



Science fair

Laura Leslie's McKenzie-Smith science fair project showed how electric switches work.



The use of CBs was the topic Bill Gordon tackled for his science fair project.



Butterflies were the subject of a science fair project by Melanie Bray.

Milton wants out of region

By Jim Robinson
Milton Council will petition the Ontario government to allow Milton to opt out of regional government.
The move is to begin with a meeting between Mayor Don Gordon, Councillor Bill Johnson, (both regional coun-

cillors), and Milton's Director of Finance Don Loughheed with Ontario Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Tom Wells and Education Minister Dr. Bette Stephenson.
The reason is a 31 per cent education tax increase and a 31.8 per cent regional tax increase which the town will probably have trouble collecting from ratepayers, especially as Milton expects its own municipal increase to be less than one per cent.

Mayor Gordon and Mr. Johnson both told this

newspaper Milton gains nothing from regional government while the town, according to Mayor Gordon, "pays for the rest of the region."

Milton ratepayers will be forced to accept a 31.8 per cent increase in regional taxation.

Patterson insists no benefits in region

Mayor Pete Pomeroy told Halton Hills council he was pleased with the performance of regional councillors on the budget and pointed out the town had a slim increase of 2.2 per cent in the regional tax levy.

"Last week we were accused of spending money like drunken sailors," he commented looking at Councillor Pat Patterson who made the statement, and wondered if he had anything to say.

"Just what has regional government done for the rural people?" Patterson charged, "Nothing, just

nothing."
The mayor pointed out he lives in the township, too. "Are you going to tell me the roads are no better than they were in 1973?" asked the mayor.

Patterson admitted the town controlled roads are better but the contended regional controlled roads are not. "Not a thing is better, I'm convinced of that," stated Patterson.

The mayor commented he didn't want the regional councillors to feel they were doing wrong by fighting for the best for Halton Hills.

Patterson replied, "My beef is with the province who set up regional government, not with the individual councillors. I'm with the guy who has a petition to do away with regional government."

Councillor Roy Booth asked, "What did county council do for the rural people?" He claimed they receive more services at less cost now than when county government operated.

Patterson termed county council "a prestigious group of individuals with a warden."

Councillor George Maltby, also from the rural area, claimed it was the thrusting of Es-

quencing into Halton Hills that caused the problem.

"Under the old system the township got a free ride. We didn't pay direct taxation for recreation or policing, but regional government has brought us forward at high expense to almost urbanized standards, which the people don't want."



Betty Armstrong of Dublin Womens' Institute helped make this quilt which was raffled at the group's Saturday evening sale at St. Alban's Anglican Church.

YMCA offers photography

Acton Murray Memorial YMCA has a number of interesting programs ready for this spring, including a new photography course.

Beginners photography in 35 mm will be held Thursday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m. and the cost is \$19 for Y members and \$22 for non-members.

Boxing goes Monday and Thursday evenings, with the cost \$2 for under 16 year olds, \$3 for 16 to adult aged males and \$5 for adults. All of these fees also carry a \$10 a month charge.

Tuesday afternoon volleyball is Y membership and \$3.

Ladies keep fit, with a fee of \$3 for Y members and \$10 for non-members, operates Thursday mornings and Pre-School Gym is held Fridays. The cost of that program is \$7 for Y members and \$9 for non-members.

Another popular program, Judo, is held on Tuesday nights and the fee is \$12 for Y members and \$15 for non-members.

Teen basketball is Thursdays and costs Y membership plus \$4 and

Friends-in-deed

Play bingo, euchre

by Trina Noel
We had a good turn-out at our last meeting which was followed by games of bingo and euchre with prizes given out. The door prize, donated by Acton Pharmacy was won by Mrs. Gertrude Cowchain, member of the Happy Handicap Club from Guelph. They were our guest for a social evening. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29 at M.Z. Bennett starting at 7:30 p.m. and new members are always welcome.

The Leavell" concerning our group saving up cash register tapes from Zehrs and Dominion stores and their uses for a free wheelchair.

Swimming sessions are still going on every Sunday between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for people who need water therapy.

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