Weekly press represents community

"The nation's independent finding challenging roles in the weekly press is synonymous with the independent community each represents. Yet, self-sufficient but, as in the past in coming of age, the weekly has thrived on change and crisis in come from within. It has no the last 100 years, both editorially and technologically", over its shoulder-pretending to representatives of Canada's teach an old champion a lesson weekly press told the Senate in the basic ethics and morals of Hearing on Mass Media in Ottawa last week.

The brief outlined the growth to serve suburban areas of cities, the continuing importance of the weekly in the rural centres regionalized, churches and the leadership the industry amalgamate and regional provided in the trend toward offset printing of publications.

The increasing number of contributing to an increased depth of reporting skills and an increasing "number of escapees from urban media" are also

weekly press.

"The industry generally is the seeds of regeneration must need for a big brother to watch the fourth estate", the brief summarized.

It was suggested the weekly is the last strong voice of a community as schools become governing bodies are set up. In Canada there are 24 federal ridings in which there are no journalism school graduates towns greater than 5,000 and in serving on weeklies is 52 ridings there are no towns over 10,000.

CWNA President G. C. Craven predicted there would be more groups, mergers and

Exchange bills for \$33 on disputed water account

Beacon Chemicals Ltd. won a small fight with Milton Council's water department Monday. It all concerns an oversize water line Co-incidentally, Mr. Kernighan's and an overdue account for \$33.02 which council claims the firm owes, and which the firm destruction of grass by town vehemently denies.

line and according to the town's July 1, 1967, 1968, and 1969,' water rates, if you use 3,000 gallons and have a two inch amount in dispute. service the rate is \$35.47. If you have a half inch service the cost is \$2.45 for the same minimum billing. Two years ago Beacon objected to the rates proposed fireworks displays. The money and called the fee "most isn't in the parks budget so unrealistic." They offered to pay council will likely end up paying the \$2.45 but refused the the bill itself, as parks revenue additional \$33.02 on the comes from the council.

Béacon president M. S. warning to change his water Kernighan said if council service to a half inch line, and it continues to ask for payment, was "well discussed with him, it the town would be dunned for was his move, not ours."

use of the chemical plant's property for fireworks displays for the past three years. charge to the town for "use of property, wear on and employees and town's agents Beacon had a two inch water while discharging fireworks on comes to exactly \$33.02 – the

> Councillors were adamant the water bill be paid and said the Beacon invoice should go to the parks board which sponsored the

Councillor Charles Fay said In a letter to council Monday, Mr. Kernighan had plenty of

Grass fires sign of spring Bureau concerned about losses

Spring can't be far away; place. Halton's first grass fires of 1970 Fire Chief J. C. Cunningham were reported last week in of Georgetown, 1970 chairman

Prevention Bureau, a tell how many barns, sheds, county-wide group of men who outbuildings, woodlots and work to prevent fires before valuable trees have got in the they start, is once again getting way of a rampant grass fire. concerned about the grass fire "But there have been plenty of menace in Halton. In one recent them, all across the county, and year, Spring grass fires were more valuable property is being estimated to cost the county's lost each spring through such taxpayers over \$30,000.

Besides being dangerous, grass fires are illegal unless you have a relatively "quiet" spring this special permit from the Air year. They don't look forward Pollution Branch of the to spending most of their Department of Energy and weekends running around the Resources Management, and country, beating out grass fires

most common instances - many Bureau urges. of them are deliberately set by farmers and rural landowners wanting to get rid of dead grass in lawns and fields. Such fires create their own wind and can fan themselves out of control, firefighters report. They are unless the person in charge picks period. a very calm day, prepares for the worst with plenty of old brooms and buckets of water, and surrounds himself with an army away on him. The best rule is: 13, with expenses to be paid.

There's one sure sign that don't light such a fire in the first

of Halton Fire Prevention Halton County Fire Bureau, says it is impossible to carelessness," he adds.

Firefighters are hoping for a permission of the local fire chief. touched off by human While many grass fires are carelessness. Give them, and accidentally set - a carelessly your pocketbook, a break-be discarded cigarette or a bonfire extremely careful with fire in that gets out of control are the the dry spring season, the

-Milton confirmed the appointment of Const. Robert Innes to the permanent staff of Milton virtually impossible to control Police, following his probation

-Mayor Brian Best has been authorized to attend the annual conference of Ontario mayors of helpers in case the fire gets and reeves in Windsor May 10 to



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amalgamations of community newspapers as the use of central

printing plants continues. The Association regarded the problem of chain ownership of weeklies but indicated it could not place limits on them in a free enterprise system. It was suggested that when a weekly fails to do its job in the community it almost always followed that a competing media is established.

Senator Keith Davey, chairman of the committee, questioned CWNA representatives on whether they would be concerned if Thomson Newspapers owned half the weeklies in Canada. President Craven indicated they certainly would but when pressed for a set number at which the Association would become concerned, the president declined to put a specific limit on the size of any

such group. Questioned on whether the Association would discourage Chamber of Commerce rolls up sleeves Association would discourage competition for an existing member, the president indicated this would not be done. There was no such plan for a group to protect the territory of its members.

The problem of media ownership in Nova Scotia was pointed out by Senator Smith who reported a recent purchase of another group in that province. "It could turn out that two owners would be controlling all the weeklies in the province", he suggested.

"We think a locally owned weekly is the best for the community. We've learned a lot of lessons about efficiency from the groups but it was the local papers that pioneered offset", C. Irwin McIntosh, past president of CWNA told the Senators.

During the 12 hours alloted for Canada's weekly press to present its views, members of the CWNA presented their brief, and members of Les Hebdos (a French language group of weeklies) also submitted their

Four forums followed with papers on the role, the content, the revenue and the disbursements of the weeklies, being held.

There were 120 weekly papers represented by 83 publishers at the day-long hearing. The Acton and Milton papers were represented by David and Jim

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How's it feel to be 104 years the Manor. He celebrated his Wednesday he was

Henry doesn't feel much different

But Simon Henry Baverstock does know and his answer was a simple one, "Well, I don't feel much different . . .not as good as did when I was 20 but not much different." "He's a grand old man," one

Zest for living . . . at 104

of his roommates commented. Mr. Baverstock, a veteran at the Halton Centennial Manor is more than happy to be there and carry out his day to day activities. "I'm no scholar", he'll tell you. For the better part of his life Mr. Baverstock lived in

Elmvale, Sarnia, Michigan, Allandale and Alliston before coming to the Lowville area 22 "I've been well used and I like

it here," Mr. Baverstock says of

old? Most of us will never know. 104th birthday last Tueday.



understandably tired from all the excitement of the day before.

"There were lots of reporters and my family came from all over to see me," Halton's oldest man explained. While he is quite hard of hearing Mr. Baverstock moves around on his own will and still has a certain unmistakeable zest for living.

Asked about his recipe for long life, Mr. Baverstock hestitated to spell out any single formula but admitted he always had enjoyed a smoke and the occasional drink. He also credits a lifetime of outdoor work. His five children are Jack and

Frank of Galt, Louisa (Mrs. A. Alpress) of Scarboro, Norman of the Town Line and Jim of

Parking, store hours on 1970 agenda

re-organized Chamber of Commerce held their first meeting last week and it was agreed right from the outset, there won't be any lack of work for the Chamber this year.

Major items expected to crop up on future meeting agendas are parking and uniform closing hours. Milton's Parking Authority has approached council with a \$110,000 plan for more off-street parking in the downtown area and the Chamber expects to throw its support behind the plan. New president Mrs. Mary Clarke reviewed the shortage of parking in the core area and it was generally agreed by the directors that something would have to be done soon to provide more free parking for shoppers on side streets bordering the Main and Martin St. area.

There is a possibility the angle parking on the south side of Main St. will be changed to parallel parking, which means the loss of half the present 65° spaces. Chamber directors will also look into the Parking Authority's proposal for meters in the shopping areas which would dispense a token redeemable for cash in the local

Second major project for 1970 will be a survey of merchants to see if a standard set of store

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Directors voiced displeasure with the present system whereby some stores are closed all day Monday, others on Wednesday afternoons. Retail committee chairman Bob Bartlett was asked to draft a survey and see if the merchants can agree on a standard store hours policy. Most of the directors felt

suggested stores could stagger their staff holidays over the least busy days of the week. The possibility of opening regular Friday night extended

hours, is also to be studied.

shoppers would be happier with

stores open all day, every day

from Monday to Saturday, and

Membership chairman Ron campaign is progressing, with 57 industries and service groups eligible for membership and hope to have at least 150 signed up this year.

The Chamber is co-operating with a cross-town community group of service clubs and women's organizations, in sponsoring a community dance at Milton Arena in June featuring the Carlton Showband. Proceeds from the dance will be

MILTON

Directors of Milton's newly hours can be agreed upon. used to develop a triangular parksite on Highway 25 at the north entrance of town.

Director Don Smith was named to chair a "ways and means" committee to gather fund-raising ideas. A delegate may be sent to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce annual meeting in Windsor in May, and members agreed to renew membership in the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Bulletins will be sent to members and prospective members monthly this year, and publicity is already being lined up for Milton events through the more stores on Thursday Ontario Department of Tourism evenings, in addition to the and Information. Other projects under consideration include formation of a town band, a name-the-park contest for the Harris reported the membership lands presently known as "triangle park", a summer members paid up to date. carnival week, a downtown Chamber officials estimate there shopping mall, a lottery and a are over 225 stores, offices, guide-book of information for tourists and visitors. Regular directors' meetings

were slated for the first Wednesday of each month and at least three more general membership meetings are being planned this year. Next general meeting is set for April 15.

Tickets on sale

Swim program next week

Recreation Committee quickly. It is expected the 120 officials report tickets are selling daily capacity will be a sell-out well for the indoor winter swim again this year. program which will take place at the Ontario School for the Deaf with no instruction. during the winter school

vacation next week. Tickets went on sale at the

Municipal Office this week.

Two periods of swimming are provided each of five days next week but attendance is limited to 60 swimmers for each of the hour periods. Admission will be by ticket only with tickets selling at 25 cents.

The program was initiated last year and tickets were sold out

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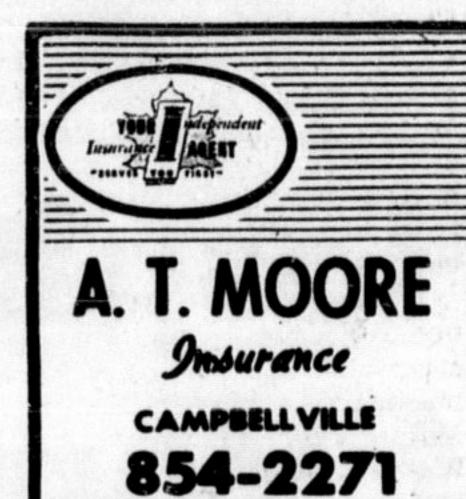
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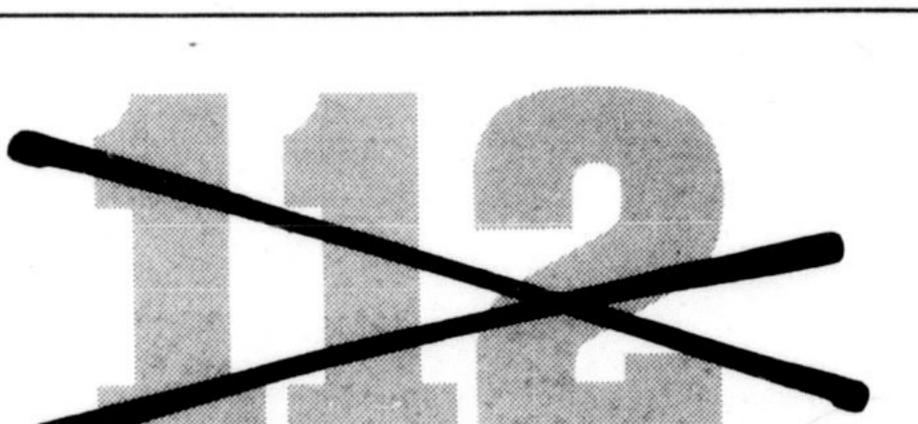
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