

Mayor Pete Pomeroy and Coun. Mike Armstrong proudly display the portraits of the Royal couple, presented to the town of Halton Hills for the council chamber. The pictures were given to the mayors of Oakville, Burlington and Milton, as well, on behalf of the citizens of Halton region by Dorothy Stone last Wednesday.

## Royal portraits presented by Dorothy Stone

Dorothy Stone of Georgetown, who designed the Halton regional crest as well as Milton's and Halton Hills' municipal coats of arms. presented the mayors of all four area municipalities in Halton with pictures of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip at regional headquarters last Wednesday.

Mrs. Stone said that since these portraits "show Her Majesty wearing the Order of Canada and His Royal Highness wearing the uniform of The Royal Canadian Regiment, of

which he is Colonel-in-Chief", they will be of special interest to Canadian citizens.

Mrs. Stone provided the councillors with an explanation about the establishment of the Order of Canada and the Canadian Order of Military Merit.

The portraits were presented to the mayors from the citizens of Halton region and Mrs. Stone asked that they be displayed in a prominent area in the respective council chambers of the municipalities.

All the mayors stood individually and thanked Mrs. Stone for her pictures and compumented her on her thoughtfulness and contributions to the community.

In closing she said, "I must ask you to listen to the motto of the Order of Canada, which is 'DESIDERATES MELIOREM PATRIAM' or they desire a better country'."

"Despite the scrapping and inlighting that takes place at all levels of government, isn't that what we all want?" Mrs. Stone asked.

# Bring back county', Nassagaweyans urge

By MAGGIE HANNAH Herald Special

A determined group of citizens in rural Milton are planning to attack regional government with an eye to turning back the clock and restoring the former county system.

At a meeting in Brookville hall, five miles west of Milton Friday night, approximately 200 residents of the former Township of Nassagaweya, which merged with the town of Milton upon the formation of Halton region in 1974, heard organizer Maurice Newton called on them to stand up to the provincial government and voice their dissatisfaction with the regional system. Nassagaweya residents peti-

tioned Queen's Park in 1974 to be allowed to remain a township rather than join the region said one member of the audience, but they were ignored. "I'm willing to fight to my

last breath to go back to the way we were," said Basil McDonald. "We'll never be heard until we go back to our little townships. We don't need the services forced on us by the

action, which it did not get.

There is an honest constitu-

government's home

Mr. McDermid told the

Commons question period

Monday that the constituent

received a note thanking him

for participating in the CHIP

(Canadian Home Insulation

Program), along with a

"The only problem is, that

he did not receive any

insulation," Mr. McDermid

He asked housing minister

Paul Cosgrove how many such cheques have been sent out, and whether erroneous

payments are the reason the program keeps running out of

Mr. Cosgrove said he was sure that Canada Mortgage

and Housing Corporation would be happy to have the

insulation program.

cheque for \$380.

told the Commons.

region and we can't afford urban taxes in this area."

Bonnie Newton, another organizer of the meeting, warned those present that the 30 per cent tax increase facing Millon residents on their 1980 tax bills will not be the end of the increases. The rural area will continue to have its "pockets picked" to provide services such as free daycare centres, duplicate arenas, roller rinks, ice rinks, swimming pools, tennis courts and recreational programs for urban Milton dwellers "who barely have time to shake the dust of

services they haven't been able to afford in the cities." The first priority, Mrs. Newton said, will be to thoroughly investigate the municipal financial picture by comparing 1979 tax relationships involving the town of Milton, the former township of Nassagaweya and the rest of Milton

suburbia from their feet before

they are screaming for all the

and regions elsewhere. Mr. Newton said that while he expects it would take an act

Mr. Coagrove admitted there

are problems with the CHIP

program, but said work is

being done to solve the

Asked by Mr. McDermid

when he would smarten up

program, Mr. Cosgrove said

steps are being taken to

standardize the program, and

the problems should be solved

The honest constituent

administration of

returned the \$380 cheque.

by July.

PRYOR ACCIDENT

PROMPTS MP'S MOTION

of Commons Tuesday that an investigation is needed into the

safety of disposable butane cigarette lighters. The MP said a

number of people have lost their lives as a result of lighters

exploding, sometimes with the same force as three sticks of

dynamite. Mr. Jelinek noted that Monday night, an

exploding butane lighter critically injured comedian

Richard Pryor. His motion needed unanimous support for

Halton MP Otto Jelinek failed to persuade the House

with those of similar counties

of Parliament to get Nassagaweya out of the region, it would be a very simple matter to Wellington County to annex the township as far as he can

When the legality of a move to opt out of the region was questioned, it was suggested that Arthur Maloney, the former Ontario Ombudsman, might be persuaded to lend his legal expertise to their cause, since Mr. Maloney is himself a Nassagaweya resident.

determine.

Residents are not only unhappy about their tax increase, they feel they are being short-changed in terms of representation both locally on Milton town council and regionally on Halton council. Mrs. Newton said.

At the local level, Nassagaweys has only two councillors, while the rest of rural and urban Milton has eight seats plus that of the mayor.

At Halton region, Burlington occupies nine seats, Oakville seven, Halton Hills five and Milton only three, of which one represents Nassagaweya.

Halton-Burlington MPP Jullan Reed has promised the residents his support and the use of his researchers in their battle. He said the complaints which residents are voicing have been listed in the Liberal task force report on regional government in 1978.

Mr. Reed commented that he feels the meeting was symptomatic of the beginning of a demand.

"Reports we get say the same thing is taking place all around Metro," he said. "The people of Nassagaweya and Esquesing townships (Esquesing merged with Acton and Georgetown to form Halton Hills) got along with zero debt. The rural people weren't freeloaders. They paid their own way and I don't think it would take a bookkeeping genlus to figure out a way to determine how much of a contribution the rural areas should make to the urban centres to cover their share of the cost of such things as libraries and recreational facilities.

"Many of the services they get now they don't want and don't need. I personally would prefer a revised county system. Sure there were flaws in it; that's why region was created: to answer the need for changes. But it created more problems than it solved, I would hate to see a one-tier regional government institut-

Brad Clements, one of Nassagaweya's local councillors, reminded residents that 67 per cent of their tax bill goes to the Halton Board of Education.

Nassagaweya regional councillor Bill Johnson warned residents they hadn't "a chance in hell of getting out of regional government" unless they change the government in Queen's Park. He also pledged his support to any group formed to fight inequities in the

Milton Mayor Don Gordon found himself in a difficult position when he tried to pledge his support to the residents. He urged them to stay with the town of Milton, noting that some of the cost studies residents want are already available in the town office. They were prepared as part of Milton's background material for the attempt to secede the

He reminded residents that Milton is looking at ways of equalizing its payments to the region, but isn't prepared to subsidize Oakville, Burlington and Halton Hills. Whether that would require leaving the region or whether it could be achieved by changes in the regional system, he said, remains to be seen. Regardless. he said, he doesn't want to lose the township of Nassagaweya.

"If we get out of regional government, let's get out together," he pleaded.

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## MP questions CHIP policy ent in John McDermid's Brampton-Georgetown riding whose honesty shows, the MP says, there are problems with

## RETIRING FIRE FIGHTERS

Retiring Halton Hills (area one) fire fighters were honored at a dinner in the Acton fire Hall Saturday night. Plaques recognizing their long-term commitment to the community were presented to the men by Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed on behalf of the provincial government, by Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy and by the Halton Hills Firefighters Association, Leaving the force are (front row from left) Norman Price, 28 years' service, Dorson Frizzell, 21 years, Don Van Fleet, 28 years, (back row) Robert Price, eight years, Sam Tennant, 35 years, Doug Mason, 27 years and Harry Otterbein, 21 years. The men with more than 20 years service become life members of the Acton Fire fighters Association.

## Thief nets property worth \$1,080 at GDHS

Personal property valued at more than \$1,000 was stolen from a young woman at Georgetown District High

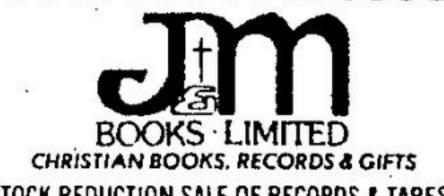
School last week. Missing are a gym bag, a brown purse, a gold necklace and bracelet and various items



## 4-YEAR OLD FUN

The Theta Phi chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority met at the McDonald's Restaurant caboose last Tuesday to celebrate their fourth year of operation. To celebrate, the ladies of the Acton chapter dressed up as four-year olds and, according to reliable sources, generally behaved that way. At present, the group is donating its time and energies to refurbish a room at Halton Women's Place.

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property is valued at \$1,080. A car parked at Halton Hills Plaza last week was damaged by vandals, who scratched the

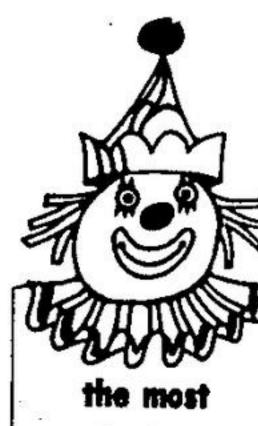
paint on both sides of the car. The plate glass window at the Family Restaurant was broken, possibly by a shot from an airgun. The replacement value of the nine foot by nine foot window is \$380. An estimated \$500 worth of

of clothing. The missing

new railroad tie spikes were stolen from a location east of the Georgetown train station. Chrome wheel rims valued at \$400 were stolen from a car at 336 Guelph Street.

A Mississauga man has been charged with mischief after he allegedly ripped the grill off the front of a truck at Dufferin About 143 assorted chocolate

concession booth at Prospect Park in Acton. A refrigerator, diagnostic scope, air hose, radiator pressure tester and anti-freeze



tester were stolen from a garage in Acton.





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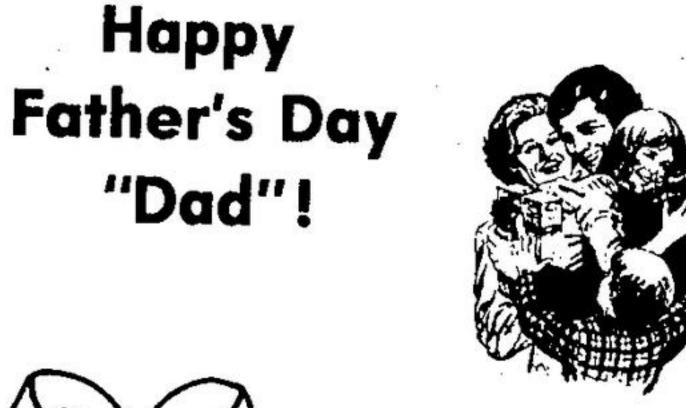
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