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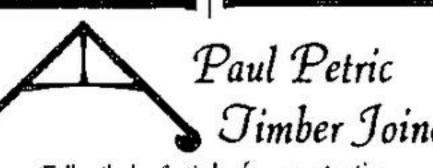
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### Heads will roll-Johnson

Councillor Bill Johnson has demanded the person responsible for the After it was recognized \$621,000 double charge on the double charging had water-sewer rates be occurred, it was decided fired by Halton Region. that a rebate would be

want heads to pald. roll. . . make no mistake, According to Milton's I'm out for blood," he three Regional Councilsaid, during a review of lors this is the method the 19.1 proposed per cent which should have been increase in the 1960 followed. Halton Regional budget. Councillor "I can see \$60, \$600, Goutouski sald the rebate

even \$6,000 but when we have a \$600,000 error the He told The Champion

his company \$600,000, "He would be gone instantly because business can't afford mistakes like The \$621,000 is the cost

up to the end of 1979 had been billed for October,

### Crest change

Halton Regional Police Regional Council adopted will soon be sporting the a sanitary sewer sur-Regional Coat of Arms on charge system as the all police cruisers and basis for financing sanit-

Chairman Harry Barrett and Finance Committee

immediately. The new insignia will cover all costs of operatshow the crest un- ing the system in 1980. changed but the Latin motto underneath will be or twelve monthly bills replaced with "Halton

Will Christ Return? Did Christ Return? Have You Missed Him? Do You Care?

the Region provided to its consumers did not clearly explain the billing method, and complaints were lodged by some consumers. In response

bills.

which went into oper- principle. He argued that funds. a mistake had been made In ac and the Region was honor-bound to make

good that mistake. But at the last Regional

already been disbursed and it would mean going

should have been paid on to other sources to get the

Council meeting, it was Reasons cited by staff were that the revenues from the new billing had

decided to not pay the re-

In addition, to make up for the shortfall, Councillors were told the Region would have to impose a 20 per cent sewer surcharge

in June in order to make up for the money it had spent in the rebates. The final nail in the rebate coffin was the discovery each rebate would have to be done manually because each household

amounts of water. This cost to process was estimated between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

The total rebate which would have been paid to Milton was estimated at \$16,000 but it would have been more than \$42,000 in Halton Hills.

Mr. Johnson told The Champion he will not rest until the person responsible for the billing error is identified.

### uses slightly different not receive a merit increase, he's going out the The official no-rebate story

Halton Regional Sewer payers on the reason why there has been double billing in the new rates

and why rebates will not be paid. The release is to be included in all public utilities bills throughout the Region in an effort to clear up many questions which are being called into Regional headquarters.

#### Mrs. Allingham's words, probably best describe what has transpired since the Region opted to move to equalized, "user pay" billing systems. In October of 1979

ary sewer service on a

Commission Regional basis in Halton commencing with the asked the Administration year 1980. The system was into allow the use of the troduced on the basis of a coat of arms starting surcharge on all utility bills issued in 1980, to

> Thus the six bi-monthly would provide revenue needed for a twelve-month period (the cost of operating the system in 1980) regardless of the exact meter-

Unfortunately, public information which Box 91, Georgetown,

billing method to see if a

The option of rebating sewer surcharges based 1979 water consumption only to those consumers who had complained was rejected immediately. The Sewer Rate

Committee concluded that any rebate system must treat all consumers equitably. The Committee then Reprinted is a copy of considered a rebate to all

that release, which in residential consumers, based on bills for 1979 water consumption. Discussions with the Region's billing agencies indicated that any rebates would have to be

> processed manually. They could not be programmed into future utility bills as a credit, nor could the calculations for the 1979 portions of the affected bills be done using the present computer programs. The 'estimated cost of the rebates involved would be \$621,000, plus an approimate cost processing the rebates and lesuing the cheques of \$50,000, for a total of \$671,000. Most individual

age budget was based on receiving all the costs of operating the system in the 1980 year, this would have meant that the \$671,000 would have had to be recovered during

recover amount, an increase of approximately 20 per cent over the present rates would have to be implemented July 1st, and stay in effect for the

balance of 1980. Not only would consumers face a rate increase, but it would occur at the time of year when water consumption heaviest, and water bills

the highest. Consideration was also given to the rebates system described, but without increasing the rates in July.

This would necessitate carrying deficits ward. Because of the highest rates prevailing, the Sewer Rate Committee was reluctant to pass high borrowing costs on to the consumer in the form of future rate increases.

Another possibility was to raise the shortfall through the tax levy, but Regional Council has clearly told taxpayers that there will be no sewer charges in the 1980

charges will be in the

utility bills. A further point considered was the number of complaints received The highest percentage (about 5 per cent) of consumers in Oakville contacted the Region or its

billing agencles. About 1-1/2 per cent of Burlington consumers filed complaints. To initiate a rebate system which would result in a 20 per cent increase to all consumers later this year caused some concern at

the committee. The Sewer Rate Committee faced two alternatives - to issue rebates which the consumer would later have to pay for (including processing costs) or to reconfirm the present .

billing method. The recommendation not to issue rebates was made in the full knowledge that it would result in less cost to the consumers in the Region, and this was the determining factor.

However, the Sewer Rate Committee was unanimous in its opinion that the Region's public information program on the implemenation of the system was not clear enough, and believes that criticsm of its advertis-

ing compaign is justified.

#### Because the 1980 sew-**Ballinafad**

rebates would range

between \$3.00 and \$15.00.

### Cubs receive badges

mill rate, but that all

by Winifred Smith It was awards night recently for the 1st Ballinafad Cubs. Those receiving badges were Kevin Lillie, awarded the House Orderly badge. Dennis Sone, Triston Dan Colton. Pennie. Ashley Bird won badges for House Orderly, the Skier badge and Team Player award Michael Collins was also Team awarded the Player badge. Shawn McCutcheon received the Black Star award. There

were also two new boys invested March 17. The third and probably the last euchre for the season, sponsored by the WI, was held on Thur-9.30 a.m. -- Sunday School sday, March 27 at the community centre. There 11.00 a.m. - Worship Service were 11 tables in play. president Mrs. Slessoraitis welcomed Wed, Y.P. at 7.30 p.m. at the players and thanked them for coming. The orizes were won by Ladies-1st Margaret

Linham. Men's were won

by Thomas Given and

2nd—Ruth

Davidson:

Llonel Watson. McLean, Mrs. Koperdrand, Mrs. Buckrell and Mrs. Given were responsible for the lunch

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis West recently returned home from an enjoyable holiday in Bermuda. The day before Mrs. West was to board the plane she slipped on the ice and broke her arm. However, although inconvenient at times, she did not let that take away the pleasure of wonderful few days spent in the sun.

Sorry to hear the news that the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pinkerton has been seriously ill. The baby took ill while Mr. and Mrs. Pinkerton family holidaying during the March Break at the home of his parents at Pinkerton, Ont. We hope to hear some good news soon of the baby's recovery so that the family can return to their home here.

Palm Sunday was ob-

served at the church with

special music and meditation. The although small number did exceptionally well with their anthem. After hearing amusing little story from the minister the children retired to their classes in Sunday school. There

meditation followed by The Sacrament of Holy Communion. Sunday will be observed with special music by the chairs. Mrs. Lloyd Marshall has been a patient in the Georgetown Hospital for a few days where she is undergoing tests. Her family and friends sincerely hope the reports ar (avourable and that

was a short period of

she can return home soon with a daily improvement in health. April is Cancer Month again and as other years volunteers from the WI will be canvassing the for financial assistance to support the Canadian Cancer Society in their three fold pro-

### Commission rejects ideal police building

It's back to the drawing board for architect Don Wilson after the Halton Regional Police Commisrejected preliminary sketches for the headquarters at Oak-

"I don't even know

where to start," dejected Wilson told commissioners during Thursday's meeting at Oakville. The scheme calls for additions to the existing regional police headquarters so the Oakville

work out of the same building. commission Police chairman Harry Barrett said he hoped construction would start by mld-May.

Georgetown commis-

detachment and head-

quarters officers can

sioner Glenn Magnusson and Milton mayor Donald Gordon teamed up to find out why the Oakville district office would, under Wilson's plan, enjoy 3,300 more square feet than either the Burlington detachment or the proposed Georgetown bullding.

Police chief James Harding resisted some of commissioner's the suggestions to cut the size. "The training room, we envision to be a major command room in case of drawings on the comemergency," he said. mittee room

say, "While that's the of moving operations to Milton. reminded Barrett commissioners Ontario Police Commisrecommended operating the district and headquarters functions from the same building.

not

"That's

There was a suggestion

"Let him (Wilson) go and see what he can . come up with at the \$750,000 mark," said Magnusson. Looking at Wilson's

ideal, perhaps, we can't always have the ideal." "We're gonna end up with a camel if we keep talking like this," said

Magnusson went on to

the Milton mayor. The addition, as pictured by Wilson, would policy," replied Gordon. have 17,000 square feet.

### Manor beds in short supply

my

One of the greatest problems at Halton Centennial Manor continues to be a lack of extended care beds, according to Manor Medical Director Dr. I.A. Hun-

In his annual report, Dr. Hunter said a waiting list now exists for these bed spaces and the admission criteria is being studied by the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

On the other hand Dr. Hunter said "we still have a plethora of beds in male normal care and I suspect that our vacancy rate in the male normal care is running at about 15 beds throughout the whole year."

#### that if a person in private Rate Committee Chairdifferent financing sector employment had man Joan Allingham will method could be found, made a mistake costing CALL: 519-853-2307 be sending out a press reand several options were lease to all Halton rateexamined.

the Region owes to Halton ratepayers after it was found water-sewer users who had paid under the old surcharge system November, and December under the new system of "user pay"

paraphernalia.

Regional Police." **BAHA'I** 

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