



OFFICIALLY OPENED Thursday evening were the two new additions to the Charles Hotel, the Trident Cocktail Lounge and the Charles Dining Lounge. A double ribbon cutting ceremony was held to open the rooms and in the picture at left, Mayor Brian Best snips one half of the ribbon while Adam, Peter and Nick Chuchmach, partners in the new venture, watch their dreams come true. MPP Jim Snow cut the second half of the ribbon in the picture to the right. Nick Chuchmach watches the proceedings. The expansion project at the local hotel was a \$100,000 project.—(Staff Photo)

LOOKING OVER THE MENU on opening night with Nick Chuchmach of the Charles Hotel are the kitchen staff, consisting of third cook Irene May, second cook Harold Wadham and chef Paul Lee. It was quite hectic in Chef Lee's kitchen for the Thursday opening as it was in the other parts of the hotel which were officially opened that night.

Rooms opened

A dream come true

It was a dream come true for the Chuchmach brothers and over 200 people gathered in the two new rooms of the Charles Hotel Thursday night to help them realize their dream.

Thursday saw the opening of the Trident Cocktail Lounge and the Charles Dining Lounge and the double ribbon cutting ceremonies were performed by MPP Jim Snow and Milton Mayor Brian Best. Both men complimented the brothers on their new facilities and wished them well in the future. It was explained the Trident was an old Ukrainian symbol, the country where the brothers had originally come from.

Pot luck

CUPE Local 815 of Milton District Hospital held a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at the UAW Hall on Martin St. followed by a pot luck supper. Representative Doug McIntee of Hamilton will be attending the next meeting to be held on March 4.

Resignation is surprise

After three years as zoning administrator and building inspector for the Township of Nassagaweya, Syd Savage handed his resignation to council in a surprise move Tuesday night.

The resignation takes effect at the end of February.

Predicts chaos

Cut instructional costs?

Reviewing the analysis of pupil-teacher ratios in Halton Schools, chairman of the finance committee Fred Armitage told Halton Board of Education if cuts were to be made it would have to be in instructional costs and to do so "would cause chaos" he suggested.

Mr. Armitage said he expected sooner or later someone would say "why don't you cut \$2,000,000 from the budget". He emphasized the point was not whether to spend the total of \$22,000,000 for instructional cost or not, but whether taxpayers wanted to pay for the program offered.

He suggested the only way to cut costs would be to drop a certain part of the program. Special education is an expensive part of the program but it is also very important, Mr. Armitage said.

Trustee John Ronson summed up the Board's attitude. "We provide the needs of the

students where we think the taxpayers want services and where we think they are willing to pay for them."

Trustee R. Edwards was concerned about what he termed a "serious inequity". He said he was disturbed about the inequality in certain areas with the availability of incentive grants.

Trustee Armitage said briefs had been sent to the Minister of Education objecting to the weighting of grants. The Department feels cities have problems not experienced in smaller centres.

Studying the ratio of student to teacher in the past year it was noted the ratio was 25 pupils per teacher in elementary schools and 18-5 students for each teacher in the secondary schools.

To alter this ratio by one student would mean an increase or decrease of \$400,000 in the elementary system and \$500,000 in the secondary system.

Christmas Seal fund is record \$42,369

Setting an all time record, Halton's Christmas Seal campaign went over last year's mark of \$41,500. "That is the highest ever", said Mrs. M. E. Luneau, executive officer of the Halton County Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases. This year they reached a record \$42,369.

Revenue from the sale of Christmas seals is used in the fight against tuberculosis and respiratory diseases. The association is currently putting funds towards treatment for asthma and emphysema. Mrs. Luneau said they loaned patients

postural draining boards and ventilation machines needed in the treatment for asthma and emphysema. Loans are acquired through a doctor's referral. There is a possibility there will be a clinic for children with asthma in the near future.

Rennie J. Vivian of the Halton Social and Family Services unit is one of the speakers scheduled to appear at a series of lectures on drug education in Oakville, starting in April.

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