

**METER READER** Neil DeGraaf is becoming a familiar visitor to homes in Milton. He will be starting to read water meters this week in addition to his regular hydro meter checks. O. L. Hadley, Hydro Commission manager reports the first billing will come on August 1 and the second on September 1 with the other bills coming in at a regular two month period.—(Staff photo)

**Milton Hydro**

**Combined billing to start August 1**

Milton Hydro has taken over the reading of water meters in the Town of Milton as of June 23 and will now be responsible for reading both the hydro and water meters for the town and also combining the billing for both services.

Meter reader Neil DeGraaf has assumed the duties of reading both hydro and water meters. According to the commission, the meter reader will be visiting homes during the day and will come to homes up until 9:00 p.m. for homeowners who are

unable to have their meters read during the day.

Some homeowners will receive their first water bill on August 1 and this will cover their first month of water consumption. This bill will also cover the regular hydro bill and will be sent out to homes south of Main St., west of Commercial St., and on Commercial Street.

All other homes will receive their first combined bill on September 1 and the bills will then be sent regularly every two months.

**Swim and play**

**Full summer program at pool, playgrounds**

Recreation director Trevor Houston and playground supervisor Paul Foster have announced they are ready for a full summer season of activities at the swimming pool, Rotary Park and at various playgrounds in the town.

Mr. Houston's pool staff for the summer includes Julie Stover, Theresa Merritt, Sue Pearce, Dwight Odenback, Bob Collins, Bob Martin, Geoff Woodland, Debbie Smith, Anne Ruhl, Rick Beck and Kevin Finnegan. These people will be looking after all pool activities including running the building,

lifeguard work and swimming instruction.

Full instruction for non-swimmers to experts has been set up and Mr. Houston reports over 80 have signed up already.

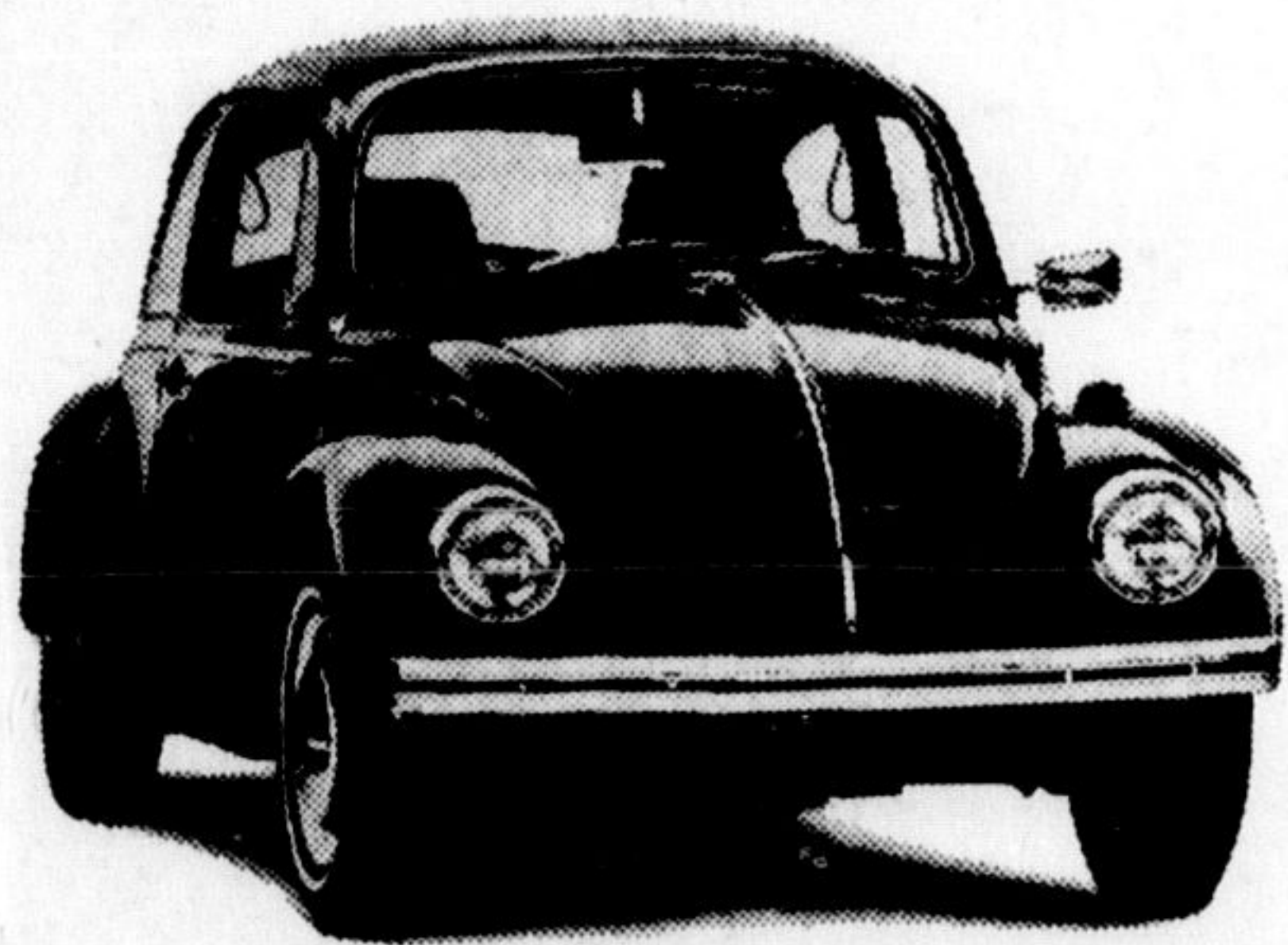
Paul Foster has his staff lined up for both the day camps and summer playgrounds. Gail Evans is in charge of the day camp program while Lu Anne Lynde and Susan Riddell will serve as counsellors.

Three schoolyards have been obtained for use as playgrounds and they are: J. M. Denyes school with Marsha Waldie, Bev Wilton and Judy Riddell on staff; Bruce Street with Inge Jensen and Holly Stinson on staff; W. I. Dick with Lynda Biloski, Marion Reinhardt and Lynne Frame there.

Day camp and the playgrounds will be open July 2 and many activities have been arranged by the staff for the children.

**Discuss exercise**

Halton Mutual Aid firefighters held their regular meeting in Burlington last week. The evening was mainly spent in discussing the previous week's mutual aid exercise at Stewarttown.



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**Grades 6, 7, 8 together**

**Middle school program for Halton**

The establishment of middle schools was recommended to Halton County Board of Education Thursday when members received the 28-page report of the Middle School Council on the subject suggesting that grades six, seven and eight be included in the program.

A pilot project in at least one school was recommended by September 1, 1970 but Trustee John Noble was told Milton's Martin St. Senior Public School would not be used as a pilot project, in response to a question to the Council chairman.

Recent border changes have resulted in grade six pupils being directed to the Martin St. Senior Public School in September 1969. Chairman of the program council, R. S. Campbell told Trustee Noble there had not yet been enough study on the Middle School program to implement it in September. He suggested the successful aspects of the senior public school would continue to be carried out at Martin St.

Rationals for the middle school program included the fact children are maturing faster, grade six students are more compatible with grade eight students and grade seven students with grade nine, a three

year period would foster better staff understanding of pupil strengths and weaknesses, and introduction of rotary programs would be gradual rather than abrupt.

Trustee Liberty Pease questioned members of the Middle School Council on what their standards of success would be and how the success would be evaluated. Chairman Campbell suggested this could be the task of the Evaluation Council to make a valid assessment on the program. He emphasized the middle school program was not ignoring the core subjects and hoped they would be enhanced.

"We want children's interests to be further aroused along with sufficient guidance to make wise choices".

Trustee John Ronson observed the success of a program could never be fully evaluated until the students had graduated from grade 13. He sought an opinion on how the senior public school program has affected pupils reaching the high schools. David Katz suggested it was very difficult to differentiate between high school students from a senior public school and a full public school.

"Is there a danger you will be picking up some who have not

yet reached the level of maturity to allow them to move to senior public school? Will they be forced", Board Chairman F. Armitage questioned.

The Council Chairman emphasized the grade six students would not be cast into the middle school program. "They will identify principally with one teacher in their own classroom. They could have another teacher for physical education, music or art. It would be a very gradual change."

Questioned on the open concept and continuous programs operating in some schools and their success, Mr. Campbell suggested the open concept, in the development of the child, has benefits which far outweigh what the regular school can do.

Director J. Singleton cautioned that there are disadvantages, however. It doesn't fit all children and the more allowance there is for the development of

native ability the more important it is to provide guidance to keep the student from choosing badly.

In approving receipt of the report for further study,

Chairman Armitage stressed the importance in new programs of evaluation. "We don't want to try everything willy nilly. There must be some guide to insure our actions are correct."

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**Annual garden party is unqualified success**

Holy Rosary Church held its annual Garden Party on the church grounds Saturday and the day was an unqualified success. A carnival was held during the afternoon with pony rides, a fish pond, games of

chance and other attractions to get people into a fun spirit. A family supper was held in the evening.

Bill McIntyre was in charge of the whole day and was assisted by Art Melanson. Mrs. D. Haslam and Mrs. J. Sosnowski convened the family supper and these ladies were helped by Mrs. Elmer Serafini. A feature of this year's supper was a roast pig which was served up to more than 600 people attending the dinner.

The penny sale, one of the regular features of the party, was run this year by Mrs. J. K. Sanford, while the bingo was run by Nick Klip. The children's favorite, the pony ride was run by Dan Jones and Bert Churchill, the crown and anchor game was run by Doug Haslam while John Bradley and Jim Harkin ran the over and under game.

Susan Bradley ran the fish pond for the afternoon while Joe Lewin looked after the baseball toss. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Van Wouw looked after the ever-popular food concession, Julie Haslam ran the popcorn and drinks booth while Mrs. Elmer Serafini ran the bake sale.

Master of ceremonies for the penny sale was Bill Kelly who really kept things moving. Mrs. Mary Clark and Mrs. George Robinson were in charge of the tickets for the draw which was held at the conclusion of the supper. Luigi Luc looked after



**TAKING A BREATHER.** four-year-old Julie Smith consumes a hot dog in the midst of all the hustle and bustle at the Holy Rosary garden party.—(Staff Photo)

parking the hundreds of cars which brought people to the garden party.

The hard work of setting up the booths and wiring them was done by the Holy Rosary Men's Club.

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**OBVIOUS TO ALL** the activity going on around her, one-year-old Lori Smith is busily concentrating on her hot dog at the Holy Rosary garden party which she and her sisters and brothers attended on Saturday.—(Staff Photo)

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