



This man was one of the many business people who received special invitations to the "Heritage Day" display and programme at the regional municipal centre in Oakville. The displays, set up in the front hallway, described activities carried out by the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

(Herald photo)

## Heritage Day reviews HRCA

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A large contingent of representatives from the area's business sector turned up at the Halton regional headquarters Friday to meet CFRB broadcaster Betty Kennedy and to learn about the important work being done by the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

The business people had been invited by the region's business development department to participate in a special "Heritage Day" program organized by the region and the Conservation Authority.

Ms. Kennedy, a Halton resident, spoke in the council chambers, saying "heritage means more than just people and buildings; it also means water and other resources". Brock Harris, chairman of

the conservation authority, explained that the main function of the authority is water control, in particular flooding. He said the authority was given its mandate to look after the floodplain following the devastation wrought by Hurricane Hazel in 1954.

Commenting on the authority's origin, Mr. Harris noted that Ms. Kennedy recently completed a book about Hurricane Hazel.

Mr. Harris added, though, that the work of the authority goes beyond flood control. Crawford Lake, located just south of Highway 401 in Milton, is also under the control of the authority and, according to Mr. Harris, "there is no other lake like it in Ontario".

"It's a merimatic lake," he explained, "which means that any sediment which settles to the bottom of the lake lies virtually undisturbed".

Recent archaeological digs in the area by the University of Toronto have revealed that some six to eight Indian long-houses existed in the area between the years 1350 and 1460, Mr. Harris said.

In order to aid and encourage students in understanding and appreciating local history, Mr. Harris said the authority is recreating the village as it originally existed. The Crawford Lake site will also have one other unique feature he said.

"We're going to set up prearranged archaeological dig sites that will allow students to actually find artifacts and evidence, much the same way a professional archaeologist would," Mr. Harris explained.

Regional chairman Jack Raftis, noting that the entire period from February 18 to February 24 was "Heritage Week", gave a little background on the ethnic structure of the region.

According to figures provided to him by the planning department, there were 230,000 residents in Halton region in 1979. Of that total, 169,000 or 71 per cent are from the British Isles, 13,900 or six per cent are from Germany, 10,800 or four per cent are of Dutch extraction and 9,400 or four per cent have French background, with the remaining 15 per cent being a mixture of various backgrounds.

"Strictly speaking, only the native Indians are truly ethnic Canadians", he said, referring to a definition of ethnic as meaning indigenous to an area.



"Whoo's that?" Oscar, a seven-year-old great horned owl, seems to be saying as he peers into the distance from his display perch. Oscar was part of an elaborate display organized by the Halton Region Conservation Authority as part of the "Heritage Day" celebrations at Halton regional headquarters on Highway 25 in Oakville Friday.

(Herald photo by Richard Petrashek)

### Whose Heritage?

The purpose of last Friday's "Heritage Day" program at Halton regional headquarters, according to the various speakers, was to give area residents a better idea of our historical background. Someone apparently must have forgotten to pass this message on to whoever bought the wine for the reception. For an occasion intended to explore our "heritage", some found it strange that the two wines which were served came from California.

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# Social service agencies line up for \$700,000 in region grants

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Social service agencies in Halton region will be asking for \$683,635 in 1980 municipal grants, an increase of 35 per cent over what they received in 1979, when they met with the region's health and social services committee later this week.

In previous years, social

service agencies were funded partially by the area municipality they worked in and partially by the region. The procedure was changed in December when the region introduced a new system for 1980 requiring agencies to apply only to the region and not the municipality.

Grants approved in 1979 totalled \$504,795. Of that

figure, \$249,441 went to housing, \$39,795 to child related agencies (excluding the Children's Aid Society), \$31,448 for the aged and \$184,111 for general services.

The biggest increase requested for 1980 is in general services, where \$309,328 is being requested. In the other areas, \$259,161 is being asked for housing, \$69,092 for

children and \$50,134 for the aged.

**SERVICES CENTRE:** Representatives of the Acton Community Services Centre (ACSC) will meet with the committee at 1:55 p.m. Thursday to ask for \$14,015, a 17.1 per cent increase over what they received in 1979.

According to Coun. Terry Grubbe, ACSC co-ordinator, the grant is intended "to cover everything - staff, meals on wheels, everything".

Halton Women's Place representatives will also be meeting with the committee Thursday afternoon and will be requesting \$20,233. The money will be used to cover mortgage payments, according to spokeswoman Peggy Balkind.

She said they originally were asking for a per diem rate that would have been effective from last December 1. Since the centre has not yet opened and there have been no occupants, the hostel for battered wives has not been able to collect a per diem allocation from the region and a deficit in

funding has resulted.

**HELPING HANDS** Halton Helping Hands representatives will be meeting with the committee early Friday morning and will be requesting a \$33,234 grant, which is a 45.1 per cent increase over 1979.

Barbara Stephens, a spokeswoman for Helping Hands, said the increased request is due to an increase in service. Mrs. Stephens said that her agency provides homekeeping services for the disabled and the demand for this service has increased recently, particularly in Oakville and Burlington.

"In Halton Hills and Milton, we're close to capacity, but in Burlington and Oakville there's a waiting list," she said.

The North Halton Contact Centre will have representatives meeting with the committee Thursday afternoon.

A spokeswoman for the centre asked that details about the grant request not be published prior to its approval.

## Raftis issues challenge to four area mayors

Halton regional chairman Jack Raftis is challenging the region's four area mayors to develop waste source separation programs similar to one begun as a pilot project in Georgetown last year.

Chairman Raftis made the challenge twice during last week's council meeting discussion on a proposed solid waste management system.

He first made the challenge in response to comment from Burlington Coun. Stephen

Toth, who suggested that most regional homeowners would not comply with a program requiring them to separate their garbage, should one be introduced.

"I challenge the four mayors to go ahead with a source separation program," chairman Raftis said, noting that garbage pick-up is the responsibility of each municipality.

When contacted about the challenge, Halton Hills Mayor

Pete Pomeroy pointed out that the town had been involved in a source separation program for more than a year. The program had been funded by the province until last December, but is now the town's responsibility.

"We've included the purchase of the van used in the program in our 1980 budget," he said.

The source separation program will be expanded into Acton in the spring.



Halton regional chairman Jack Raftis (standing) chats with guest speaker Betty Kennedy, well known radio and television personality and Halton resident, and Brock Harris, chairman of the Halton Region Conservation Authority, in the regional council chambers prior to the start of Friday's "Heritage Day" programme.

(Herald photo)

## OMB position given to Baines

Terence F. Baines of the law firm Helson, Baines, Steele, McMillan, Kogon and Jarvis, has been appointed to the Ontario Municipal Board.

The Cabinet appointment means that Mr. Baines will give up his practice to local pursue his new job beginning March 17.

Mr. Baines and his wife Fran moved to Georgetown in 1960 after he was admitted to the Bar. He co-founded the law practice of Latimer and Baines in the same year with Doug Latimer, now a provincial court judge. In 1972, Mr. Baines was appointed Queen's Counsel.

As a member of the Ontario Municipal Board, Mr. Baines hopes to continue in the area of municipal law and land development, one of

the main areas of his practice.

Mr. Baines has been an active member of the community for a number of years, a founding member of the Halton Recovery House board and chairman of the Halton District Health Council for three years. He was also a member of the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital board for 13 years and at one time served as the chairman.

Mr. Baines has also served in the capacity of solicitor for the Georgetown Police Commission and for Esqueping township as well as the old Georgetown High School board.

He and his wife Fran have three sons, Brian, Devin and Sean and live on Sideroad 15.

### Thank-You!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal thanks and those of Branch 120 of the Royal Canadian Legion for the tribute afforded us at the Hockey Heritage Dinner on February 12, 1980.

As president of Branch 120, I was well aware of the contribution of the branch and its members to the early development of hockey for the youth of Georgetown. But I was overwhelmed by the number of presentations made by the organizations and individuals alike, and the number of people who attended the dinner and gave personal expressions of their gratitude to our effort.

The Branch is proud of its past and present participation assisting youth and community organizations and while we certainly do not take part in order to achieve recognition it is nevertheless, very gratifying to be recipient of awards presented by those who benefited by the programs.

The awards and letters will be displayed in a prominent location in our club rooms to enable our members to share in your tributes and we can assure you they will remain on display to remind our new members of the contribution made in the past and as a motivating factor for future endeavours.

Again on behalf of the members of Branch 120, many thanks to the Hockey Committee, and the Citizens of Georgetown for their awards and the organization and effort which went into the evening and to all of the organizations and individuals who made this a most memorable night.

Yours truly,

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