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THREE GIRLS RECEIVED Gold Cords at a special ceremony Sunday. Debra Miller, Kathleen Mullin and Liesje Windmoller were honored at the ceremony. The presentation was part of the Girl Guide celebrations for Girl Guide and Boy Scout week. (Staff Photo)

Minister without Portfolio

Snow named to Cabinet

With the appointment of Halton East MPP Jim Snow of Hornby to the Cabinet of the Bill Davis government on Monday, Halton stands to be well represented at the highest level of government in Ontario. George Kerr of Burlington (Halton West riding) was named Minister of Energy and Natural Resources by former premier John Robarts, and retains the portfolio in the Davis administration.

Snow was appointed to the cabinet as a minister without portfolio. It was rumored during the leadership campaign that Snow might be appointed as minister of a new portfolio, "housing". He was also rumored to be in line for the public works portfolio.

Snow lives at his Hornby farm home and owns a construction business with headquarters in Oakville. He was first elected to the legislature in 1967.

"Experience I want" — Davis

He is one of three appointed without portfolio by Davis. In making the announcement Premier Davis said, "James Snow brings to the cabinet his recognized energies and enthusiasm and a wide experience in business and farming. A member of Ontario's dynamic construction industry, he was successful as a backbencher in bringing to the attention of the government the need for a building code in Ontario, resulting in the decision to implement uniform building standards in this province. Since December 1969 Mr. Snow has been a director of the Ontario Housing Corporation and the Ontario Student Housing Corporation, knowledge and experience which I want in the cabinet."

See vacant pit as "ideal site" for incinerator

A vacant clay pit at Milton Brick Co. on Base Line Rd. west of Milton could be the ideal site for a central incinerator to serve the whole of Halton County, members of Milton Council suggested this week.

The company has offered to let Milton, Esqueping and Nassagaweya Townships use an abandoned pit adjacent to their plant for a central sanitary landfill site. An inspector from the Halton County Health Unit, the clerk and works superintendent and two men from the waste management branch, Department of Energy and Resources Management inspected the site late in January and decided to go back and look at it in the spring when the snow has left the ground.

Form committee

The waste management men suggested the town and townships form a joint committee to review waste disposal needs in the three municipalities and review the Milton Brick site, and offered their assistance.

Deputy Reeve Percy Barr said at the recent good roads convention he learned the province is willing to assist municipalities with low-cost financing on sites such as this, if they serve a region rather than a single municipality. He mentioned the possibility of putting a central incinerator there. "This could be the right location" for an incinerator to serve all of Halton, he said.

Clerk J. McGeachie said the waste management branch has invited council to tour two areas where such programs are in effect. He was authorized to contact the townships and get the committee established.

SPRING?

Good news: Spring is in the offing.

Mrs. Eria Brittain, curator at Halton Museum, reported sighting two robins at her bird feeder Monday morning. That's the best sign of spring to date this wild winter.



TO THE WINNER GOES the spoils and recently elected NDP candidate Bill Gillies sure enjoyed his victory over Albert Tichel and Ken Gelok Tuesday. Recording artist Carroll Baker tells Gillies he has her support. Carroll appeared before and during the program with "The Candyman". (Staff Photo)

Gillies carries NDP banner into '71 provincial election

Bill Gillies defeated Ken Gelok of Oakville and Albert Tichel of Georgetown in a three way race

for the NDP nomination for Halton East riding last Tuesday. Gillies represented the party in

the riding in the last provincial election, and earlier contested Halton riding against George Kerr.

Gillies has served on a number of boards and commissions for Oakville and Halton as well as serving as an Oakville councillor for two years and deputy reeve for the town for three years.

Gillies attacked the Tory government for what he called stupidity and callous governing. "There is a mood of unrest in Ontario if we capture it we can win the election," he said.

He spoke of bad deals farmers are getting in land assessment and the need for industry to pay the shot for pollution control instead of the taxpayers.

He called for less discriminate labor laws, assessment reform and action on regional government. In his acceptance Gillies noted there was a need for revenue through other sources than taxes.

He blasted the Waffle element of the NDP, noting they were a bunch of radicals. "We have a crazy bunch called the Waffle group. We don't need them and we don't want them," he declared.

Guest speaker for the evening, deputy leader of the Ontario NDP, Walter Pitman said the NDP government would provide a whole new way of living.

He was critical of the government's lack of action on pollution. He blasted the educational system and said youngsters were kept in school until they are 20 or 21 to keep them off the welfare rolls.

He predicted a "nut election." The conservatives will try to make it look like socialism against free enterprise. "We won't play their game. We'll drive them to the issues and we'll drive them there every day," he promised.

County road take-over probable benefit to town

County take-over of several main roads inside the boundaries of Milton may not be such a bad idea, members of Milton Council agreed on Monday.

The county's road needs study recommends Halton assume control of Bronte St. from Anne Blvd. to Main St.; Main St. from Bronte to Ontario; and Martin St. from Main to Base Line Rd. When they first learned of the proposed take-over two weeks ago, town

councillors were upset and arranged a meeting with the county council's roads committee this Thursday to discuss it.

Retain control However after half an hour's discussion following their regular meeting Monday, councillors came up with a list of questions to be answered at the Thursday meeting, plus the notion the take-over might be beneficial to the town. They stressed the town

must retain unrestricted control over servicing and improvements to the roads to be taken over.

"As much as I am reluctant to give up control, it appears to be a break for the taxpayers of the town," summed up Councillor Charles Johnson.

In previous years most county-controlled roads were in the rural townships but recent amendments to the highway act permit

counties to control urban roads. Councillors agreed that for many years their county roads levy was mainly going to benefit the townships and it now appears the town will come in for a share of the available cash.

As an example, Reeve Ron Harris explained that Milton would presently pay half the cost of a \$10,000 project on a town road with Department of Highways picking up the other half. If the road was under the county system DHO would still pay half and the county pays the remainder — but Milton would only be liable for a three per cent share of the county's 50 per cent.

The county is also proposing to improve Tremaine Rd. (the Oakville-Burlington Town Line) south of Base Line Rd. to enable it to carry trucks from quarries which are presently using Bronte St. in town. Councillors were enthused with that plan.

Worst winter in 18 years keeps staff busy, costs up

With the exception of the diehard snowmobilers and children still interested in snow sculpting and skiing, Canadians look forward to the end of what many refer to as the worst winter (weather-wise) in at least 20 years.

Town of Milton works department will be among those looking forward to the end. For those responsible for keeping roads clear, it will mean the end of a winter of early mornings and extraordinary overtime.

Worst in 18 years Town works superintendent Bruce McKerr referred to the winter as the worst in the 18 years he's been with the town staff. He said snow removal costs will be up over other years, but not by a great deal.

He said the amount was cut considerably when the town staff used all their own men and equipment during the winter and never rented equipment or men. Often during the winter men were called upon to clear the business section of town starting at 5 a.m. to finish it before business started. They also worked several weekends.

Costs up Last year the town budgeted for \$6,000 on snow removal. Half that is paid by the province. "We were well under that last year but this year we'll run close," McKerr said.

"If we had a quick thaw and heavy rain, we'd be in for trouble", the superintendent noted.

Minor flooding He explained minor flooding will be inevitable before the snow goes away. "Where there are inadequate storm sewers you have to depend on culverts. We try to keep the culverts and catch basins open but they thaw in the daytime and freeze again at night," he explained.

While there has been no reported flooding of private

homes due to water runoff from the roads there has been some in low lying properties. McKerr noted his staff will do all they can to control flooding and keep the

water running into drainage systems, but he noted there wasn't much the town could do on private property if flooding became a problem.



SHARING A STORY at the annual meeting of Milton Chamber of Commerce Wednesday are guest speaker Mark Kellow, left, new Milton Chamber president Reg DiCola, the Ontario Chamber manager Clare Shaver. Mr. Kellow, a public relations and personnel man with

Quaker Oats in Peterborough, is president of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and delivered a hard-hitting policy speech at the annual meeting of the Milton group. Over 100 attended the dinner, meeting and dance.— (Staff Photo)

Reg DiCola president

Chamber reviews busy year in '70

Reg DiCola, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, was elected president of Milton Chamber of Commerce at the group's annual meeting Wednesday evening. He succeeds 1970 president Mrs. Mary Clarke after serving for one year as vice-president.

The Chamber reviewed a busy year of re-organization and launched plans for another even busier year in 1971 at the annual meeting which took the form of a dinner and dance at the Legion Hall Wednesday. Over 100 attended for the roast beef dinner served by the Legion Auxiliary, a brief program, a talk by Ontario Chamber president Mark D. S. Kellow, installation of officers and a dance to the music of the Clansmen Orchestra.

Mrs. Yvonne Christie of Christie and Wood Real Estate was named vice-president, Bob McCuaig of McCuaig Insurance was returned as secretary and John Semple of Bank of Montreal is back again as treasurer. Mrs. Mary Clarke is past president, and Blake Charlton of Bank of Commerce is auditor.

Committee chairmen named are beautification, Mrs. Stella Parton of Hillmer Real Estate; retail, co-chairmen Bill Gallinger of Gallinger Mercury and Nich

Chuchmach of Charles Hotel; social, Mrs. Barbara Zanatta of Tabar Building Supplies; ways and means, Don Smith of Canada Trust; membership, Ron Harris, Harris Stationery; and publicity and promotion, Roy Downs of The Champion.

Directors at large are Ken Syer of Syer's Family Fashions and Ulrich Nowak of Caravan Restaurant (who will assist on the retail committee), Bill Burroughs of Crest Hardware, Mrs. Carole Stewart of Yellow Balloon, Roy Noble of Clements and Noble Insurance; Aubrey

Richardson of Richardson TV and Furniture; and Bob Heard of Phoenix Manufacturing.

Ron Harris brought in the nominating committee's report and it was accepted as presented. Retiring president Mrs. Clarke was in hospital and unable to attend the annual meeting, so her review of 1970 activities was read by incoming president DiCola. Highlights were:

Membership was doubled to 103; executive meetings were held every month; bulletins were

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No big rush

Milton and area residents bought their licence plates early this year and most avoided the last minute rush, reports a spokesman at Milton Licence Bureau. "Line-ups were moderate compared to other years."

A total of 5,800 passenger and 369 dual purpose sets of licence plates were sold during the three month period beginning Dec. 1, 1970 and ending on Saturday.

Licence sales orderly

"I've seen some years when we've had as many as four typists working on just licence plates, but this year people bought early to avoid the rush," said an employee.

Several people were still trickling into the bureau early Monday to buy plates, but many stated they had forgot about the deadline date.

Milton Police charged one resident for not having 1971 plates on his auto while driving through town on Sunday.