



**ATTEND FARM SHOW**

Clay Equipment Corporation of Georgetown was just one of 350 displays at the Canada Farm Show, held recently in Toronto. Here, left to right, John Hill, Clay branch manager talks with territorial managers Newton Gibson and Bob Paddison about the ring drive silo unloader, in the background. (TORONTO BUREAU PHOTO)

**OMB approves corridor on east-west hydro route**

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The final link in an Ontario east-west power corridor through Halton Hills was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) last week, ending almost five years of study.

In its decision the OMB directed Halton Hills to amend its Esqueewing official plan to allow for the construction of about five miles of 500 kv high voltage transmission lines. The application was made by Ontario Hydro.

The lines, 250 feet wide, will enter Halton Hills from the west crossing easterly through lot 6 concessions 1, 2 and 3, then south to Milton through parts of lot 1 and 2 in concessions 5, out of the former township of Esqueewing. The board said "the exten-

sive hearings, which have already taken place and which clearly established the public need, also considered and concluded favorably the effects of the proposal on the surrounding lands."

It said, in addition, Ontario ministry of energy approval for land acquisition, and construction of towers, in adjoining municipalities to the Halton Hills corridor, placed the onus on the opponents of the Hydro application.

Opposing the application Halton Hills Municipal officials called for more studies in the area but the board said that was "absurd in view of the evidence."

The municipality also wanted to change the route over a six-tenths of a mile stretch to alter the visual impact of the transmission lines. The board said, however, the municipality prepared no supportive

evidence for the change. In its presentation, Ontario Hydro said the lands involved are not close to urban or residential areas and do not fall into the environmentally sensitive category.

Hydro said the land's planned use would still be compatible with farming.

Individual objectors raised concerns about reduced agricultural land, safety on the land and use of car radios but the board said Hydro has offered to prevent use under the lines and evidences shows a minimal impact on car radios.

The Halton portion of the line will complete a 96-mile corridor from the Middleport transformer station to the Cherrywood transformer station.

A hearing still has to be held in the north-south route planned by Ontario Hydro. No date has been set yet.

**Developmental centre going strong**

Halton Developmental Centre, which provides day programs for retarded and handicapped children whose parents want them to live at home, is approaching its second anniversary in April, and is going strong, Pauline Stephenson says.

Mrs. Stephenson, who works at the developmental centre, showed a slide presentation and discussed the functions of the centre at the general meeting of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded on Feb. 6.

The centre is jointly operated by the North Halton, Oakville and Burlington and District Associations for the Mentally Retarded, and is funded by the ministry of community and social services.

The centre is administered and operated by a management committee made up of seven members, two from each association and one member at large. The staff at the centre includes a speech therapist, a physical therapist, two kinesiologists, and three graduates from courses in early childhood education for the handicapped, Mrs. Stephenson said.

There are 17 developmental centres in Ontario. The Halton Developmental Centre operates a large wing of E.C. Drury School for the Hearing Handicapped in Milton. The area now used by the centre was previously used as a dormitory, and has been renovated to meet the needs of the centre.

There are presently 22 students at the centre, with three more expected in a month's time, Mrs. Stephenson said. The students are divided into two groups of junior and senior students. The junior group has 3 teachers, and the two senior groups have 2 teachers each. The students are all between the ages of 5 and 18.

The centre operates under the Ontario regulations of the Day Nurseries Act, and is licensed to serve 30 students. In order to be admitted, the students must be functioning with a deficit of one-third or more in a skill area, such as language, or gross motor control, Mrs. Stephenson said. The centre accepts referrals from parents, public health nurses, the Children's Aid Society and social workers.

"I've even had one from the

medical profession, and that is pretty rare," Mrs. Stephenson said. Most of the students have been assessed before entering the centre, but after three months the staff at the centre make their own assessment. Students who are accepted into the centre are usually unable to benefit from any other programs being offered in Halton.

The purpose of the centre is to aid the development of the retarded person, who needs specialized long-term care to realize his potential, Mrs. Stephenson said. The centre also attempts to provide support for the parents, and to raise the functioning level of each student to make it easier for all in the home. It is also

hoped that eventually, some of the students can be enrolled within the school system in special classes.

"When we take students, it's not for 10 years," Mrs. Stephenson said. "We take them, set up a program for them and do the best we can for them."

"It may take a little longer than we thought in the beginning, but the idea is to get them back into the trainable school," she added.

Volunteers are an important part of the program at the centre. With a sufficient number of volunteers, the centre can maintain a student-adult ratio of one-to-one. Volunteers are also needed for

special day programs, such as picnics and excursions to shopping malls. Lunch is provided for the volunteers, and transportation is available for those who live in the Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Oakville and Burlington areas.

"The title 'developmental' indicates that the centre is not a custodial or baby-sitting service, but implies stimulating comprehensive programs, tailored to the individual needs of each student to improve their mental and physical function," a brochure on the centre states.

"We have only three children out of 22 who can't feed themselves," Mrs. Stephenson said. "That is an area worked on by the staff to make it easy for the parents. We also have home visits and generally provide as much support as possible for the parents."

"The idea of a developmental centre is to keep the children in the home, and in a program five days a week, and not in institutions," she concluded.

**Board supports fast**

High school students in Halton can go without lunch May 3 and devote that day to studying world problems with the full approval of Halton Board of Education. The board Thursday endorsed CANADA FAST, a national educational program originated by students under the sponsorship of UNICEF and the Canadian Save the Children Fund.

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**Crazy Boats sail April 1**

Georgetown Jaycees have announced the 11th annual Crazy Boat Race route along the Credit River may be modified this year.

The race, which has in the past drawn spectators and participants from across the province and the northern United States, will be held April 1 starting at 10 a.m. Registration will be at the 10th Line.

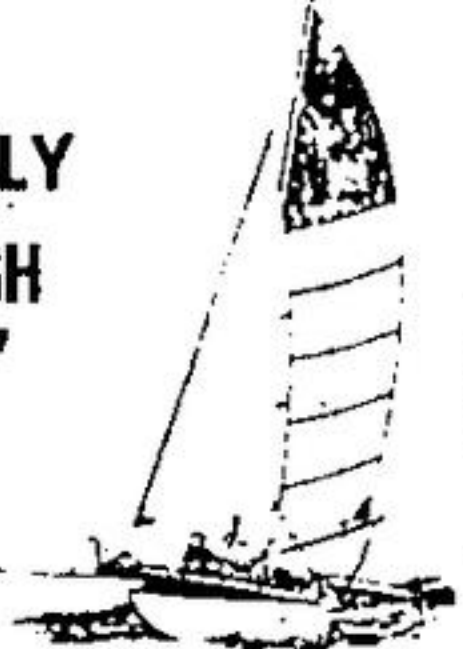
Jaycee Larry Nicholls said the possible change in routing will be announced later prior to the commencement of the race. Officials said they are concerned about the large number of entries ending near the Paper Mill Dam.

There will also be a new class, officials announced. This will be Crazy craft for business, allowing corporate advertising. A dance will be held at the Way-Jay Club later where trophies will be presented. The race last year drew about 106 entries and covered a five-mile course from Terra Cotta to the Paper Mill Dam.

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