

MDHS addition plus new school said needed

In addition to Milton District High School as well as a second high school in or near town will be necessary in the next couple of years to cope with anticipated growth in town.

Assistant Director of Education Em Lavender made that observation when he tabled his report on accommodation in secondary schools Thursday night at the Halton County Board of Education meeting.

Population 28,400

Mr. Lavender noted the town's official plan shows an eventual population of 28,400 which would generate 2,500 secondary school students. He suggested the size and location of the second high school would make it possible to serve other areas surrounding the town.

He pointed out three major subdivisions are being planned for the town and the first is underway now and is apt to be finished in three or four years.

While none of the three north Halton High Schools are crowded at this time, growth projections show Georgetown will be near

capacity in 1974 and Acton and Milton will be near capacity in 1976.

During the discussion on future accommodation at the secondary level, Esquesing Trustee Bill Lawson initiated a debate on the value of small schools as opposed to large ones.

He took the point of view that small schools were more personal than large ones. He said some of the large high schools are graduating some of the loneliest students ever seen.

He said a move toward smaller schools would result in a more positive reaction from teachers,

students and the community.

Assistant Director Lavender defended the system of larger schools and suggested large schools need not be impersonal. He said small schools couldn't offer the diversity that large schools could, as far as options went.

Lawson suggested small schools could still serve as a viable unit with enough options. The problem of having too many options is one that has caused Halton educators some concern. Lawson avoided stating a limit until he had conducted further investigation.

Esquesing endorses petition

Esquesing council endorsed the petition of Limehouse residents opposing use of the village as a truck route.

At a special meeting last week of which this newspaper was not informed, the township council discussed the issues presented at a recent meeting of Halton County Roads committee and endorsed the Limehouse residents' stand. The Esquesing

resolution will now go to the county road committee.

The petition bore 34 signatures and said residents of the village would like to preserve the unique character of Limehouse and see the existing road and bridge maintained. It also said that if a truck route was necessary the Fourth Line out to Highway 7 could be improved for the purpose.

Law Association chooses new slate

John P. H. Ford of Oakville was elected president of the Halton County Law Association at their annual meeting held in Oakville March 22.

John Belleghem of Georgetown was elected as vice president while Doug Latimer, Q.C. of Georgetown was elected secretary and William Manderson was named to the treasurer's post.

Directors

Directors include F. David Thompson, Q.C. of Milton, Murray J. Haesler, Oakville, Thomas Sutherland, Burlington, Clifford R. Demeray, Oakville, Miss Elizabeth Robson, Burlington and William J. MacLeod of Oakville.

An Honorary Membership in the Association was presented to A. A. Russell, Q. C., Toronto, Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the Province of Ontario.

The meeting was addressed by

Judge J. Kenneth Blair, the recently appointed second County Court Judge of the County of Halton.

The main speaker for the evening was Joseph Sedgewick, Q.C., LL.D., distinguished counsel, formerly Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, who reminisced over his last 50 years as a practicing Counsel.

Guests

The guest list included the following. Judge Alan B. Sprague, Oakville, Halton County Court Judge; Judge R. J. Graham, Oakville, Provincial Court Judge; Judge John G. Roberts, Brampton, County Court Judge; William E. Mattocks, Burlington, Registrar of Deeds, County of Halton; Robert M. Sprowl, Acton, Halton County Sheriff; Wheldon Emmerson, Georgetown, Halton County Deputy Sheriff; Gordon E. Madill, Burlington, Local

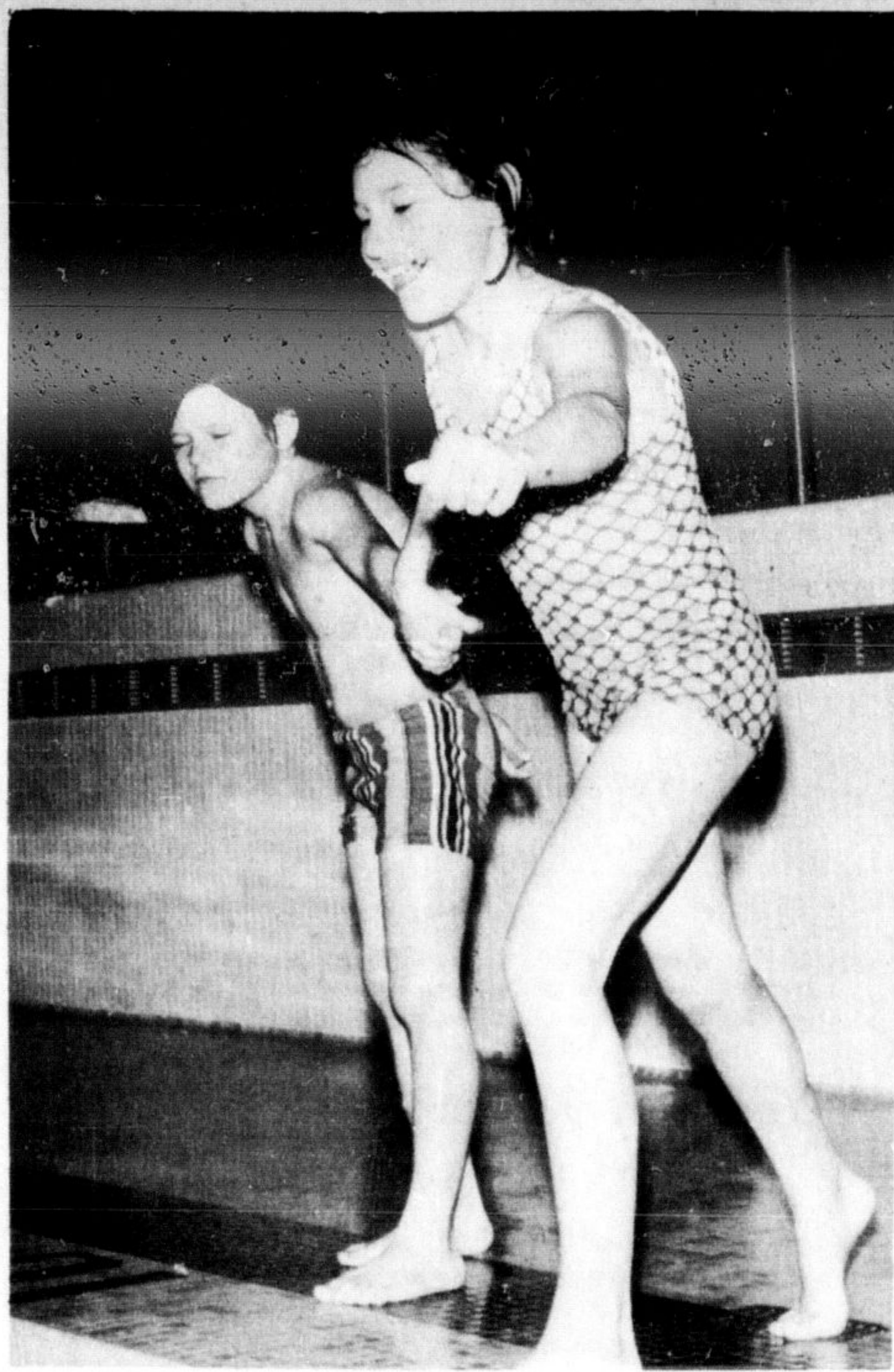
CNIB report

Cornea transplant service, pre-school training, rehabilitation and a host of other services to the blind were outlined by Ernie Philpott, when he spoke to the Rotary Club of Milton last week. District Field secretary of the Halton and Peel Advisory Board of the C.N.I.B., Mr. Philpott illustrated his review with specific examples of how people had been assisted through the work of CNIB.

The speaker noted that CNIB founder Col. E. A. Baker had envisioned the full range of services now being offered for the children, the youth, the adults including the pre-school training, the encouragement for youth and things like employment training and talking books for adults.

"The CNIB is an agency that can help sightless people help themselves," he emphasized.

Registrar, Supreme Court of Ontario; Mrs. Margaret Gilbert, Milton, Deputy Local Registrar, Supreme Court of Ontario, and A. B. Kelleher, Burlington, Deputy Local Registrar, Supreme Court of Ontario.



HOLD TIGHT and you'll be all right, Kathy Simon, 12, tells her brother Danny, who appears reluctant to dive into the waters of the swimming pool at Ontario School for the Deaf. Due to the efforts of the Milton Recreation Committee, the pool was opened to the public during last week's winter break holiday. —(Staff Photo)

Ratepayers . . .

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by the town.

Should be compatible
Leoprich and five other men from the FRA appeared at Monday's council meeting to reiterate their opposition to the condominiums. "People feel any development of housing should be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood", Leoprich said.

Mayor Brian Best said council agreed with their right to object, but the objections should really have been launched in 1969 when the town approved a new official plan and zoning by-law. At that time the medium density designation was placed on the Bronte St. lands. The new official plan and a public meeting to deal with it were well advertised, he said.

Can petition
The mayor said the six foot storm sewer from north of Heslop Rd. to the Sixteen Mile Creek would certainly alleviate flooding and drainage problems in the area. But if the present homeowners want improved drainage they can petition the town to do it under local improvement, he added.

Reeve Ron Harris asked if two-storey homes would fit the homeowners' idea of "compatibility" and the FRA spokesman said they had not considered two-storey homes. All the surrounding homes are one-storey, he added.

George Kendrick, another FRA executive member, said the change in density may have been well advertised in The Champion

but not all the people read everything in the paper, every week. He said the people felt their elected representatives should keep them better informed of developments in the area.

More protection
Mayor Best said the old zoning by-law allowed apartments in any residential zone in town, and the new by-law gives the present homeowners much better protection. He felt The Champion had done a good job of reporting the official plan and zoning by-law meetings and the four-day OMB hearing which resulted. Many people tend to let these things pass by, until they affect them directly, he said.

Spokesman Leoprich said he saw a copy of the official plan which designated the Bronte St. lands for "development". When area residents received notice of the condominium development last summer, they were shocked. "A document of that importance should have been sent out to all the ratepayers," he charged. Mayor Best said the proposals were not mailed to every home, but they were well advertised and the town followed the instructions of the planning act.

Needs services
Councillor Dr. Ivan Hunter said drainage problems were one of the reasons the council insisted the project be phased. "If it is properly serviced, it won't bother your area," he noted.

Discussions concluded with a promise from the ratepayers to either sit down and spell out their objections in greater detail, or submit a written resume of the residents' feelings. The mayor felt the planning board should deal with it, not the council.

Later in the council meeting, Mayor Best said representatives of Chaingate have asked for an "informal" meeting with council members, to discuss the future of the condominium project. No date has been set for such a meeting.



ON YOUR MARK, get set, go. . . Competing in a back swim race are Andy Bounsall, Catherine Dills and Gwen Martin. The three youngsters were having fun in the swimming pool at Ontario School for the Deaf on Friday. The pool was open to the public during last week's winter break holiday. —(Staff Photo)

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