

**CARRIER OF THE MONTH**



**TERRY LOTT**

The Herald carrier of the month for March is 13-year-old Terry Lott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lott of Wescott Rd., Acton.

Terry is an eighth grade student at McKenzie-Smith Middle School, who plays hockey and makes models.

He has been a Herald carrier for two or three years delivering 167 papers along Churchhill Road South from Highway 7 south to the apartments.

The Lotts are long time Acton residents and Terry has an older brother and two older sisters, and a younger brother and sister.

Terry will receive a gift certificate from McDonalds for being chosen Herald carrier for March.

**Philbrook learns of insurance plan**

From the Ottawa Bureau of The Herald

claims being given to secured creditors such as banks and mortgage companies.

Allmand said a funded insurance program seems to be the best response to the problem of protecting employees.

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The federal government is studying the feasibility of a funded insurance program to protect employees of bankrupt companies. Dr. Frank Philbrook (L-Hallon) learned in the House of Commons Monday.

Warren Allmand, minister of consumer and corporate affairs said a bankruptcy reform bill introduced in the Senate provides that wage earners will rank at the top of preferred creditors with an increase in their preferred claims from \$500 to \$2,000 for each employee.

"They do not rank ahead of secured creditors," said Allmand.

Dr. Philbrook asked Allmand for assurance that employees will continue to have first claim on back wages owed to them, rather than first

**Councillor's bid to cut region's grants fails**

An attempt by Oakville Coun. Terry Mannell to trim \$12,000 from \$42,872 in 1979 grant allocations by Halton region failed to impress regional council last week, when several members put up a strong defence for the three organizations involved.

As council was considering the grants recommended by its administration and finance committee, Coun. Mannell suggested that extensive cuts should be made to reflect the region's commitment to fiscal restraint.

Had Coun. Mannell's amendment won council's support, a \$5,000 grant to the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra would have been deleted, a \$31,000 grant to the Royal Botanical Gardens would have been trimmed to \$25,000 and a \$5,872 grant to the Niagara and Mid Western Ontario Travel Association would have been reduced to \$4,700.

Council rejected the amendment, however, choosing instead to accept the committee's recommended grant figures. A fourth recommended grant, involving a \$1,000 allocation to the Lorne Scots Regiment, was approved without debate.

Coun. Mannell said that the three organizations whose grants he was opposing offer no direct benefit to Halton region and its services. Those who benefit most from the Niagara and Mid Western Ontario Travel Association, he complained, contribute nothing to its funding.

Coun. Ron Planche, also of Oakville, agreed with Coun. Mannell's remarks concerning the Hamilton Philharmonic's grant pointing out that the region's mandate does not extend to the offering of financial support for cultural groups.

Burlington Coun. Jim Grieve noted, however, that the Philharmonic will be presenting 33 concerts and 13 workshops in Halton region schools during 1979, as well as a number of other public performances elsewhere in the region.

firmly supported the other two grants as recommended by the committee, however, largely due to strong appeals by Burlington Mayor Roly Bird and Milton Coun. Gus Goutowski.

While the Royal Botanical Gardens receives some support from the provincial government, Mayor Bird said the city of Burlington has approved an \$88,000 grant because it considers the Gardens "a good tourist attraction" and a benefit to Halton region. He added that the Gardens has recently undergone a \$2.5 million expansion.

the Association's work on Halton's behalf is worthwhile.

Coun. Goutowski credited the association with much of the popular and economic success now being enjoyed by the town of Milton and the region.

Several years ago, when Milton council decided to build a tourist information centre on Highway 25 near Highway 401, the association rallied to its cause and has since carried on exemplary work in promoting the area, he said.

**Sewage treatment Halton eligible for grants**

From the Ottawa Bureau of The Herald

OTTAWA - Both the Halton and the Peel regions will be eligible for grants under a new two-year federal-provincial agreement to assist neighborhood improvements, water and sewage treatment and non-profit housing.

A total of \$51.6 million in federal grants and another \$90 million in provincial loans and grants have been allotted to about 115 municipalities to replace funding previously provided under the Neighborhood Improvement Program, the Sewage Treatment Program and the Municipal Incentive Grant Program.

Preliminary allocations have been made to municipal infrastructure projects both in Peel and Halton regions and to a non-profit housing scheme in Peel.

WARRANT GRANT

Regional chairman Jack Raftis informed council that Halton did not contribute any money to the Philharmonic prior to 1978, when Mary Munro, then mayor Burlington suggested that the cause was deserving enough to warrant a grant.

Coun. Mannell's amendment to delete the Philharmonic's \$5,000 grant outright was only narrowly defeated. Council

COVERS FOUR REGIONS

Mayor Bird explained that the Niagara and Mid Western Ontario Travel Association, also known as Festival Country, covers four other regions along with Halton. The \$5,872 grant recommended for the association was initially to have been allocated to the region's own business development department, he said, but members of the administration committee conceded that

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