



The officers and all members of the 476 Lorne Scots Army Cadets are walking tall and well they should. They won the Strathcona Award for the first time. The award is given to the top five corps

in central Ontario. Proudly showing off the large shield, are W.O.I Derek Murphy, Sgt. Craig Grant, Sgt. David Cillis and C.O. Capt. John Hodskins.

Keep ban on Sunday auctions

Auction sales are still banned on Sundays. Halton Hills general committee recommended the bylaw stay as it is, at least for the present.

A recommendation earlier had suggested outdoor auctions could be held in the same location four Sundays a year, but that idea went down to defeat this week, after a plea by auctioneer Ward Brownridge asking the Sunday ban be continued.

Brownridge claimed a petition submitted by another auctioneer, signed by 230 people, asking for Sunday auctions, was misleading. He said the claim made by Forbes that he could hold Sunday auctions in Milton or Brampton was only partly true and said the Junior Farmers buildings in both towns, where most auctions are held, did not allow Sunday auctions.

He contended auctions attract a large number of cars and suggested it was an annoyance to the neighbours on a Sunday when they may peace and quiet. He predicted problems for council.

Brownridge contended the signatures on the position were largely from out of town, and chal-

enged Forbes to explain why the neighbours in the Lot 27, Seventh Line area were not asked to sign the petition.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy said as far as he knew auction sales on Sunday were legal in both Milton and Brampton.

Forbes said signatures were obtained from the people attending auctions and said some were neighbours. He commented, "parking is just as much of a problem on Saturdays as Sundays."

He emphasized he had received no complaints from his neighbors about any of the five Sunday sales he held this year, and pointed out he had half an acre of his own, plus the dead end old Highway 7 road, available for parking. "I can go to Milton or Brampton and have a sale any Sunday, not in the Junior Farmers' buildings since that is their rule, and I respect it." He said of knew of no municipality in Ontario that bans Sunday auctions.

Forbes reminded council he pays a fee to the town for an auctioneer's licence, and claimed

every other auctioneer except Brownridge agrees with Sunday auctions. He said five auctioneers had signed the petition.

In reply to a question from the mayor, Forbes said he had never had complaint about parking and never had a call from the police about moving cars.

Councillor Pam Sheldon maintained there was no valid reason to change the bylaw and said the solicitor's opinion seemed to say auctions can be held anytime if the merchandise is all antiques, and if no auction is held on the previous Saturday. He pointed out a number of businesses are open on Sundays in the rural area, which may not comply with bylaws. Councillor Walter Biehn said the prohibition of Sunday auction sales is ridiculous since many other things are open, and argued more people can attend auctions on Sundays than any other day.

Councillor Russ Miller suggested restrictions should apply only in residential areas.

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Education

Halton Hills loser if proposal approved

by Carol Stewart-Kirby

Halton Hills homeowners will have to pay a larger portion of Halton's education costs if a new provincial proposal to change the funding of education in Ontario is approved.

Barbara Moore, superintendent of Business Services for the Halton Board of Education, told trustees Thursday, the aim of the proposal is a more equal distribution of education costs amongst owners of residential properties; an improved method of using taxes raised through commercial and residential assessment; and restrictions on boards which are spending too much money.

Moore said because Burlington has historically carried the larger portion of education costs in Halton if approved, the proposal will achieve a more balanced proportion of education payments in the region. Halton Hills in other words will pay more, while Burlington will pay less.

"The thrust of this proposal is two pronged. First it is aimed at equalizing the tax burden based solely on the residential factor. Second it will assist other boards who are now poorer," Moore said.

But in dollars and cents, it is impossible to tell exactly how Halton will be affected under the proposal. "Depending on the numbers the ministry puts into this proposal, residents and children could be af-

fected. The increased tax burden could be placed on residents or the board could decide to cut programs to lower that burden or both could happen," Moore explained.

The proposal suggests the ministry of education will establish an equalization factor, which when blended with the current mill rate factors published by the ministry of revenue will produce a more balanced distribution of residential tax

assessment across the province.

Commercial and industrial assessment would be levied directly by the province and taxes would be pooled and redistributed across Ontario by the province, according to the proposal. Currently commercial and industrial taxes are included in school related municipal taxes. Under the plan, factories and businesses would be exempt from the portion of local property

taxes pertaining to schools.

An excerpt from Moore's presentation explains the ministry's rationale behind this switch. "The employees of a major industry aren't drawn just from the municipality in which the business is located. The cost of educating those employees or their children isn't borne just by the school board in that municipality. And business and industry derive a significant part of their revenues from people in other municipalities. Perhaps then the revenue from that assessment should be pooled, in order to limit these spill-overs of tax incidence and benefit, and shared by all school boards in proportion to the need."

Finally, any board which exceeds the "allowable" level of expenditure, determined by the ministry of education, will have to finance those costs only by residential taxes.

The corresponding commercial and industrial taxes will be levied, but collected by the province to be redistributed to all school boards.

For instance, in Halton, a \$1 million excess amount would currently be raised through \$662,590 in residential taxes and \$337,410 in commercial taxes.

Under the proposal, the \$1 million would be levied directly on homeowners and the corresponding \$509,252 in commercial taxes would go to the province.

Employee assistance considered in Halton

Subject to the new incoming council, Halton Hills employees will have available to them an Employee Assistance Program.

This program, according to clerk administrator Ken Richardson "helps employees to cope with deterioration in work performance caused by mental health and or substance abuse problems. This is a program which is readily acceptable in private industry and has been recognized in other governmental agencies as a program worthy of consideration by this region".

Richardson revealed, "it is a fact that troubled employees use sickness benefits more frequently, have more work place accidents, and are involved in more discipline actions and grievances. Research has proven that a significant group of employed persons need assistance for a variety of personal difficulties. An Employee Assistance Program promotes the availability of services, provides easily acceptable services, prepares supervisors for identifying employees with problems and then dealing with the troubled employee, and assists in

resolving personal problems more expeditiously.

Three alternatives were looked into and after a review it was decided to utilize the Halton Family Service Bureau, which has offices in Milton and Oakville.

Committee passed without comment a recommendation to enter into an arrangement with Halton Family Service Bureau to provide a program for all municipal employees of the region, the area municipalities, the library boards, the boards of commissioners of police and the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Maltby says goodbye

Councillor George Maltby paid tribute to his late colleague Len Coxe last Tuesday evening during his goodbye speech to Halton Hills Council members.

Announcing his retirement from politics after 10 years, Maltby noted how Coxe was his friend and advocate. Coxe led him into the political game. Sadly, the departing councillor said, it was the death of Coxe which led Maltby to his present seat on council in 1975.

Maltby spoke of the disappointments he has endured in the past 10 years, such as the Hydro line, and the "Great Non-law", the Agricultural Code of Practice. He describes this as a piece of leg-



George Maltby



Laura Treble cuddles one of her German shepherd dogs which is destined for the royal family of Qatar. A friend's son-in-law works for the sheik and recommended her kennels to supply the royal children with a pet.

Halton Hills' puppy soon to be Qatar's royal dog

by Helen Murray

A puppy born in Halton Hills is destined to be the royal dog of Qatar.

Laura Treble, of Tanhardt Kennels, on Highway 7 and Trafalgar Road has sold a German Shepherd to the Sheik of Qatar, a small country on the Persian Gulf on the east side of Saudi Arabia.

Laura explains a Nova Scotian friend's son-in-law works for the head of the middle-east country. When the son-in-law made a recent trip home, he mentioned how the Sheik wanted a Shepherd for his children. Because Laura was the only one she knew who raised the dogs, she called her.

Since then, Laura says, there have been numerous calls to Nova Scotia, and Qatar—collect of course. On one such phone call, the operator pointed out the Canadian was calling "the royal family", and collect at that. Laura said she knew very well whom she was calling.

Because of certain laws, the puppy must first be flown to Paris where it will have at least a six hour layover before going on to Qatar. Laura is worried about how the young canine will get water, and would like someone to meet the dog in Paris. Failing that, she would like to go as far as Paris with him to make sure all is well.

Laura's had the kennels since 1951, when she and her dogs outgrew a Richmond Hill location. Her first litter of shepherds came along in 1954.

Laura herself has six shepherds and six Keeshounds. They are bred and shown at various shows across the country. There is room for about 24 boarders too. Cats are only taken if a dog from the same family is also being boarded. Dogs from the same family are also doubled up in their stalls.

Laura makes sure the dogs always have food sitting out, and the runs are open all day and night so the pets can go for a run whenever they feel like it. While some pets are boarded just for the weekend, and some for up to six weeks, the average is two weeks.

Dogs bred by Laura have gone all over Canada. In fact, she reveals, she provided the Ontario Provincial Police with their first-ever dog. She can't remember the exact date, but she thinks that was in the early 1970s. The police have got a few

more animals from her, and are frequently asking her for advice.

Laura points out the OPP are only interested in a dog steady in temperament, not aggressive, but not shy. They will only take male dogs because they are generally taller than the females. But she says, only female dogs are used as guide-dogs for the blind, because they are gentler and more responsible.

Laura likes to share her knowledge of dogs with others. She teaches dog obedience classes in Ballinacree and in Fergus.

There are only six people in a class, and the first week is spent without the dogs present. The owners are taught how to keep their dogs' attentions. Over the next several weeks the dogs are taught general good manners, teaching them not to jump up, or to dig. Owners of purebred dogs are given extra work to ready the animal for dog shows and obedience trials.

"No dog is too old to learn," Laura stresses, but they must be worked with seven days a week. And mutts are just as capable of learning as purebreds, she said. It all depends on the trainer.

Laura prefers dogs at least eight-months-old. When they are too young they have a short attention span. Her classes have every size of dog from St. Bernard to Chihuahua, and all get along fine, she says. Some of the dogs can hardly wait to greet their new found friends.

Laura's house is filled with ribbons her dogs have won at various events across Canada, and the U.S. One show took her to Bermuda.

She is a life member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Canada, and is vice-president and secretary, as well as trophy chairman. She has been the president of the Guelph and District Kennel Club, which started in 1970.

Admittedly, shepherds are Laura's first love. However, she has grown to love the Keeshound, which in layman's terms is more like a big ball of fur than a dog. She got into this breed by accident, she recalls. She wanted another kind of dog, in 1968, and a friend suggested the Keeshound. She has since found herself breeding several generations.

The old adage "dogs are man's best friend", also holds true for Laura. Dogs are her best friend.

Halton 4-H show at Erin

by Douglas B. Miller

A number of keen Halton 4-H members took part in the 4-H Inter-club Show at Erin Fall Fair on the Thanksgiving week-end.

In a strong Field Crop Competition, David Wilson's hay entry was declared champion while Keith Middlebrook's entry was in the C group. John Reid's grain corn entry was third. In the cereal grain classes, Niek Tor's barley entry placed fifth and Bob Wilson's mixed grain was placed in the B group.

The 4-H Inter-club Dairy Show was held on Saturday, with six Halton members taking part. In the Senior Holstein calf class, results were: 3rd, Dan Wickson, 5th, Amanda Kunica, and 7th, Charles Bird. John McPhail placed third in the Intermediate Holstein Heifer class.

Ronald Bird topped the Junior Holstein Heifer class with Frances Chisholm placing third. In the group of three heifers from any 4-H club, Halton's group of calves (Dan Wickson's, John McPhail's, and Amanda Kunica's) placed third. The Halton members placed fourth in the herdsman competition.

The Fair concluded on Monday with the 4-H Inter-club Beef Show. In the Angus steer class, Heather Lasby placed fourth. Gerry Clarke, Dave McCann, and Doug McCann all placed in the B group in the crossbred steer class. Results in the Limousin class included Jodie Stult, fifth, and Lee Stult, B group.

David Lasby topped the Shorthorn steer class. He went on to win the Wellington District Shorthorn Club award for the Best 4-H Shorthorn calf at Erin Fair. In the Angus breeding heifer class, Andrew Marsh placed second.

The Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club's group of three entry placed seventh. The steers were exhibited by Dave McCann, Jodie Stult, and Lee Stult.

In the Herdsman Competition, the Acton 4-H Calf Club placed third.

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