during the same meeting the committee rejected a request by Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid when he urged the committee recommend a formula that would divide the convention funds up for the

various departments.

Milton Councillor Jim Watson said the council had allocated the amount of money for staff conventions but it is up to the CAO to decide how much each department gets. The committee agreed and directed Reid to decide.



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## PW tour next week

Regional councillors, senior staff members and the press will tour Halton's works projects currently underway or about to get underway, next Wednesday.

The tour coincides with National Public Works Week and will highlight the new regional headquarters building, landfill Site "F", the newly constructed Derry Rd. bridge in Milton, the Milton Water Pollution Control Plant, the dangerous Milton Heights intersection

and the Steeles Ave. Operations Centre which serves all of North Halton.

Following lunch at Harrow House, the tour will proceed on up to Acton where the Water Control Plant expansion will be officially opened.

The public works week celebration is expected to

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conclude with a reception for all public works staff members at Halton Centennial Manor.

## Promotion for Actonian

John Barr, formerly of Acton, has been named assistant deputy minister, finance and administration of the Ministry of Transportation and Communication. He has been assistant deputy minister,

regional operations and laboratories. He's a civil engineer, a graduate of the University of Toronto. John went to school here, living on Mill E. with his parents.

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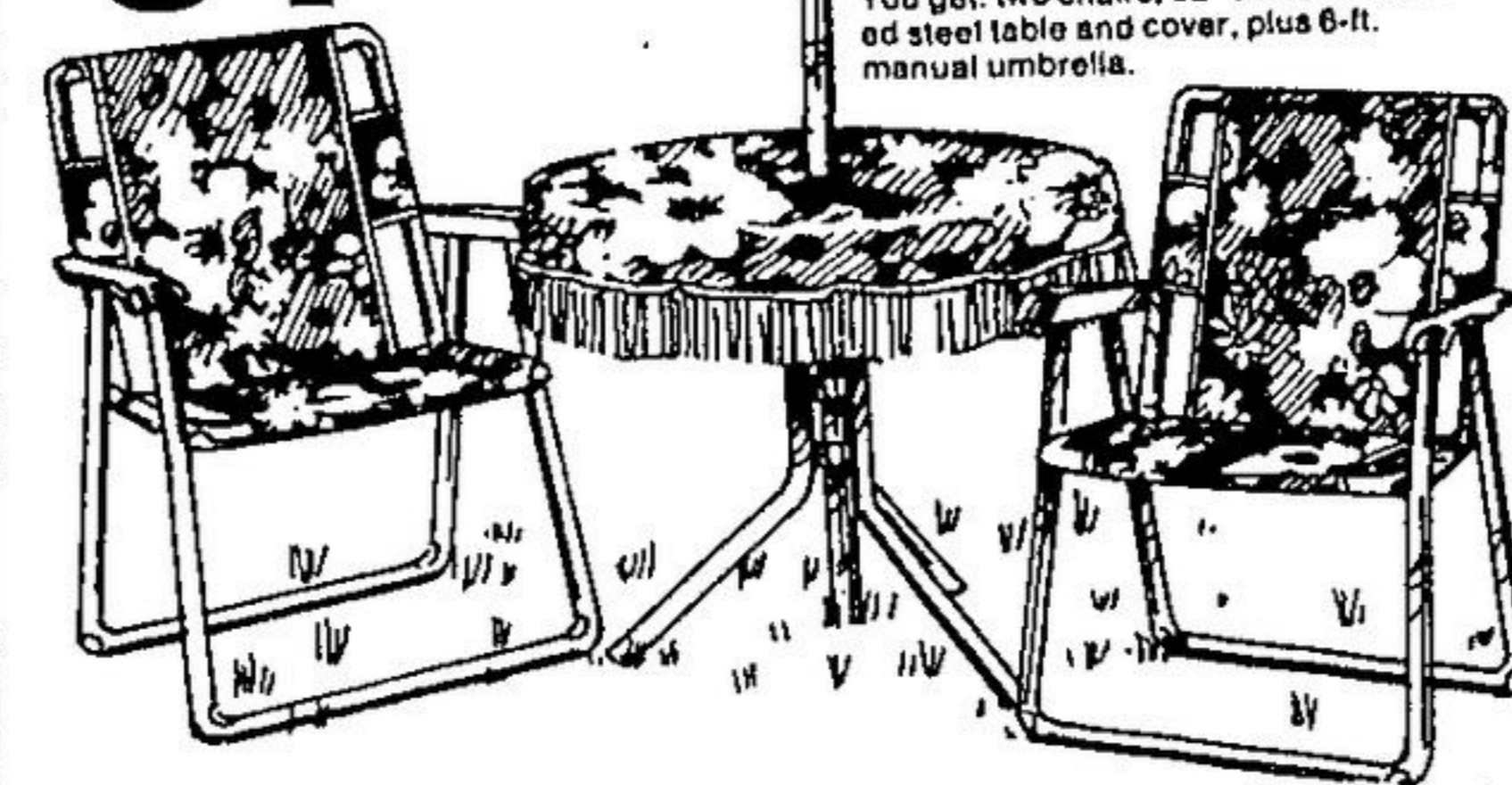
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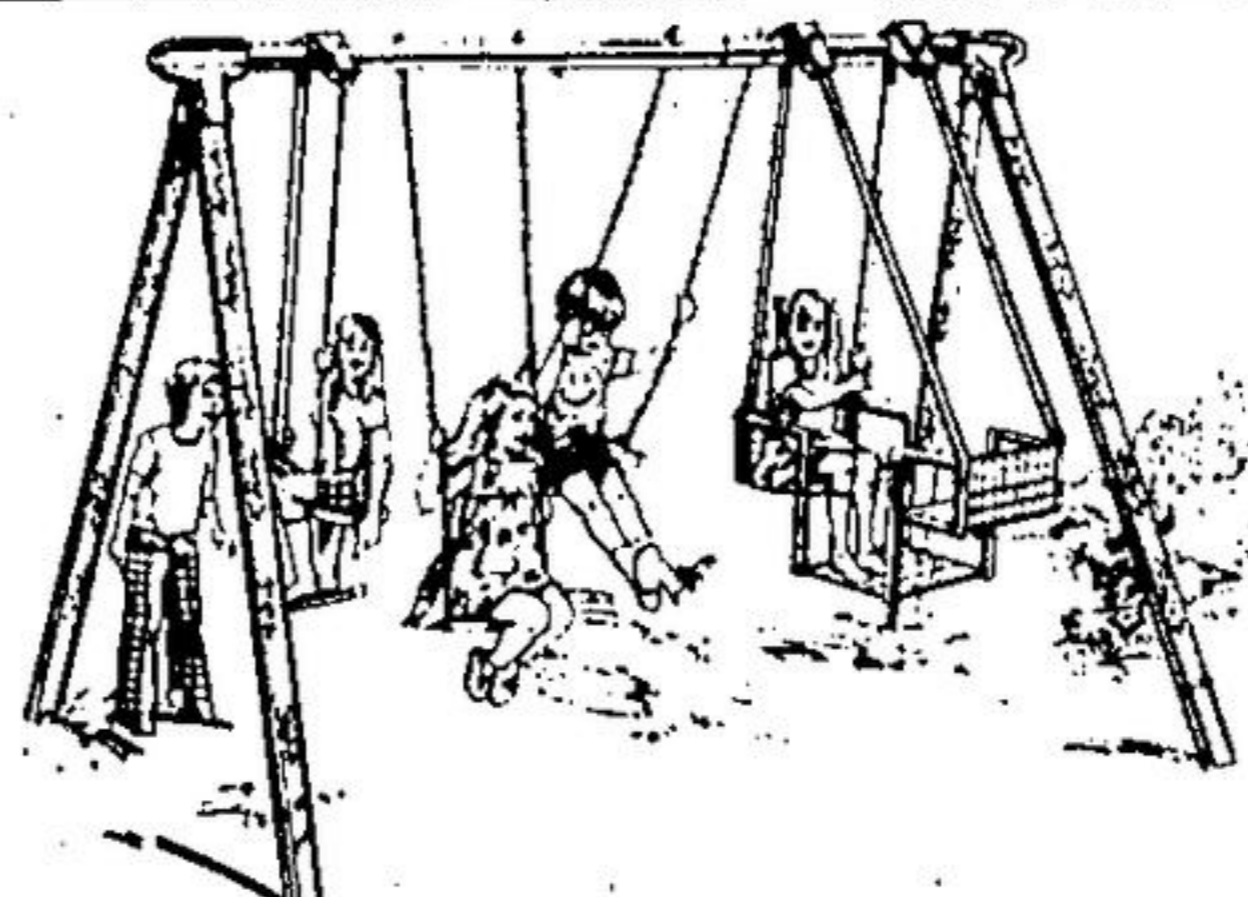
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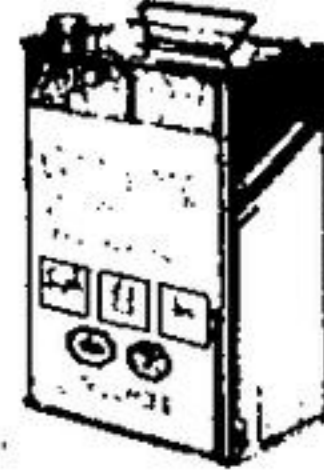
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