

\$25 million price tag for Bradley line delay

Recently revised estimates released Wednesday by Ontario Hydro show that consumers in this province will pay anywhere from \$25 million for alternative sources of energy if the ongoing delay in the construction of the Bradley to Milton transmission corridor continues until March, 1979.

Peter Webster, senior community relations officer for Hydro said the estimates represent the cost of supplying power from fossil fuel generating stations combined with interest charges and lost revenue from the power awaiting transmission at the Bruce nuclear plant on Georgian Bay.

Mr. Webster explained that the figures were based on the assumption that March 1, 1979, would be the earliest possible date the proposed 500 kilovolt corridor can be completed. After that date, he said, the average cost of supplying power from alternative sources would be between \$5 million and \$15 million a month.

The Bradley to Milton corridor is currently awaiting approval by energy minister James Taylor. Construction has begun on the number of properties along the northern and central sections of the corridor route, but hydro crews are prevented from carrying the line into Halton Hills by a zoning restriction. Construction along the southern section, in addition, has not yet been approved.

Lengthy public hearings, including the recently completed expropriation inquiry on the Halton Hills section of the line, which stretched out for six months, have delayed the line's construction far beyond its original building schedule.

The cost estimates released this week verify an earlier prediction by Dennis Timbrell, Mr. Timbrell, then energy minister, told a Milton political rally in March, 1976, that the corridor's delay was costing Ontario Citizens \$25 million to \$48 million. As a result, he refused to order an independent study of alternative corridor routes as demanded by opponents of the project.

Hydro lawyer Bruce Campbell told the Environmental Hearing Board in August, 1975, that consumers could expect a \$13 million to \$30 million increase in the cost of energy over the subsequent two years if the construction of the corridor was delayed.

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MAKING LIKE AN ELEPHANT

Theatre Max of Guelph presented a children's play before a live audience at the Acton Arena Saturday. In a scene from the play Elefants Phever Norget an actress urges the participation by the young people to trumpet like an elephant. The play ended with a fantasy hunt inside the building. The play is designed for children ages 4 to 12.

CAS head seeks budget review

By KAREN WARD
Herald staff writer

After nine months of stalemate negotiations between Halton Children's Aid Society (CAS) and the ministry of community and social service, CAS board chairman Brian Clarke has asked a children's welfare review committee be set up to examine its 1977 budget request of \$1,589,610.

Originally, the region pared CAS's initial request to \$1,375,528 and the province adjusted this to \$1,229,945.

Mr. Clarke said his frequent correspondence with ministry officials shows that a "game" is being played. Dates mentioned, he said, on correspondence are frequently illogical when compared with content and show "someone is playing games with us."

Therefore, Halton CAS agency joins with other associates in applying for a review.

The review committee is similar to an arbitration court and consists of three members: one member appointed by the Ontario Association of CAS; one member appointed by the region; and a chairman appointed by the province.

Ron Coupland, executive CAS director, said he is reluctant to follow a ministerial suggestion of seeking a supplementary budget if the approved budget isn't enough because supplementary budgets don't include the expenses of increased staff, salaries of costs of occupying a building. All of these expenses must be secured through a primary budget, he said.

In a letter to Clarke, Community and Social Services Minister, Keith Norton has said that the province has "made every effort to distribute the limited funds available in 1977 in a fair and equitable manner to all the societies in the province."

However, several Board members said they know from informed sources within the ministry that the distribution of money is a "game" the province plays in spending to control spending.

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About The Hills



Eleanor Searth said she doesn't play the piano faithfully, but will pluck away at it while daughter Leslie sings.

KEEPING INFORMED

Eleanor Searth, 4 Chipper Ct. said she enjoyed her term as president of the University of Women's Club in Georgetown. "It kept me fairly busy, but the meetings are stimulating and I met a lot of interesting women."

About 20 women members with university degrees attended meetings and often members split into interest groups such as hiking or cross-country ski groups. This year if enough members are interested a powder-puff mechanic group and a photography group may be started.

On a rotating basis, several members attend council meetings to keep politically informed. Also, a small group this year may study county law and give a report to the club. Many women are interested in the re-habilitation of women prisoners and a study group may be formed.

Career Day at Georgetown and district high school sponsored by the University of Women's Club, will run Oct. 6 for Grades 11, 12 and 13.

Nora Lipp is this year's president and is presently travelling western Canada. Anyone interested in joining the Women's Club should contact Linda Stadelmann at 877-3111. The next meeting will be held at a member's home on Sept. 13.

Other meetings will be held monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at Centennial school in the resource room.

Mrs. Searth, who has a two-year-old daughter and five-year-old son, said the problems of finding a reliable babysitter are minimal since several of the meetings are held at night. Most of the day meetings are held at the same time the YM-YWCA holds its babysitting service, she said.

Although most of the women who belong to the club are young housewives with small children, Mrs. Searth said a large cross-section of women are attending and a few grandmothers now attend the meetings.

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