

Learning museum proposed

Herald Special
The Halton public school principal's association wants to set up an educational museum for the region.
In a letter to the Halton Board of Education last week, association president Richard Szymczyk asked for support in principle for the concept and a board member to act as liaison while the plan develops.
Milton trustee Bill Lawson said the town of Milton favored the proposal and offered the vacant Richmond Street School on Appleby Line as a site for the museum. The school is on Halton Region Conservation Authority property. The ideal museum would be a one or two-room building furnished in the style of the 1800s or early 1900s.
Mr. Szymczyk said he understood some historical artifacts, books and furniture which were used in Halton schools might be available as donations by private individuals and he was sure the school could easily be equipped if an appeal was made to the public.
"It would indeed be unfortunate if articles of historical value were not made available for use and appreciation by the public," he said, "or worse, if they were to be lost forever."
The association wants no money from the board at this point since dollar requirements have yet to be determined, he said, and there are numerous ways of raising funds for such a project.
Inquiries could be made about grants from Wintario, he said. The Ontario Heritage Foundation might be able to help since it would be a historical project. Local agencies and organizations such as historical societies, boards of education and educational suppliers might be willing to help. Teacher's Federation might be interested in offering support since it concerns education.

Region staffing additions

Halton region's administration and finance committee is recommending to council that the 1980 staff complement increase be limited to 15, including six positions which are fully funded, at a cost of \$83,200.
The increase, if approved by council, will raise the total staff employed by the region to 679.
Committee made the recommendation last week, although without a quorum, based on a priority listing provided by chief administrative officer Ernie Reid.
The biggest addition will be made to the public works department, where five people will be added. The additions include: three waterplant operators budgeted at \$40,200; a design technologist at \$13,800; and a construction technologist at \$12,700.
A law clerk is being added to the legal department at \$4,400.
The Halton regional museum will have a curator's assistant at \$1,200.
A senior public health nurse at \$3,000 and a GWA coordinating supervisor at \$7,900 are the other paid positions.
The fully-funded positions include: two infant education teachers, two resource teachers, one secretary (infant stimulation program) and one development clerk for the planning department.
All of the funded positions, with the exception of the law clerk, are funded by other levels of government.
The law clerk will be subsidized by a fee charged to developers for services.

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