



PLYWOOD POSTER CONTEST WINNERS from Holy Rosary School are shown with their winning works of art at Kelso pool. The posters, portraying some message of how to conserve conservation and protect both humans and animals, were made from plywood by each of the students. Each poster was hung inside the Kelso pool swim area and

judged last week by members of the Halton Region Conservation Authority. Shown are winners Brian Farrell (left) and Derek Tielemans (right front) with their winning poster. At back are Rosemary Windmoller, Lorena Zulian and Joseph Tielemans. Several schools were entered in the competition.—(Staff Photo)

Art Trek brings batik, tie dying course to Milton

Those who appreciate art will have an opportunity to pick up pointers in a three day session to be held in Milton this Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1.30 to 5.30 in the afternoon. Sessions will be held at the Scout Hall. Recreation director Bob Martin said the sessions will feature batik work and tie dying. There is no charge for the program but those interested in batik are asked to bring some old newspapers with them. Two artists The Department of Education -

sponsored venture is known as Art Trek. Roberto Carbone and Harold Norrington, two artists are touring the province and making stops at various points in Ontario. Mr. Martin said the set-up allowed participants to take part in any or all the phases of the program and the atmosphere was one of free learning. He anticipated a good turnout at the event because several already in clubs and taking instruction have indicated their interest and are expected to learn from the two artists.

Wants expert to see light-weight stone

What does a fellow do, when a queer rock turns up in his yard and he doesn't know a thing about rocks? He looks for a rock-hound. And that's just what a Milton resident is doing this week, after finding a unique light-weight stone larger than a football in his backyard that leaves him puzzled. "All at once, it just appeared," says the man. It was found lying on top of the ground behind a shed at the rear of his property and he's sure it wasn't there a few days earlier. Did it fall from the

sky? He's not sure. Light weight The rock, about a foot across at the bottom and narrowing to an almost conical shape at the top, is about six inches high. It's light brown in color, has what looks like a bird-track imbedded in it, and weighs only a few pounds — it's certainly not as heavy as you could imagine a rock that size would weigh. Anyone with any knowledge of rocks is invited to contact the owner, through The Champion.

Ontario is leader in housing but still behind demand — Snow

"This is not the time to rest on our laurels or to pat ourselves on the back," Minister Without Portfolio and Halton East M.P.P. Jim Snow noted in his opening remarks, as he addressed members of the Milton Rotary Club last week. "The truth of the matter is that while we in Ontario are leaders in the production of housing since the mid 1960's, our housing output has not kept pace with the basic demand created by net family formations."

Snow explained the housing needs of Ontario and the role of the Ontario Housing Corporation (of which he is a director) in his remarks to Rotarians. "I am very proud of the OHC since its formation seven years ago and especially of the past one and a half years since I have been fortunate to sit on the board," he noted.

Short 65,000 units He explained the fact that the basic demand created by net family formations had resulted in an accumulating shortage of housing in the province which

amounted to about 65,000 units at the end of 1970. "In general terms we are nearly a full year's production behind."

"These are among the people Ontario Housing Corporation is most interested in helping and 1970 was a banner production year for the corporation. Of 76,675 housing starts in Ontario last year, 9,568 were OHC low rental family and senior citizen dwellings.

He explained that last year in Ontario, 69,331 housing units of all kinds were completed. Of this total, 7,200 were OHC units for lower income families and senior citizens. "I think you will agree that this was a significant achievement in assisting those families and senior citizens who are unable to house themselves decently in the open market," he said.

Self-sustaining In addition to its low rental activities he noted the corporation was also active in the production of student housing,

serviced building lots and condominium housing, all of which are self-sustaining programs.

He outlined how rental housing is leased on a rent geared-to-income basis which means that the tenant pays rent according to the size of his income.

"Last year senior citizens in OHC housing paid an average rent of \$41 monthly."

The Federal Government pays half of any operating losses associated with the low rental programs, the guest speaker explained. The Province pays 42½ per cent and the municipality in which the housing is located pays the remaining 7½ per cent.

He drew attention to the self-contained aspect of the new senior citizen housing project for Oakville and noted the new hostel accommodation on the same site. "Occupants of the hostel residence will take their meals in a central dining room while those tenants who prefer to do their own cooking will occupy self-

contained accommodation."

Need a million "While there are signs in some communities that the supply is catching up with the demand for new housing, the overall Ontario picture indicates the province will need about one million additional housing units in the next decade.

It is estimated there will be about 85,000 starts made in the province this year, he pointed out.

He also explained the new system construction method of housing and how the local industry would play an important role in the housing needs of Ontario.

"Undoubtedly, the pressure for change that will be on suppliers and sub-trades in the 70's will come in the areas of dimensional standardization and the need for improved designs and products. System building will exert some of this pressure but it will come also from conventional builders seeking ways to reduce the end price of their product.

"As interested businesses and civic leaders, I think it is incumbent upon us to investigate changing technology, new developments and today's evolving life styles. We must quickly zero in on possibilities, get there first with the most and the best, Snow concluded.

Health board disputes high subsidy to regions

Grants for public health costs are less for those areas still known as counties than grants awarded to those governed under regional government. The logic and fairness of this fact were disputed by members of Halton County Board of Health at a meeting last week.

Board Chairman David Coons of Burlington brought the matter up for discussion with members of the board and members of the Department of Health attending the meeting. Coons wanted to know why some areas received 75 per cent grants for health costs and some received only a 50 per cent grant from the province.

Merge together There are 30 areas called "District Health Units" in the province. District Health Units are comprised of either those communities which have been taken over by regional government or a group of at least two counties which have merged for health purposes only but still retain their county status.

There are still 11 counties which still receive 50 per cent subsidy and six metropolitan areas that receive only 25 per cent subsidy. During the meeting with the provincial representatives, board members pointed out cases where counties were named regions but no change was made in the political boundary in the changeover.

Equal treatment Mr. Coons noted York Region has a population of 140,000 compared to Halton County's 180,000 and yet York receives the preferable subsidy. "Why should political boundaries be considered? People are people and they should all receive equal treatment," he charged.

Former Halton M.O.H. Dr. A. F. Bull, representing the provincial department at the meeting, said there were only two ways Halton could enjoy the higher subsidy. One was to become a region and the second was to form a district health unit serving Halton and Peel

Counties.

Dr. Bull said it was unlikely the province would allow Halton to become a region and the county has already explored the possibility of joining with Peel in a district unit but the offer was turned down by Peel.

What's in a name? Members of the board challenged the validity of the province recognizing the county of York as a region when that county had fewer people than Halton and yet Halton must remain a county. "What's in a name anyway?" Deputy Reeve Coons wanted to know.

Following the discussion the committee agreed to make the minister of health aware of the dissatisfaction that currently exists.

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Minister's son killed

George Moore, 23, son of a former Milton minister, was killed while riding a bicycle near Montreal last week. The bike was struck by a car driven by a 19-year-old at reportedly excessive speeds.

He was the son of Rev. John B. Moore and Eleanor Moore. Mr. Moore is presently minister at Zion United Church in New Hamburg and is a former minister of St. Paul's United in Milton.

NASSAGAWEYA Township Council BRIEFS

At the regular meeting of Nassagaweya council last week council:

- Discussed the necessary by-law and restrictions concerning overnight camping areas with a representative from the Ontario Department of Tourism.
- Received a letter from Murray Stephen, Halton Region Conservation Authority Manager, objecting to a concession stand being set up by an individual immediately before the entrance to the Kelso Conservation Area.
- Learned Fred Herensberger withdrew his application for rezoning of property.

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