

Underfunding a senior ministry issue

Study says our CAS among lowest funded

Herald Special
The Exceptional Circumstance Review of the funding of the Halton Children's Aid Society has been completed by the review team from the ministry of community and social services. It has been thorough and positive, and may have exhausted what assistance the ministry's area office has to offer the society.

The review acknowledges that the Halton Society is not only under-funded, but is one of the lowest funded C.A.S. in the province, and that further funding is required. It

states that an additional \$300,000 be allocated to the Society, though that amount falls \$112,000 short of what the Society requires to operate on a bare-bones budget.

It also does not concretely address what has been an ongoing problem, which is the Society's base funding. Of the additional \$300,000, only \$150,000 is directly designated as base money, the other \$150,000 might possibly be only one-time money. If this is so, the Society would be in the same financial straits again next year. According to

Ron Coupland, executive director of the Halton Children's Aid Society, if the society had insisted that the one-time money it had received in years past be added on to the base, it would not be in the dire straits that it is today. Mr. Coupland continued to say that the under-funding of the society is a senior ministry issue which must be resolved and that the Board of Directors is considering initiating a Child Welfare Review Hearing, and that the assistance of the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies, (OACAS) is

formally being sought on the issue.

A Child Welfare Review Committee would consist of one member appointed by the Ministry of Community and Social Services; one member appointed by the OACAS, and one member appointed by the municipalities concerned. The committee reviews evidence submitted by the Society and reports its findings and makes recommendations based on the evidence, to the minister, who is then required to make his final decision within thirty days of receiving the report.

David LaCombe, regional councillor and vice-president of the Society's board of directors, said in conclusion, "As a result of the Review, we have narrowed the gap between the level of funding and the needs of the community.

One of the major inadequacies in the review was that it didn't concretely

address the problem of our inadequate base, and thus it is compounding our

problem." John Graham, president of the society, continued

the thought with, "If we bring our base up to a reasonable level, we will

be able to live within the percentage increases the ministry allots us yearly."



SUMMERFEST!

Exciting Summerfest '82 is returning June 19 at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Church and Main Streets in Georgetown and again admission is free. A greatly expanded Arts and Crafts section will include demonstrations, and many of the crafts will be for sale. Other activities include folk singing, light entertainment by local artists, children's activity and a Library used book sale.

"Childsart" - the popular children's creative centre - will take place on the lawn beside Knox Church. This is a multi-media children's activity in which anyone between the ages of one and 12 has complete freedom to build or make virtually anything using the materials provided. All creations may be taken home by the children.

The entertainment hit of last year, the Olde Tyme Music Hall with supper is going to be a repeat feature on the Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Sacre Coeur Hall. This special event is a cabaret-style performance by a variety of groups and people from the community. Tickets are \$10 each and all proceeds after expenses will be donated to the Cultural Centre Piano Fund. To order tickets please telephone 877-0357 or 877-4607.

PIONEER DAYS Calendar of events

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own to complement the barbecue and other goodies which will start cooking on Main Street at noon.

In the afternoon, a parade will march down Main Street and include, as special Pioneer Days guests, the famous Carlsberg horse team, clowns, lots of kids, the Girls' Pipe Band and the Legion band from Branch 120.

The Scottish Country Dancers and the Pine Valley Square Dancers

will display some fancy footwork and there will be the traditional old-tyme fashion show on Main Street. The Herald's Pioneer Citizen of the Year will be announced along with a new award this year, "youngest Pioneer" sponsored by Penniesworth.

GOOD TIME
Keep an eye out for the Bandoli's Travelling good Time Show which will spring up around 2-15 p.m. Musical entertainment will round things out

in the late afternoon and deep into the night.

There's more country coming to the stage and a rock band has been enlisted for the evening's fun. A street dance until 12:30 a.m. will cap off Summerfest-Pioneer Days for another year.

One never knows who might show up, but certainly, no one should stay at home with this much fun going on.

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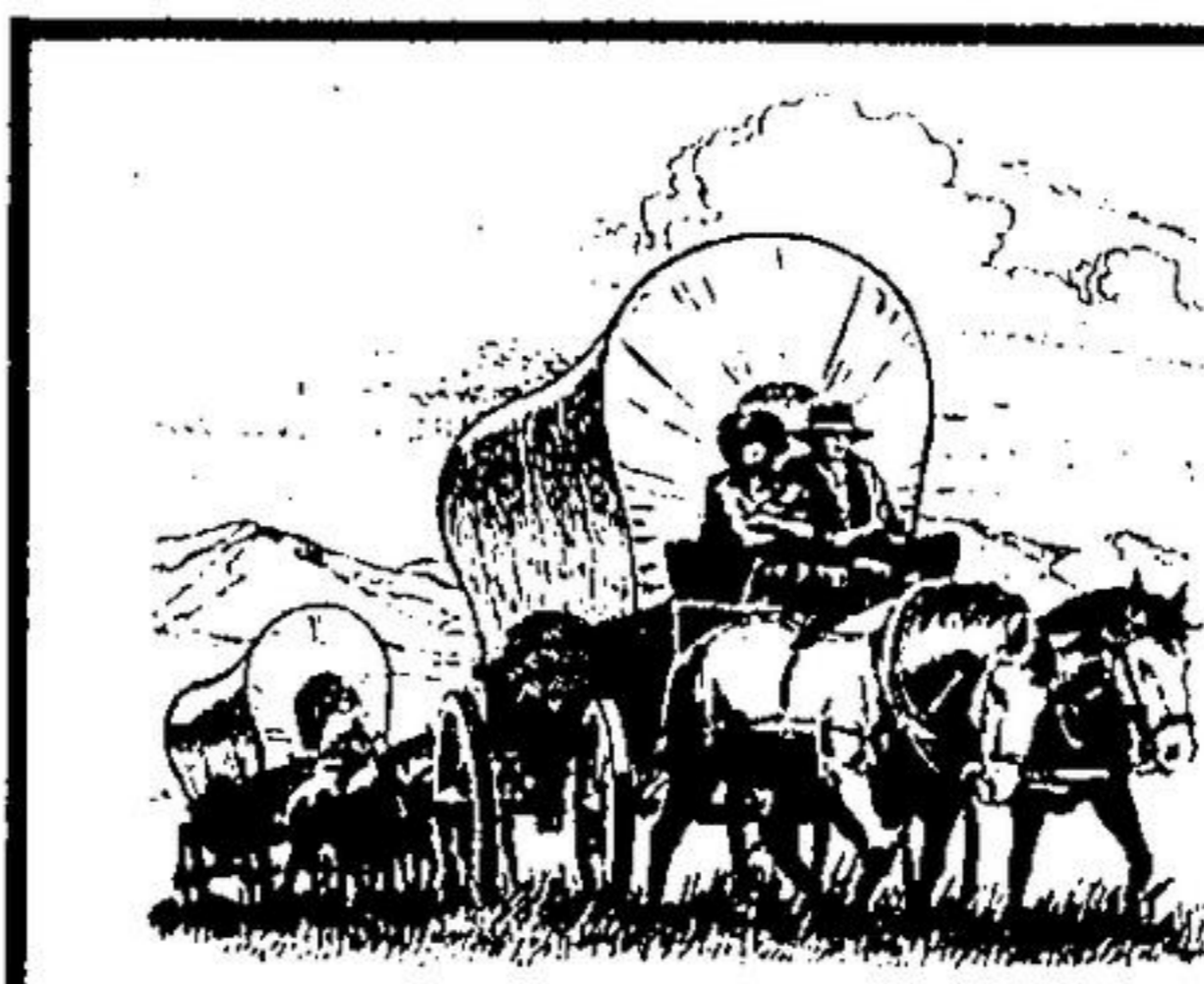
Lots to do at the 'Y'

The YMCA in Georgetown is offering a number of sports-related summer programs for youngsters.

Besides swimming lessons at the outdoor pool from July 12 to August 20, the Y offers a sailing camp, day camp, judo classes, playschool and tot-parent kindergym along with an aerobics and "be fit" fitness class.

The sailing camp includes bus transportation to Kelso Conservation area in Milton for campers aged 10-15 years. The program consists of two hours of sailing per day where budding sailors learn much of what there is to know about the sport. Campers must be able to tread water for five minutes and swim 100 yards.

For more information on all and any of these programs, call the Y office at 877-6163.



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