# Region reduces grants \$43,342

By RICHARD PETRASHEK

Herald Staff Writer Halton region's administration and finance committee is recommending to council that \$174,835 in general grants, the bulk of which will go to Burlington's Royal Botanical Gardens, be approved for 1980.

Committee made the recommendation at last week's meeting, which saw its ranks reduced to four members Only Burlington Mayor Roly Bird, Milton



U.G. Grad

Marie Boissonneault. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Boissonneault, graduated with a B.S.C. degree in Marine biology from the University of Guelph Feb. 8. She is now employed with the University of Guelph

Mayor Don Gordon, Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett and Burlington Coun. Stephen Toth

were present. A total of \$218,177.89 was initially requested by the various groups, but committee chopped \$43,342 from that figure.

The Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG), situated partly in Burlington and partly in Hamilton, received the hon's share of the grants with committee approving \$128,500, an eight per cent increase from 1979 when only Burlington contributed.

Mayor Barrett questioned whether the region should be appropriating funds to a cause that he felt was essentially of benefit only to Burlington.

"The RBG is only a diminishing benefit to the region, but a primary benefit to Burlington," he claimed, arguing that the region should only pay a small portion of the grant, with the bulk to be paid by Burlington.

Regional chairman Jack Raftis, who sat in as an observer at the meeting, said, the RHG is "more than just a municipal park, it's almost provincial in stature.

The Halton Region Safety Council will begetting \$22,500, the majority of which has been used to purchase a safety van

for the safety patrol program Committee expressed concern that there might be some unnecessary overlapping between the Safety Council's

> fire safety program and the Halton Region Fire Prevention Council, which is to get \$2,200 The Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra will be getting \$6,000, which is exactly half of

> what they requested, Mayor Gordon of Milton suggested that the orchestra management put the region's name on the back of their musical program in return for the contribution.

The Halton Federation of Agriculture, to which all farmers in the region belong. according to spokesman Ed Segsworth, will not be getting its requested \$3,600 grant until committee has had a chance to look at its operating budget.

Mr Segsworth said the budget was ready, but due to an oversight it was not brought to the meeting. Henry Stanley, Halton representative for the ministry

of agriculture, made a presentation on behalf of six area agriculture groups. The groups, which include

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the Halton Junior Extension 14-H Club work and Junior Farmers), the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, the Hallon Farm Safety Council, Halton Plowman's Association and the region's agricultural societies will be receiving a total of \$6,250

Mr Stanley noted that the Halton Plowing Match, which is run by the Halton Plowman's Association, will be held September 13 in Halton Hills, some six week's earlier than usual.

The agricultural societies requested grants from the

region to be used for the three annual fairs in the region. The Halton Agricultural Society will get \$1,000, while the Acton and Georgetown Agricultural Societies will get \$850 each.

### Summerfest coming June 21

Halton Hills Arts Council will hold its third annual Summerfest at Cedarvale Park June 21 and for the first time it will be juried. All exhibitors must be set up by 10 a m. as judging will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. The public will be welcome from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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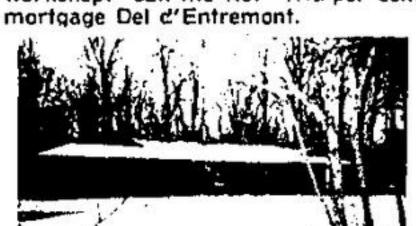
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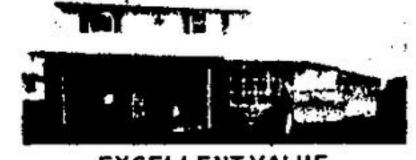


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