



### Thanksgiving 1978

CRACKLING AIR, dried corn, yellow mums, landscapes emblazoned with the color of leaves in their last burst of glory—the whole atmosphere of Thanksgiving is of a holiday uniquely North American. A holiday of prayer, and cheer, and hope for all people capped by the Thanksgiving feast.

And all people can take part in Thanksgiving, even those trying to take off some weight this year. The dieter and non-dieter alike can both happily celebrate Thanksgiving with a meal developed by Weight Watchers International.

A copper kettle bubbling with sweet pumpkin soup, piquant green bean salad; the tender-crispness of a turnip medley; a hearty hominy stuffing, accompanying the tantalizing turkey—star of the table; the gravy standing by, the final coupe de grace, all complementing each other in this main meal of the day.

Off to the side, subtly filling the air with fragrance, baked apples, their skins bursting with simmering juices and covered with crumbly topping, they are the perfect sweet treat to round off this perfect meal.

## Separate school enrolment jumps

While enrolment is dropping at Halton's public school there are more students going to Halton separate schools this year than last year.

Throughout the region separate school enrolment has gone up by 330 students according to figures released this week by Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board. The board also expects the increase to go higher, possibly over 500 students.

Elementary enrolment went up only slightly but the board had been expecting a decline. Last year there were 8,543 pupils in grades kinder-

garten to eight and this year there are 8,550 students. The board had projected an enrolment of just 8,351 pupils or a decline in attendance of 192 students.

Enrolment at Halton's single separate high school, Assumption High School in Burlington, accounts for most of the system's increase.

Grade nine enrolment jumped substantially from 257 last year to 343 this year, just seven pupils short of the attendance the board had expected for that grade.

There are also 244 grade 10 pupils this year. This is the first year there has been a

grade 10 class and enrolment is just six students short of the number the board expected.

Enrolment on September 6 in all separate schools was 9,130 but attendance always grows during the first months of the school year and the board is projecting enrolment on September 30, at 9,200.

In the north separate school enrolment is up in both Milton and Acton but down in Georgetown.

Holy Cross School had 376 pupils last year but that figure has dropped by 20 students to 356 this year.

The enrolment decline at St. Francis of Assisi School is extremely small from 212 last year to 211 this year.

Ecole Sacre-Coeur enrolment has also dropped slightly, from 115 last spring to 105 this fall.

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Governments should be looking at other ways of collecting money for the health insurance scheme, in the view of Halton District Health Council.

In a brief submitted to the Select Committee on Health Care Costs and Financing at Queen's Park, the Health Council makes several suggestions concerning ways OHIP costs could be redistributed. In the brief, a copy of which was sent to the Regional Health and Social Services Committee, the Health Council also deplores the absence of a master health plan for Ontario.

Discussing cost distribution measures, the brief notes independent economic

research indicates that health care costs, though high, are not significantly out of line. It recommends the select committee confirm through a study whether health care costs are out of line in relation to other costs in society.

Stating a belief in the desirability of bringing more private funding into the health care system, the Health Council offered four cost-distribution options.

These are re-examination of the practice of OHIP exemption for all senior citizens, determination of OHIP premium costs based on taxable income, application of a modified rebate scheme, or provision of a co-insurance option.

Supporting the principle that all who have the ability to pay should pay something, the brief says the policy of exempting all senior citizens from OHIP premiums and certain drug costs may need to be changed, in view of the increase in the over-65 population projected for the future.

Tying premiums to taxable income is an option which might help to educate people against the misuse of the system.

The no-claim bonus or modified rebate scheme would reward clients who remain healthy. Under this option all subscribers would continue to pay an annual premium, but those who didn't use the services, or

incurred costs lower than the premium, would receive either a cash rebate or an income tax credit. All would pay a minimal basic charge, however.

Under the co-insurance plan citizens would continue to pay their annual OHIP premiums but would have the right to insure themselves privately for the services of a non-OHIP physician if they wished.

Halton District Health Council stressed the need for an "all-embracing, co-ordinated health care plan" to indicate the direction of the system for the next five to 10 years, with reference points for the longer term. "Surely a program as

comprehensive and far-reaching as our multi-billion dollar health program should be guided by an overall and visible plan," the brief reads.

The brief also asks the government to develop jointly with the medical association guidelines for the practice of medicine in Ontario. Commenting that it is well within the capability of government and the medical association

to regulate intake, immigration and licensing, the brief calls for the guidelines to cover the size and distribution of the profession and the appropriate professional and economic circumstances of practice.

Halton District Health Council was set up two years ago to advise the Ministry of Health on the planning of health services in the region.

## Free school sites goal of trustees

Halton Board of Education should be working closely with municipal planning department so the board can get free school sites, Halton Hills trustees Barry Shepherd and Bert Hinton say.

Hinton told the board Thursday there is a lack of

dialogue between the board and municipalities.

He suggested if the board worked with town planners it could get free school sites written into development agreements. Hinton said the board is spending money buying school sites they could

get free.

Shepherd said if it's possible to get sites for nothing the board should investigate that avenue.

He noted there appears a chance S. B. McLaughlin will get to build homes south of Silver Creek in Georgetown

and the board may be able to negotiate some free school sites in the deal.

Hinton noted Halton Hills planner Mario Venditti is critical of the board for not working with the municipalities.

Superintendent of Business and Finance Bruce Lindley said the board often gets sites at far below market value and that is written into some development agreements. He said there was a time when boards got free school sites but that kind of a deal is just about impossible now.

With land costs the way they are now there is no way a developer will give away a school site, Trustee Bill Lawson declared.

## Absentees frustrate Morrow

Halton Region's Public Works Committee meeting was almost finished before it started.

Regional chairman Ric Morrow told the committee he was totally frustrated with what appeared to be lack of interest on the part of committee members who were late in some cases and didn't show up in others.

"I find it totally frustrating, and to think that these people are paid \$10,000 a year to come here for four meetings a month and we still don't have enough for a quorum."

Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill scoffed at the situation.

"If they are getting \$10,000 a year for this, they shouldn't be running around to conventions. We cut conventions out of our budget, but there seem

to be more people at conventions now than ever before," he said.

Councillor Vern Connell was quick to explain that there were members of council away at a convention in Sault Ste. Marie but they were there representing the Conservation Authority, not the region.

The committee was discussing a time when the

meeting could be rescheduled when Burlington representative Tom Sutherland showed up. The meeting got underway about 2 p.m. It was slated for 1:30 p.m.

Thieves hit

gas stations

Break and Enter thieves scooped more than \$200 in cash and property during crimes at two town service stations last week.

About \$200 in currency and \$50 in property were taken from Archilles Motors on Queen Street and about \$12 was taken from the Texaco Station.

Police estimate the damage on the auto driven by Cecil James Pope, 192 Main St. S., Acton, to be \$1,000. Damage on the other vehicle, driven by James Monaghan, 661 Childs Dr., Milton, is about \$1,500, according to police.

Man in crash

Total property damage from a Steeles Avenue and Trafalgar Road collision amounts to about \$2,500 September 25.

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## Talks to involve teachers' groups

The Executive Co-ordinator of the Teachers' Federation for Provincial Schools, the organization to which E. C. Drury teachers belong, expressed concern last week that the federation has not been involved in any negotiations concerning staffing for the proposed new integrated high school in Milton.

John Wessinger said although there was no question about the philosophy of integration, teachers want a say about program and staffing as far as the hearing handicapped students are concerned.

That point in planning has not yet been reached, principal-designate Allan Nichols said. A liaison will be established with both the provincial teachers' federation and the Ontario Secondary School Teacher's Federation, to

which Halton public high school teachers belong, he assured.

Up to now, physical arrangements have received top priority from planners because of the time required to get a building ready. Mr. Nichols anticipates the planning group will be getting into discussions concerning staffing shortly.

The new high school will combine facilities at E. C. Drury School and a new building to house about 900 students, including 400 in vocational programs.

## Cheque bongs at Dominion

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Milton will be composed of three Wards and officials are required from each Ward as follows:  
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Polling Clerks - 8  
**WARD 2 - MILTON**  
Deputy Returning Officers - 33  
Polling Clerks - 33  
**WARD 3 - NASSAGAWEYA**  
Deputy Returning Officers - 11  
Polling Clerks - 11  
Application forms for the above positions are available at the Town of Milton Municipal Office, or will be mailed to you if you will call the Municipal Offices at Milton 878-7211.  
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