

# Social planning group likely for north by '81

**Herald Special**  
North Halton may have its own social planning council by the beginning of 1981. Thanks to an enthusiastic response from representatives of at least 35 organizations in Milton and Halton Hills who turned out for a meeting Thursday evening in Hillcrest United Church, a steering committee has been set up to pave the way for a social planning council by meeting the regional body on behalf of the two towns.

When the majority of those present indicated that the council is needed and feasible, they set up a steering committee of six to work out the council's terms of reference and how it should be structured. Meetings will begin in early August and by January 1, officials hope to have the groundwork done. Burlington and Oakville already have their own separate social planning councils and send representatives to a regional social planning council, which has been operating for the past two years. Volunteers from the north are part of the regional body, but lack a support base

for their suggestions and believe the north needs its own council. Once the steering committee has worked out a structure for the council, how many members it should have and from where they should be drawn, it will take these plans back to the service and volunteer organizations in the north for approval or modification. Then it will go to the public for approval of the council. Concern has been expressed that the north needs its own voice on the Halton regional social planning council if northern organizations are to get a proper hearing on funding and grant applications to regional council. Regional council is discouraging local municipalities from making grants directly and encouraging groups to come to the region for their funds instead, Mr. Thom said.



**MCHAPPINESS IS...**

Edith Hillman of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded accepted a \$765 cheque Monday from Richmond Chandler, owner of the McDonald's restaurant franchises in Georgetown and Milton. Another \$195 was donated to the Ontario Society of Crippled Children, as the two organizations split the proceeds from McHappy Day, held March 28. (Herald photo)

# Committee appointed to study assessment

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Although it won't be official until town council passes the resolution at its next meeting, Mayor Pete Pomeroy has set the wheels in motion to investigate the implications of implementing Section 86 of the Ontario Assessment Act.

Walter Blum and Harry Levy to an investigating committee. Town treasurer Ray King and a representative from the clerk's department will also join the committee. The remaining four members will be private citizens, one from each ward, chosen by the councillors, Mayor Pomeroy said. Section 86 is the only method of equalizing assessment for properties of similar values allowed by the government at

this time. While the idea of equalizing assessment and evening up tax burdens appears attractive on the surface, council fears hidden side effects which Mr. Beech couldn't explain during his presentation on the program and decided against adopting the scheme until more is known about it. It was decided to form a committee to investigate the workings of Section 86 and results are to be brought back to council in January.

# Students survey volunteer needs

Sparked by recent survey results that underline the importance of volunteer work to community life in north Halton, two summer students are currently contacting local groups and individuals in the hope of providing a liaison agency that would match volunteers with those in need of volunteer help. Mary-Lynn Wood of Georgetown and co-worker Harry Vandervort have been hired by the Halton Regional Social Planning Council to act upon recommendations of a study undertaken last summer by the Council.

Groups needing volunteers and people interested in volunteering. Mary-Lynn and Harry will be contacting social service agencies, non-profit organizations, volunteers and the public, and seeking their views on the most suitable form of liaison. The two students will be working for an Advisory Committee composed of interested people in north Halton. By September, the committee will have sufficient information to take immediate action to meet volunteering needs in the community. Anyone wishing to participate in this survey, or on the Advisory Committee, can call Mary-Lynn or Harry at 877-0968.

# CWL prepares bazaar

**By BRENDA AUGOTT Herald Special**  
Members of the Catholic Women's League held their monthly meeting last Monday evening. A motion was passed to donate \$100 to the Catholic Children's Aid Society to offset the cost of sending a child to camp at Rockwood. A brief outline of the recent C.W.L. annual Diocesan

Convention in Hamilton was given. Next year, the Catholic Women's League will help host the Annual Diocesan Convention in Burlington. Two representatives from the C.W.L. will be going to the Provincial Convention in Peterborough July 1 to 3. Members were asked to make extra preserves during the summer and some

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# Mortgage rate resolution

Town council will support a resolution drafted by the city of Oshawa asking the federal and provincial governments to "implement such policies as are necessary to reduce or fix mortgage interest rates at acceptable levels." The resolution, being circulated to municipalities throughout the province, also calls for assistance for low and moderate income families to help them own homes at reduced interest rates. Other incentives sought in the resolution would stimulate small businesses and property owners to develop their properties.

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