

The full-size paper reaching more than 12,600 homes in Halton Hills

the HERALD

Home Newspaper of Halton Hills

CHIC TALKRADIO 79 Paul RICHARDS

28 PAGES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1977



HEATHER LINDSAY COMFORTS PATIENT SHIRLEY JESSOP

"ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A NURSE"

859 hours dedicated by hospital aide

An 18-year-old Limehouse area resident enthusiastic about nursing, has dedicated 859 hours to volunteer time as a candystriper at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital in the past year.

Heather Lindsay "always wanted to be a nurse" and intends to pursue her career by entering university upon completion of Grade 13 next year.

During her four years as a candystriper, Miss Lindsay feels her work has been worthwhile since the nurses realize she is genuinely interested in the hospital and teach her things in their spare time. She's learned how to take blood pressure, fold bandages, use the cardiac machine and fill humidifiers among other duties.

Her responsibilities as a candystriper convinced Miss Lindsay, "nursing is for me."

Miss Lindsay who has done everything from wash and feed patients to working in

physiotherapy, helping in the gift shop and making beds, prefers medical ward duty. There she has an opportunity to chat with "some of the lonely older people and the children who are a bit afraid."

Marion Booth, in charge of the hospital candystripers and first vice-president of the hospital's ladies auxiliary, praised Miss Lindsay for her dedication. She pointed out although some girls volunteer their services for years, generally, candystripping is a very transient business.

For example, in 1976 she said there was a "tremendous turnover as usual" with 44 in January, 18 leaving in the summer, 28 trainees and 31 candystripers now.

The training program includes lectures by a registered nurse, and staff dietician and an orientation tour of the hospital, when instructions are explained.

In addition, Mrs. Booth arranges educational trips for

the candystripers. Last week they visited an orthopedic hospital in Toronto. Past excursions include touring an arthritic hospital in Hamilton, the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, and a school for the deaf in Milton.

Guest speakers are periodically invited to the candystripers monthly meetings. The purpose of trips is to "give the girls an idea of the specialized fields of nursing," explained Mrs. Booth.

Her experience with Brownies and Girl Guides led to an invitation to co-ordinate the candystripers four years ago. She arranges work schedules and acts as a liaison between candystripers and the hospital. Every December, she organizes a pot luck supper-party for the girls.

"I'm like a mother to them," she said, pointing out that her efforts are worthwhile when a candystriper announces her acceptance into nursing

school. Another pride-provoking experience was the presentation of the Optimists Club's Youth Award to the candystripers two years ago.

"Being a candystriper gives a girl an opportunity to see what nursing is like," said Mrs. Booth, "and most girls are interested and learn a lot, but work hard and deserve recognition too."

Miss Lindsay agrees exposure to day-to-day hospital operation has given her "insight."

"I wouldn't go into administration or be a supervisor," she said, "because what I really like is dealing with people. I hope, as a nurse, I'll always have time to give people the personal attention they need."

A bit nervous when she started candystripping at age 14, Miss Lindsay is now "confident and at home in a hospital."

And she enjoys the work so much, she even volunteered for duty Christmas Day.

Another pride-provoking experience was the presentation of the Optimists Club's Youth Award to the candystripers two years ago.

"Being a candystriper gives a girl an opportunity to see what nursing is like," said Mrs. Booth, "and most girls are interested and learn a lot, but work hard and deserve recognition too."

Miss Lindsay agrees exposure to day-to-day hospital operation has given her "insight."

"I wouldn't go into administration or be a supervisor," she said, "because what I really like is dealing with people. I hope, as a nurse, I'll always have time to give people the personal attention they need."

A bit nervous when she started candystripping at age 14, Miss Lindsay is now "confident and at home in a hospital."

And she enjoys the work so much, she even volunteered for duty Christmas Day.

Education costs \$1.8 million below '76 budget: board

Halton board of education, which last year trimmed \$2 million from its 1976 budget because of cutbacks from the Ministry of Education, learned last night that it spent \$1,854,411 less than it had budgeted.

Last year the board spent \$72,380,542, trustee Noel Cooper, chairman of the finance committee, told the board. Actual revenue was \$1,748,923 more than anticipated and actual expenditures \$105,488 less than anticipated, he said.

However, \$1,007,831, of the amount under budget is from supplementary taxes received from the four municipalities—Halton Hills, Milton, Oakville and Burlington—trustee Cooper said and the net amount of overlevy to be applied to the 1977 levy is \$646,580.

Ratepayers were saved an "inordinate jump" in taxes for 1976, he said, although cutbacks and delays in programs and capital expenditures are only temporary. Some of the saving was made by transferring money from the reserve fund to the operating fund.

Domtar keeps word, 30 find jobs: company

Domtar Fine Papers will not renege on its word to aid employees of its Georgetown coating mill operation when the local plant closes Feb. 25. Thomas Hall, general manager for manufacturing, said from Montreal Monday that provisions for company industrial conversion plan has been made and will be implemented "at the best time." He was replying to criticism

sterring money from the reserve fund to the operating fund.

"We're hoping to strike a (1977) budget below grant ceilings but it is getting more difficult all the time, Trustee Cooper said.

An analysis of enrolments, expenditures and costs per pupil for elementary, secondary and students and trainable retarded shows that:

-cost per elementary pupils with an average daily enrolment of 30,326 in 1976 was \$1,170.11;

-cost per secondary pupils with an average daily enrolment of 20,416 in 1976 was \$1,779.49;

-and cost per trainable mentally retarded with an average daily enrolment of 149 was \$3,797.29.

Provincial grant ceilings for elementary students was \$1,113 of which the board spent \$1,018, for secondary students and trainable mentally retarded the grant ceiling was \$1,591 of which the board spent \$1,590.

Mr. Hall said the action committee may be ahead of themselves since the plan will be used. He said retraining programs will be discussed next week by a joint company-

Continued on Page 13

ONE DEATH, NUMEROUS ACCIDENTS

Wind, snow cause havoc

Blizzard-like conditions fell on North Halton Friday as a second winter storm within a month caused one death and left residents shivering in cold temperatures as police, road and water service crews worked around the clock on the weekend to bring life back to normal.

Winds gusting up to 80 km-hour drifted an estimated 10 cm (four inches) of snow which fell on the area causing whiteouts in both rural and urban areas of Halton Hills.

More than 10,000 North Halton school children were dismissed about noon Friday as buses attempted, some without success, to return children home as temperatures dropped rapidly to -21c in the wake of the storm. Drifting along regional and town roads reached as high as 15 feet as crews battled to keep traffic arteries open.

Ontario Provincial Police at Milton report Chi Wah Ma, of Toronto, died following an accident on Highway 401 when his vehicle was involved in a chain-reaction crash near the Steeles Avenue overpass east of urban Milton.

An OPP spokesman said Highways 401 and 25 were officially closed but lack of manpower resulting from investigations into 33 accidents, and rescuing stranded motorists by all available police officers, meant the closure could not be enforced with road blocks.

Several OPP detachments including Milton and Guelph called on motorists to report accidents Saturday as the storm intensified reducing visibility to nil in spots and prevented police officers from reaching some accident scenes.

GO Transit service to Guelph and Halton Hills was curtailed for a period Friday as visibility and accidents reduced the bus service to a crawl. Two trains, with only half-capacity, left Toronto on time at 5:06 and 5:45 p.m. but outside Toronto travelling slowed also.

North Halton escaped the brunt of the storm which also struck the Niagara Peninsula and Upper New York State causing large-scale snow drifting. That area was continuing efforts Tuesday to dig itself out from the storm. Many people were left stranded in vehicles, some were missing and police were searching for looters of stores and abandoned autos, as volunteer snowmobile operators delivered essential supplies to residents.

Halton Regional Police were called to investigate an accident on Highway 7 near Moore Park and the Eighth Line cutoff which involved a reported 10 vehicles in a chain-reaction collision.

Visibility on Main Street Georgetown was nil noon Friday as the storm intensified and winds picked up new fallen snow and created squalls. Traffic was reduced to a crawl as police urged motorists to remain off the roads until the storm passed.

Spokesmen for the Action and Georgetown Hydro Commissions report no problems associated with the storm. Ontario Hydro spokesmen in Guelph and Brampton report nothing more than "normal" isolated cases of power interruptions in one or two areas.

Bell Canada installers and repair crews from Kitchener and Brampton were called off the job early Friday spokesmen from both cities reported. There was no report of line interruptions but slow dial tones occurred as congested telephone circuits resulted in both Georgetown and Acton.

Temperatures dropped from about -6c to -21 overnight Friday causing freezing of water service and "numerous" breaks throughout the region, a spokesman for Halton Region public works said.

"We even look operators (out of treatment plants) and put them working on watermain breaks," Don Maurier, manager of maintenance said. Mr. Maurier said 15 watermain breaks were serviced by crews working "constantly" throughout the weekend. More than 50 frozen water services were also reported. About four breaks occurred in Halton Hills, he said.

Over 100 men worked battling the elements as regional work forces tried to keep service up to normal, he said. Ten snowplows equipped with V-type blades worked as long as 48 hours clearing roads and at one point regional forces were diverted to aid the Town of Milton which "was completely blocked."

Both Halton Region and Halton Hills crews were taken off the road for a few hours Friday afternoon as visibility dropped in rural areas. Halton Hills crews continued to clear roads in the rural areas early this week. Monday the Fifth Line was cleared and work continued to clear the Third and Fourth Lines, works superintendent Frank Moretto

said. Mr. Maurier said the extra workload for regional work crews resulted in "fantastic co-operation" by road, water and sewer employees as they work to restore services.

A spokesman for the Halton board of education said the running of school buses will remain a day-to-day decision until the conditions on regional roads improve.

He said two cases of school buses either stalled or stuck in snowdrifts were reported in the Milton area and children were housed and then taken home by residents.

"I was on Tremaine and Derry Road at 9 p.m. Friday and I haven't experienced anything like it before," the spokesman said. "Visibility was nil and it's probably one of the worst storms we have had in some time as far as transportation is concerned."

at the far end of a new addition to the Works Garage which not only hampered their duties but also reduced the space in the garage," the public panel report states.

The report also stressed that a "future inspection panel inspect to ensure the proposed watermain has been completed as present water supply system is contaminated and employees have to bring their own drinking water."

The contamination of water at the town offices has been a recurring problem since the regional health unit began water testing more than three years ago. Last year regional council approved a \$70,000 extension of water services from Maple Avenue Georgetown to the building. Construction has not started.

The panel also noted "an ever growing need for more foster homes and additional efforts are needed to increase

the numbers of immediately, as there are 160 to 200 children in 90 homes at present. Therefore, some extra money and people power must be applied to this area."

The panel also suggested a \$500 per year public relations budget for the Children's Aid Society to inform the public of the programs and functions of the CAS.

It also noted that "there appears to be a need for a holding centre for 16-17 and 18-year-olds, who have committed minor offences" to avoid them being placed in jail with hardened criminals or returned home.

The summary report also suggests "a pressing need" for Nellies, or short-term housing for women and families thrown out of the home.

The engineering and building departments were located

get has been set for 1978. Ministry funds would be available to reduce the annual cost of construction to consumers to about \$10 to \$30 per year. The subsidy, dependent on the end cost of the project could run as high as 80 per cent or as low as 50 per cent.

Mr. Reed said the project has only been setback by a few months. Construction could commence as scheduled with Halton taking a debenture to provide capital for the project until provincial funds become available Jan. 1 1978.

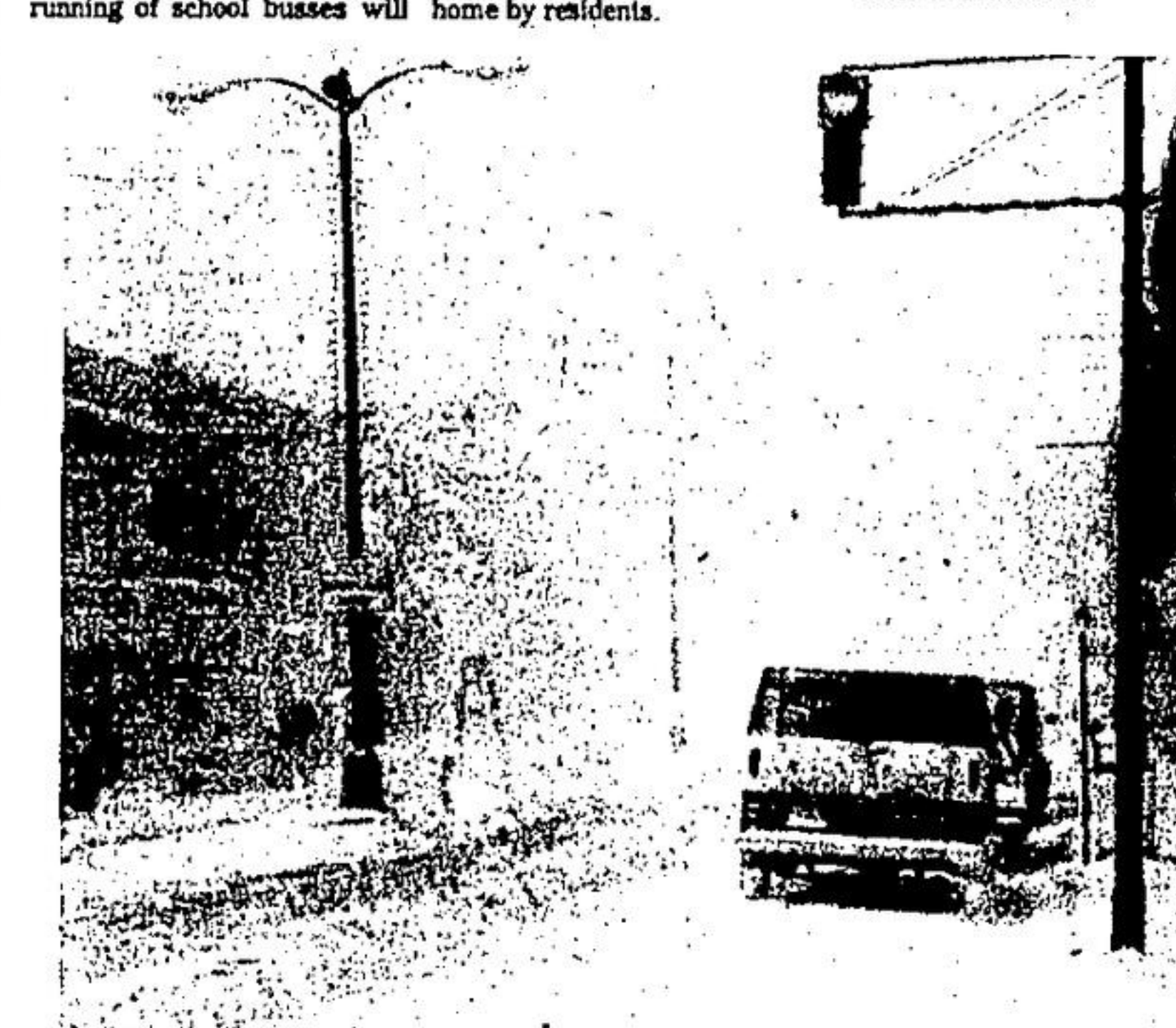
Halton Region Chairman Ric Morrow has sought a guarantee from the province of the subsidy funds and the level at which they will be provided. No reply to his letter has been received when this story was written.

Provincial constraint programs have reduced priority for projects not required to overcome health or environmental pollution problems, a ministry spokesman said.

The water situation in Norval has been a concern since 1973 when the regional health unit reacting to a petition from residents tested 74 wells finding 66 per cent unsatisfactory. A spokesman for the health unit said that of 49 wells with a coliform result, 15 had a fatal contamination and roughly 50 per cent or one well in the area do not have sufficient supply.

Testing continues on request he said, adding that if a major survey was conducted again today "we would no doubt get the same results."

Dr. Joseph Chamberlain, medical officer of health, said Friday that one test in December showed a questionable quality of water.



MAIN STREET GEORGETOWN AT NOON ON FRIDAY

Town office inadequate inspection panel finds

Halton Hills municipal offices "are totally inadequate for the duties that are performed under regional government," a public inspection panel found during an inspection last fall.

The six-member panel which inspected nine public facilities in Halton including the health unit, courthouse, Maplehurst provincial and Milton jail facilities, the Children's Aid Society and Milton OPP, did not make any recommendations following its Nov. 4 inspection of the town offices on the Seventh Line.

The panel, a successor to the Grand Jury abolished last year found the present facilities were made for one municipality prior to regionalization and now must function for three communities: Georgetown, Esqueping Township and Acton.

The panel also noted "an ever growing need for more foster homes and additional efforts are needed to increase

the numbers of immediately, as there are 160 to 200 children in 90 homes at present. Therefore, some extra money and people power must be applied to this area."

The panel also suggested a \$500 per year public relations budget for the Children's Aid Society to inform the public of the programs and functions of the CAS.

It also noted that "there appears to be a need for a holding centre for 16-17 and 18-year-olds, who have committed minor offences" to avoid them being placed in jail with hardened criminals or returned home.

The summary report also suggests "a pressing need" for Nellies, or short-term housing for women and families thrown out of the home.

The engineering and building departments were located

get has been set for 1978. Ministry funds would be available to reduce the annual cost of construction to consumers to about \$10 to \$30 per year. The subsidy, dependent on the end cost of the project could run as high as 80 per cent or as low as 50 per cent.

Mr. Reed said the project has only been setback by a few months. Construction could commence as scheduled with Halton taking a debenture to provide capital for the project until provincial funds become available Jan. 1 1978.

What's Inside Today!

Page 2 - Settlement takes 14 years
Page 3 - Hard work ahead for Acton Fair
Page 5 - HRC ideals explained
Page 13 - Correspondent honored

GEE! IS THIS WHAT FLORIDA LOOKS LIKE?

Gofer the groundhog may have a smile on his face but the odds are that today when he raises his head through his burrow he'll see his shadow, become frightened and we all suffer for six more weeks of what is proving to be a cold winter. Forecasters are predicting diminishing winds for Wednesday following the onslaught of cold air and snow

which blanketed the area last weekend. But no one at Environment Canada offices at Milton would venture whether the sun would be shining when Gofer sticks his head through the snow. "It's one of those things," a forecaster commented, "sometimes might have sun and others may be overcast."

