

Power line worries hikers

Twelve concerned members of the Bruce Trail Association met in Belfountain to discuss implications of the proposed Ontario Hydro power line through Chinguacousy on the Bruce Trail.

A spokesman said the meeting was called to draw attention to the Bruce Trail Association.

P. E. Dams, Fifth Line, West Chinguacousy, said he was under the impression the escarpment was protected by a bill which states that the escarpment must be left for recreational use.

Mr. Dams said the result of the meeting will now go to the Bruce Trail Association's head office. He said letters have been sent to Premier William Davis and other people in the area, protesting the proposed route for the power line.

Mr. Dams said this would affect the whole of Brampton and Toronto if the hydro lines went through the trail.

"It is funny that with a stroke

of the pen from point A to point E the hydro people can take over everything," said Mr. Dams.

Mr. Dams said some of the farmers in the area are anxious to have the line go through. He said the farmers have in mind the \$3,000 an acre Hydro would pay for land which it would then rent back to the farmers for \$1. a year.

"This area should be preserved the way it is," said Mr. Dams. "People who want the line to go through have never lived in the city."

He said if satellite towns are needed they should be surrounded by a greenbelt. He cited Bramalea as an example where a satellite town was set up in the middle of nowhere and a few years later it is a part of Toronto.

"I don't think it is a monetary thing at all" said Mr. Dams. "We just have to keep our conservation areas as they are."

—John M. Porter, president of Sheridan College, has been re-elected vice-chairman of the Committee of Presidents of Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology for 1972.

—Six Loyal Orange Lodges in Halton are participating in the Grand Lodge of Canada "Ulster Appeal Fund" to raise money to assist those in distress in Ireland. Percy Hall of Milton is local treasurer.



(Staff Photos)



IT WAS CHRISTMAS CAROLLING TIME in Milton on the Thursday before Christmas as a make-up brass and reed band of old horn-blowers and high school students got together to tour the town and play carols. They were joined by a group of carollers who, thankfully, drowned out some of the sour notes the band played. The band appeared at the town hall, senior citizens apartments, Halton Manor and the plaza before calling it a night, and they appeared to have enjoyed every

minute of it. In the top photos, singers are pictured at the town hall while conductor Art Britton tries to keep all the bandmen playing the same tune in the same tempo. Below at left are Oz Ledwith, Andy Frank, Roy Downs and Murray Roulston, while at right the horn-blowers are Jim Dills, Ted Tyler Jr. and Brian Best with Dr. D. Aikenhead party hidden in the background.

"Britton's Bunch" instant success

"Britton's Bunch", an unusual aggregation of musical talents which was quickly thrown together in time to play some pre-Christmas carols on the streets of Milton, was an instant success. They toured the town on Thursday evening, performing four 20-minute mini-concerts at the town hall, Harmony Court Apts., Halton Centennial Manor and Milton Plaza. And they were accompanied by a robust band of carollers who sang lustily and loudly.

It was fun. Audiences weren't large but that didn't matter—the participants all had fun and that was the whole idea of the exercise. Bruce McKerr and Brian Best hatched the idea of rounding up some "old" musicians from the town a few weeks ago, and the idea paid off in an evening's enjoyment for those who dared to try it.

"This just shows what participation can do," Mayor Best proclaimed with pride after it ended. Participation by the citizenry has been one of his pet projects since taking office a few years ago.

The 26-piece band had only had two rehearsals but that didn't slow them down. Many of the adults in the group hadn't played their instruments in anywhere from 10 to 35 years and had to borrow horns and fingering books to keep in step with the rest. A few have played regularly over the years. Some were brave enough to show up or concert night without benefits of prior practices, but they helped fill gaps in the band and their lack of rehearsal wasn't noticed.

Loans bus not hindered. With Art Britton of Bell St. conducting (as well as playing bass trombone on the numbers the band could struggle through

without his leadership), the group was roundly applauded everywhere they went. Ted Tyler Jr. of Acton, a former horn player with Acton Citizens Band, was contacted and asked to provide a bus for transportation between jobs and he not only provided a free bus, he also brought his horn and joined in the fun. Brian Best provided coffee, mince pie, hot chocolate and sausage rolls for all at the Caravan Restaurant when the two hours of mini-concerts ended. Bandmen included several high school students, recruited from the school band. Players were: Marie MacMurphy, Ted Tyler Jr., Oz and Jeannette Ledwith, Kathy Stringer, Lorna Greenfield, Mike Ledwith, John Comber, Syd Childs, Kathy McDowell, Art Britton, Brian

Best, Gary Martins, Bruce McKerr, Jim and Steven Dills, Murray Roullston, Ray and Joe Waters, Roy Downs, Dr. D. Aikenhead, Andy Frank, Peter Phillips, Lynn Aikenhead, Gerard Sosnowski and Susan Phillips.

The band of carollers numbered almost 75 at the town hall and many went along with the band to serenade the senior citizens and plaza shoppers. Many of them came from the staff of OSD, the OSD badminton club and the Milton Tennis Club.

What next? Well, there's a rumor some of them may make a return appearance in front of the town hall around midnight on new year's eve. Otherwise, the band is officially disbanded until . . .

perhaps next year at Christmas.

HALTON County Council HIGHLIGHTS

At Halton County Council's regular meeting last week council:

—Agreed to seek proposals for a central computer and data centre for the county. If it is purchased the system would serve the seven municipalities.

—Authorized the signing of an agreement with Russel Day Nursery School of Burlington raising grants from \$3 a day and \$15 per week to \$5 a day and \$19 per week. Grants are paid in needy cases by the Social and Family Services Department.

—Learned taxes at Halton County Museum had increased by 500 per cent to \$725. Until this year just the property was assessed, not the buildings.

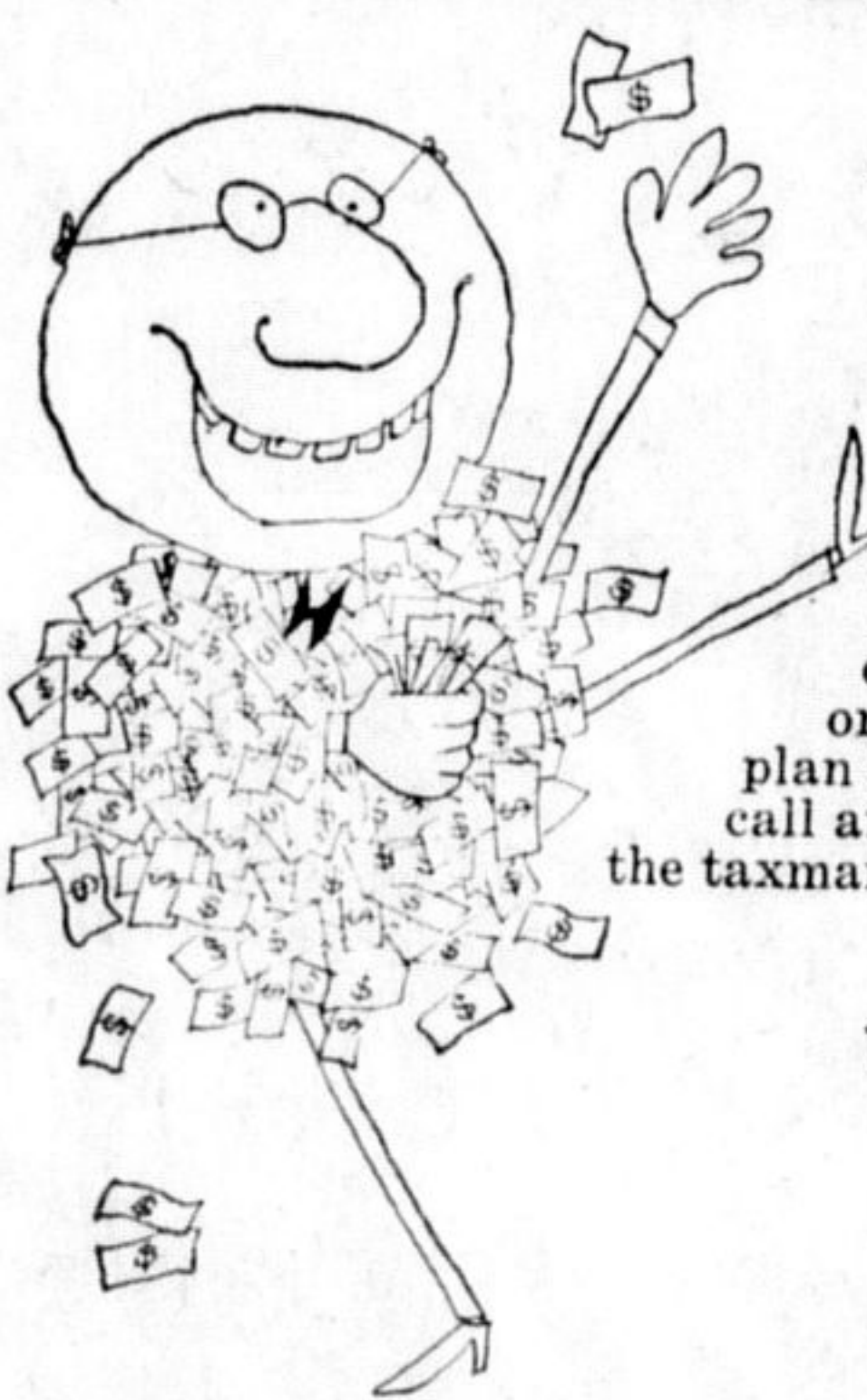
—Agreed to send Bob Speck, Mississauga Mayor, their best wishes. The Mayor recently had a heart transplant.

—Learned Halton Centennial Manor still had no official word about their application to purchase some of the property in Oakville known as Orton Barracks.

—Learned William Sargent had resigned from the Museum Board.

—Local new year's dance organizers report a heavy run on tickets.

The Taxman says thank you.



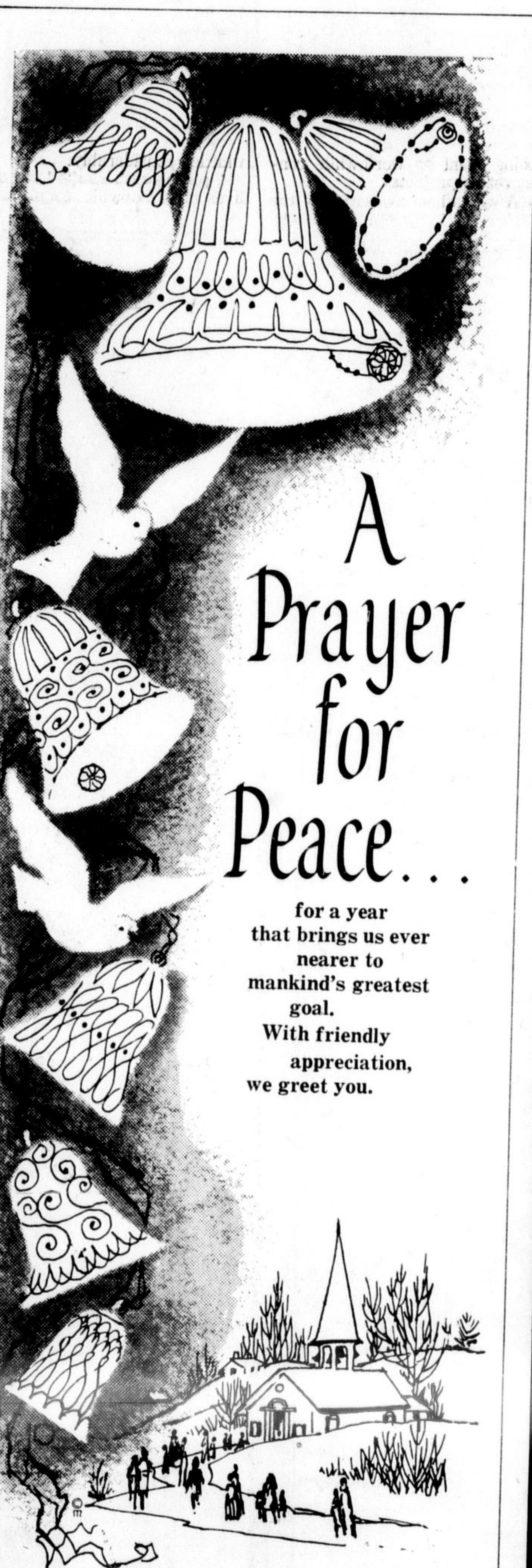
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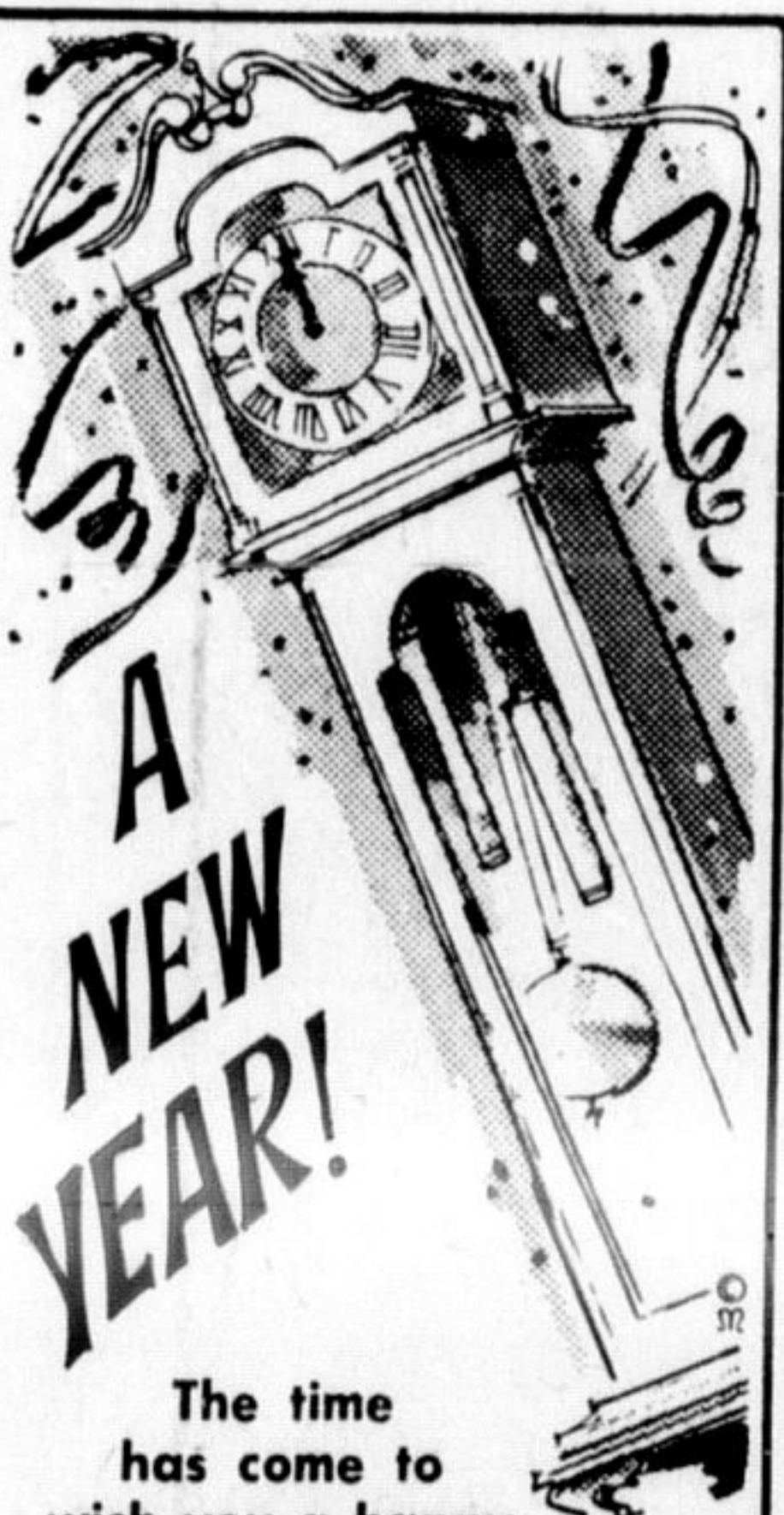
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