

# Peel wants 911 to be 'user-pay'

Despite a personal appeal from Peel regional chairman Frank Bean, Halton regional councillors decided not to support their neighboring region when it goes before the Canadian Radio and Television Commission.

Peel will be arguing that the 911 system provided by Bell Canada should be a "user-pay" one, at a CRTC hearing this September.

When you make a 911 call for help during an emergency, you should pay for that call on your Bell bill, just as you pay for long-distance calls, is Peel's position.

Chairman Bean said the 911 system will cost Peel \$1 million for installation and operation in the first year.

Instead of passing that cost on to taxpayers in their property taxes, Peel would rather see the financing of 911 come from Bell subscribers.

"I argue that smaller municipalities support our position because it may make it available to them," Chairman Bean said.

Otherwise, the high cost of installing the 911 system will discourage them from implement-

ing it, he indicated. Halton region considers the 911 system part of its emergency services, like police and fire, and thinks it should be financed in the same way.

through property tax. Like insurance, it's a service that may never be needed but is important to have just in case, a Halton staff report states.

"The whole region benefits from the 911, not just those that happen to pay Bell bills," Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said. "We should be paying for it as a region".

Burlington Coun. Pat McLaughlin wanted to know if Peel's CRTC hearing will hold up implementation of 911 in Halton. "No, I don't see it

holding you up," Chairman Bean said. "I believe 911 should be in place whether we win or not. He said he expects the hearing will conclude by December.



Mr. and Mrs. Keith King are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their youngest daughter Lori Anne to Graham Alan Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hill, all of Georgetown. Wedding will be held at Norval Presbyterian Church on July 20, 1985 at 3 p.m. (Photos submitted)



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Giray of Georgetown are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Shirley Ann to Michael William Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson of Owen Sound. The wedding took place at Georgetown's Knox Presbyterian Church Saturday at 3 p.m.



The Faculty of Mathematics, University of Waterloo, is pleased to recognize the achievement of Jennifer Hoddinott who ranked in the top 25 per cent of all contestants in Canada in the Cayley Mathematics Contest for Grade 10 students.

Jennifer attends St. Margaret's School, Elora. On prize day, June 13, Jennifer also received the Science, English and History award. Jennifer is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B.C. Hoddinott.

# Jam makers love berry season

By SANDY CAMPBELL Herald Staff  
Fresh, delicious strawberries are Ontario's favorite pick-your-own produce, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Of the total amount of strawberries picked 70 per cent are from pick-your-own farms.

For farmers that means a reduction in labor costs, and for pickers that means a day of fresh air and cheaper prices.

Ruth and Fritz Schicht own Pine Acres Farm, a pick-your-own farm on the Fourth Line. Mrs. Schicht says, "all kinds of people pick strawberries. Most of them come on Sundays and Saturdays. Some people make a picnic."

The Schicht's best customers are "the older women who make jams," says Mrs. Schicht. They will pick as many as 50 quarts. Mrs. Schicht says the people come for the freshness of the berries. "A fresh berry is nice and shiny, looks so beautiful. In the store they're so dull."

"Some people who love picking come all the way from Toronto and Hamilton," said Mrs. Schicht.

Strawberries are available from early June until the middle of July. A pick-your-own list of farms across Ontario offering the service can be had by phoning 968-1760 or writing: Pick-Your-Own, Foodland Ontario, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Legislative Buildings, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A6.

The list has been published for the past fourteen years. The first year 65 farms were on it. Today there are 400.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food recommends pickers phone ahead to check the availability of produce, playgrounds, picnic sites and containers.

Mrs. Schicht advises pickers not to overlook the smaller ripe berries. "They have the same amount of sugar as the large ones. They're sweeter," says Mrs. Schicht.

There is plenty of good picking left in the Halton Hills area so happy picking.

## Quilts exhibition

From the antique 'log cabin', traditional 'wedding ring', to the contemporary applique, "Quilts - A Continuing Tradition" is a feature exhibition of Ontario Quilts dating from the 1880s to the 1980s.

This unique and interesting exhibit of quilts will be on display at the Ontario Agricultural Museum from July 6 to August 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

July 26, the Museum invites the public to bring their quilts and questions to the Museum.

For further information call 878-8151.

## VON treats 1,865 Halton patients

Herald Special  
The Halton branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses made 41,066 separate nursing visits to 1,865 patients in the region in the past year.

At the annual meeting, executive director of the branch, Margaret Macleod reported that more than half their clients are over 65 years of age. Many have more than one illness which requires care.

The VON continues to be active in many directions in Halton. During the past year, 150 new

stomal patients received VON home care service. Palliative care is still increasing, and the VON palliative care committee is working closely with other community organizations in that area.

The Friendly Visitor program coordinated by Ida Currie, is staffed by 103 volunteers who provide companionship to many shut-ins on a continuing basis across the region.

VON nurses continue to staff foot care clinics

at rest homes and nursing homes. There are 15

full time nurses in the Halton branch. Depend-

ing upon demand, 25 to 30 relief nurses are on call.

## VON annual meeting

Herald Special  
Representatives from the staff and board of management of the Halton branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses attended the VON (Ontario) Annual Meeting at the Royal York Hotel June 14 and 15. Among the seminars were demonstrations of micro computer equip-

ment and custom software to be incorporated into VON offices across the province.

Hilde Wilson, president of her own public relations company, and Ken Wyman, consultant in fund raising gave a morning seminar dealing with their own areas of business.

Attending from the Halton branch of the VON were: Audrey Wells-Delaney, president; Josephine Kleimyer and Lazlo Asztalos, members of the board of management; Margaret Macleod, executive director; Carolyn Keyworth and Carmen Harvey, supervisors; and Ida Currie, Friendly Visitor Coordinator.

## Milton threatens MX track owners

By MAGGIE HANNAH Herald Special

Town council has told Leathertown Motocross track owner Mansell Nellis to meet the provisions of the town's licensing bylaw or face legal action.

After lengthy discussion among neighbors, the track owners and council members agreed to give Mr. Nellis until June 15 to meet the provisions of the bylaw, especially in regards to fencing, or face further action, including prosecution.

John Young, speaking for the North Nassagaweya Ratepayers Association, said he was concerned with the fact fencing is not in place to prevent trespass from the track on to adjoining properties.

The real irritation for him, however, is the fact the bylaw exists but the track operators are getting away with infractions.

Mr. Young said the association had fought to stop the track but had eventually accepted it, even though they felt such a recreational use was not suitable on agricultural land.

Lorne Doberthien, speaking for the track operators, said an event May 12 which raised concerns among the neighbors, had been a time trial and had not been mentioned to the town because the track operators did not class it as a race.

The event did not use the track but was run over rough terrain and involved timing riders on a very difficult course. Rider speeds would have been low and the noise would not have been enough to disturb neighbors.

If the town classed such an event as a race, however, the owners would have to re-think

their stand about races, he said. Mr. Doberthien said withholding the license on the track now would be needless harassment and the operators would have no alternative to court action.

If the town wanted more fencing on site, Mr. Doberthien said Mr. Nellis was prepared to

put it there under the provisions of the Line Fence Act which says neighbors share the cost of erecting line fences equally.

Council questioned the validity of applying that act to a commercial operation and expressed concern about lack of fire protection facilities on site during the May 12 event.

Coun. Rick Day, who is a lawyer, said the town's case has changed greatly since the last court battle over the track three years ago when the town was told it could not prevent operation of the track.

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## Hospital wants fire route

Georgetown Memorial Hospital is asking that an internal road on their property be designated a fire route.

The necessary site plans have been prepared and the property has been inspected by the Halton Hills fire department.

## Brock gets elected

The chairman of the Halton Region Conservation Authority has been elected vice-chairman of the Association of Conservation Authorities of Ontario during a meeting held recently in Toronto.

Brock Harris has been a member of the Halton Region Conservation Authority since 1963 and has served as its Chairman from 1973 to the present. Mr. Harris and his family own and operate a 225 acre dairy and cash crop farm in Burlington.

He is a Past-President of the Halton Federation of Agriculture, the Halton Soil and Crop Association and the Oakville Dairy Association.

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## Cancer Society

### No objection to heroin

During the past year or more, a great many articles have appeared in the press about the use of heroin for the relief of pain in cancer patients. Many of these articles have either misinterpreted or misunderstood the role of the Canadian Cancer Society.

The Canadian Cancer Society is basically a body of lay volunteers dedicated to the cause of assisting cancer patients, educating the public about cancer and raising funds for cancer research. The Society is not involved in the practice of medicine.

The Society is dedicated to assisting physicians to provide the best possible medical care for cancer patients. To this end, the Ontario Division of the Society spent more than \$3.9 million in 1984 to provide services for

cancer patients. These expenditures included substantial financial assistance to provide pain relieving drugs for cancer patients. However, these drugs must be prescribed by physicians and they must be legally available.

"If heroin is legalized by the Federal Government and its use for

cancer patients is recommended by the medical profession, the Ontario Division of the Canadian Cancer Society would add it to the list of pain relieving drugs for which the Division provides financial assistance to needy patients," according to Ontario Division President, David Hill.

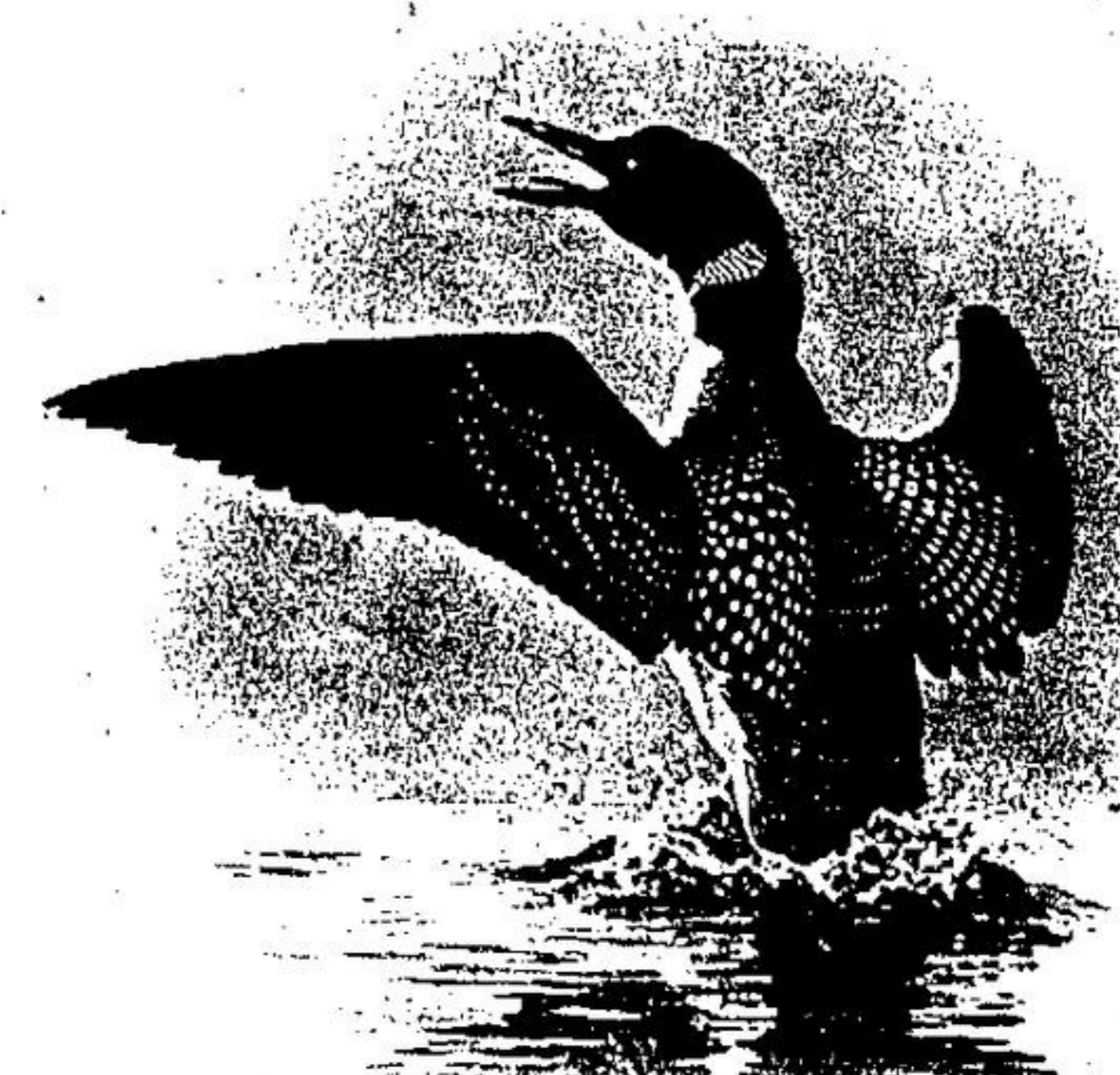
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