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A new portable classroom was delivered Monday to St. Joseph's Catholic School, to accommodate their expanding enrollment. In the bottom photo, Murray Martin, of C.L. Martin Co. Ltd. of Floradale, backs half of the building onto its site. Once the structure was in the proper place, he jacked it up and placed temporary wooden blocks under the corners until it can be permanently installed.

## No rate increase for Erin, Hillsburgh phones

There will be no rate increase for Erin and Hillsburgh Community Telephone customers until service is improved. The Ontario Telephone Service Commission, the governing body over privately owned telephone companies, has granted a rate increase to Community Telephone Company of Ontario Ltd., but has ordered a freeze on any rate increase for this area.

The freeze, according to the Ministry of Transportation and Communication was ordered because of an overwhelming negative response by customers to the proposed increase. Subscribers complained of poor transmission, overcrowded lines, poor repair service, and not enough toll free calling areas.

Orono, near Bowmanville, is also included in the freeze, also due to the negative response and complaints of poor service. All other Community Telephone areas, including Drayton, Caledonia, Sunderland, pockets in Kingston and area, and areas near London will be facing a

7.2 per cent increase. Bob Foote, of the Commission, told the Acton Free Press a lift on the freeze is not anticipated for some time. When the necessary improvements are completed to the three exchanges, the increase will be granted.

The company originally filed for an increase in July, 1978. Customers opposing the increase banded together to form Committee for Better Service (CBS).

A public hearing was held in Hillsburgh in December, when 250 irate

customers attended, along with Commission and the company representatives. It was at this time the Commission heard the brunt of complaints. A similar meeting in Orono with 300 attending, brought up the same complaints.

Subsequent meetings with the CBS executive, the commission and the Community Telephone company have been held to air differences and to solve some of the problems.

In announcing the increase, and the local freeze, the commission also explained they have ordered the telephone company to improve service to its customers by installing additional facilities in the same exchanges revising a number of its business practices including its policy regarding disconnection of telephone services and revising rates for hard of hearing handsets.

In the past, according to Mr. W. Bielski, of the Commission, there was a \$15 installation charge plus a monthly rate for the hand sets provided to assist customers with hearing deficiencies. The commission has ordered these sets to be provided for a flat charge with no monthly rate.

Jeannette Cox, of the CBS, says her organization is encouraged by the freeze. "At least we know now someone is listening," she said.

## Maplehurst escape comes under fire

The recent escape of two Maplehurst inmates from a work gang in Nassagaweya has caused more than a few angry feelings from Bob Brown of First Line, R.R. 1 Campbellville, towards the institution that permits the work gangs.

Mr. Brown was at his job Monday morning at Rockwell International in Milton, when he got a call that the family's car, a 1973 Pontiac had been stolen from his country residence.

But, it was not only the fact the inmates made off with his car that upset him so much.

His wife Ila, came close to being seriously injured in the incident. According to Mr. Brown, his wife had left the car parked in the

ignition. She was due to leave the house in a few minutes he said.

Mrs. Brown stepped out of the house just in time to see the two escapees climbing into the car. She dashed for the car and tried to open the doors, but the driver backed the car out of the driveway, knocking Mrs. Brown aside.

"They could have killed my wife," said an angry Mr. Brown.

"I don't think people like that should be out," he said, adding he felt there was inadequate supervision of work crews by Maplehurst officials.

A gang of seven men were working on a natural resources tract of land near the Brown driveway with the keys in

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## Halton to compete with Peel for jobs, industry, commerce

Halton Region's effort to attract more industry is likely to result in an attempt to steal industry from Peel Region.

Bill Marshall, director of business development for Halton Region, told a

press conference Wednesday, July 25, of the region's plans to attract industry to Halton.

"We have to cut into Peel's industrial attraction. We can offer land costs and a living environment that are competitive and attractive as opposed to Peel."

Since 1974, Mr. Marshall said Halton has attracted an average of 23 new industries annually while Peel has attracted

an average 132 industries over the same period of time.

Part of the reason for this Mr. Marshall said, was the proximity of Peel to Metro Toronto.

He said Peel is the first

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## Region holds labor survey

In an effort to determine the labor resources at its fingertips, Halton will be surveying 25,000 households.

The survey is designed to get a breakdown of Halton's labor force.

The questions in the confidential survey include the occupation and industry of the region.

There are 20 questions but not every question applies to all people.

Bill Marshall, Halton's director of business development, said he hoped people would take time to answer the survey.

"We need about a five per cent response to make the survey worthwhile."

The survey which is costing about \$10,000, is "a valuable tool. You might say it is the key component of the whole thing," said Mr. Marshall.

The "whole thing" is the region's Economic Staging Plan, a three-part plan to bring more industry into Halton. The three stages are entitled "Community analysis," "Opportunity Identification," and "Promotional Program."

The first stage, Mr. Marshall said, is essentially an analysis of the features existing in Halton.

"We want to know what we're selling," he said. The second stage is an outline of growth areas within the region and the third stage is the active search for industries for the areas.

The labor survey fits into the first stage by finding out what kind of skills exist within the region's labor force.

Mr. Marshall said industries often ask him about the kind of labor force in Halton when they consider moving to the region.

"We've been able to say we know what kind of skills we have but we've never been able to prove it. This survey will be the proof."

"It's probably the most ambitious survey ever undertaken by a regional government. We bounced this thing off the provincial government and they were a bit aghast at the size and scope of it."

Mr. Marshall said parts of the first stage of the overall plan were already completed.

He said the staging plan would be finished by the end of 1979 and be ready for input into the 1980 budget.

Regional Chairman Jack Raltis said Halton will take a different approach than Peel in attracting industry.

"I think Halton is likely to be more selective than Peel. I'm talking in terms of rapid high-density growth. Peel cut heavily into their rural area while we've maintained ours north of Highway 5."

Halton has roughly 7,000 acres of vacant industrial land. Of that total, 1,400 acres are serviced and another 2,000 acres are easily serviceable, he said.

"Peel has no publicly-owned industrial land," said Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Raltis noted

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## Region can't buy Site F

"This is completely logical, and therefore, we can't go for it."

Those were the words of Councillor Rick Day responding to a request from Dennis Perlin, regional solicitor, to negotiate options to buy land.

The land the region wants to buy is the land on which it hopes to put a landfill site, known as Site F.

Mr. Perlin emphasized he wants to negotiate options to buy the land.

An option to buy is an agreement to fix a sale price. The region would, at some future date, have the right to exercise the option if it wanted to.

He said it does not necessarily mean the actual purchase of the land.

Mr. Perlin mentioned three properties: the Kowal and Micallef property, the Mogil property, and Bessie Smith's property.

The land area of the three properties is 143 acres, 102 acres and ten acres respectively.

Mr. Perlin said the first two properties have indicated their willingness to negotiate.

In any case, Mr. Perlin said three conditions would have to be fulfilled before the region would exercise its option to buy any land.

The conditions are that all environmental approvals would have to be given; all appeals by the town of the Ontario Municipal Board's decision on Site F would be completed; and the region could not buy Bessie Smith's property until Miss Smith asked the region to do so.

These conditions didn't impress Milton Council which voted against giving Mr. Perlin permission to negotiate with landowners.

Councillor Bill Johnson said "We've stood firm in the past and I think we must stand firm now."

"Mr. Leitch (Fred Leitch, the town's solicitor) has said this action won't prejudice us. I say it will prejudice us. Surely the Cabinet or the courts or the Environmental Assessment Board will hear about it."

Mr. Day agreed. "The first thing Jim Snow is going to read in the morning is a newspaper report of this."

"The logic of Mr. Perlin's request is inescapable, but unfortunately, logic and image don't always correspond."

"Mr. Perlin's letter is crystal clear and I'm sorry I'm going to have to support Councillor Johnson on this."

## NEC may give control back

A suggestion by Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) staff that most of the area now under their control be turned back to the local regions and towns, is only a suggestion, no more, said Councillor Roy Booth, a member of the NEC.

He emphasized nothing had been decided, but pointed out some commission members favor turning over most of the land to the local authorities, and perhaps setting up another government agency, not the present NEC, to administer the

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