

Jordan Furness (kneeling) took top honors in Glen Williams School public speaking competition recently. Other participants included first row (from left) Rachael Kumar, Makala Smith, Tara Brooks, Alexandra Merrick. Back row: Melanie

McFarlane, Eddie Middaugh and Krista Ferguson. Halton Board of Education Director Bob Williams congratulated the students.

Report suggests cutting number of conservation authorities

By MARK HOLMES

Should a number of recommendations be accepted by the Ministry of Natural Resources, (MNR) there will be a number of changes to the way our conservation authorities are run.

Known as the "Burgar Report" the document dealing with the future of Ontario's Conservation Authorities, including the Halton Region and Credit Valley organizations, holds many changes.

Foremost is a transition which would put more of a financial and operational responsibility on municipalities and, an eventual reduction in the number of conservation authorities.

Reviewed by Halton Hills staff, portions of the report were accepted, but those items dealing with increased costs to local taxpayers were clearly unacceptable to the Town.

The Burgar Report recommended the number of conservation authorities be reduced from 33 to 18, and that membership drop to 337 from 937 members.

At the same time, conservation authorities would no longer be responsible for "locally significant parks" while charging the local share of costs to Regional municipalties.

Membership reduction, reduction of responsibility and levying costs on the Region were all deemed to be unacceptable by staff.

After analysis, staff concluded that the province would contribute less to the operation of conservation authorities and the member muncipalities would pick up the burden. As well, Town or Region take-over of local parks would transfer operating and maintenance costs to municipalities.

The rationale for shifting the financial burden to municipalities suggests that several million dollars will be made available to enhance conservation authority programs.

Mayor Russ Miller said Monday he'd like to see further descriptions on the Burgar Report's recommendations, although he's inclined to agree the size of membership should be reduced.

Staff, however, expressed concern because there is no method of member reduction discussed, nor is there any indication of how Halton Hills would be represented on the Halton Region or Credit Valley Conservation Authorities.

Another contentious recommendation suggested the Conservation Authorities refuse responsibility for water taking permits.

Councillor Pat McCarthy noted that rural residents in Halton Hills object to that recommendation. The councillor contended water should be considered a resource that is dealt with in the same manner as the aggregate industry.

The report recommended conservation authorities take over, or continue to be responsible for: flood control, urban and rural drainage, erosion control, wetlands management, water supply, fish and wildlife management, care of significant areas of flora and fauna, heritage conservation, forest management and conservation education.

Mrs. Gerry Miller (right) congratulates double winner Barb Stephens at the opening of PhotoArt '89 at the Gallery of the Cultural Centre, Wednesday night. Barb's large print, entitled "Silo" took "Best in The Show" prize, with the trophy donated by Halton Hills Camera Club, and the prize. by Halton Camera Exchange. She also received an award of merit for "Mayfield Road", with the trophy from Georgetown Fabrics and prize from Young's Pharmacy. Other winners at the show included (from left) Alma Reip-

ma for her photo "Daughter and Cat; Making Contact" with a trophy from Artcast and prize from Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harding. Sylvia Galbraith's "Bas Relief" netted her a trophy from Friends of the Library and prize from Gallery House Sol. Bruce Andrews received a trophy from Paul Armstrong Insurance and prize from Oxbow Books for his photo "Veggies." Six other photos received honorable mentions of the 80 prints hung for the show. The show runs till March 24, 1989.

Milton will fight proposed dump

By MIKE BOYLE

The Town of Milton hasn't resigned itself to accepting the imposed landfill facility off First Line just yet.

In an in-camera meeting Monday night councillors voted to take the matter to the provincial Cabinet and possibly the courts.

Town Administrator Roy Main said councillors agreed those routes should be explored before the Town accepts the findings of the En- ing. vironmental Assessment Board.

Councillor Bill Johnson concurred and presented the motion in the first place.

good case," he said, "but I'm not willing to tip our hat yet. We have to keep dure.

things close to our chest because with anything we do, we'll have the region and against us and the citizens' group of 3 Burlington against us."

Main said appeals to the Cabinet must be made within 30 days of the board's decision. The final decision of approving a landfill site in Halton lays with the Cabinet which can modify the board's decision to its lik-

Johnson said the Town will appeal 집 what it perceives to be flaws in the technical criteria to the Cabinet. Appealing the decision through the & "I think we've got one heck of a courts would only succeed if the & courts found errors in the legal proce-

Couple tied, gagged as home is robbed

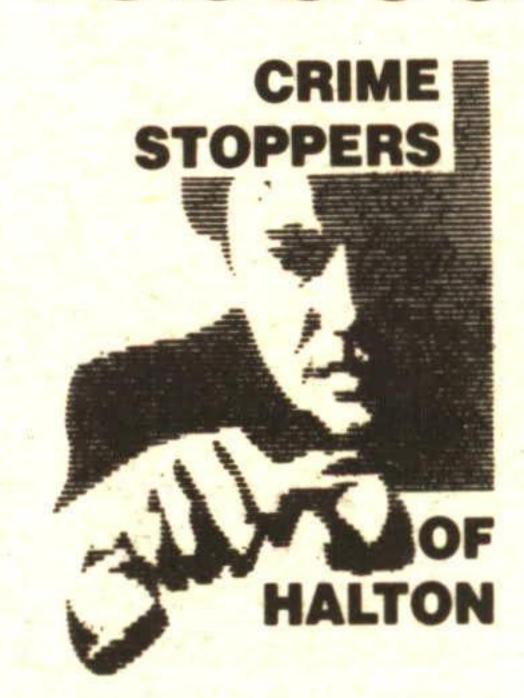
Halton police in Georgetown are still looking for two suspects in the daytime robbery of two senior citizens which took place in their home on Carole Street, Georgetown.

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1988 at 7.30 a.m. a man knocked on the door of the victims' house and gained entry by stating that he was an employee with the Town of Halton Hills.

The suspect was allowed into the home on the pretext that he wanted to use the phone. Once inside, he produced a large bronze-colored revolver and threatened to "Blow your head off," if the man of the house did not do as he was told.

A second suspect, who was masked, then entered the residence and removed the victim's wife from her bedroom. She was taken downstairs, handcuffed, gagged and blindfolded, feet tied with yellow nylon rope and heavy green duct tape was used to cover her eyes.

The other victim was then forced to open a safe located in the basement of the home. He was then bound in the same way as his wife. The suspects then fled with a large amount of cash, stocks and bonds.



The suspects are described as follows:

1. male, white, in his 30s, 5'8" to 5'9", stocky build, dark brown or black hair, medium length, neatly trimmed beard and moustache, and he spoke with an accent. He was wearing a dark jacket and possibly

2. male who was wearing a black balaclava mask to hide his identity.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest in this case or any other. Callers are not required to reveal their identities or testify in court. The Crime Stoppers toll free number is 1-800-668-5151.

Getting ready for the Highland fling

Preparing for its 14th annual event, Halton-Peel Highland Games Association Monday asked for and received permission to run a "Cheergarden," hold a parade and charge an entrance fee to the Georgetown Fairgrounds during the two-day event June 9 and 10.

Council heard there will be a parade June 10 starting at 11:30 a.m. from

Remembrance Park. Marchers will travel east on James St. to Main St., south on Main to Park St. and west on Park to the Fairgrounds.

The "Cheergarden" will be held both June 9 and 10, and there will be an entrance fee to the Fairgrounds during the Highland Games.

