



MAIN ST. RECONSTRUCTION is going ahead this week and workmen from Fermap Paving are still laying a 12 inch watermain up the north side of the street. The entire road between Martin and Bronte Sts. will be reconstructed this summer. Monday, they had a large hole dug at the Main-Martin corner and a machine is shown at work there. (Photo by R. Downs)

Turned down

Ask controlled hunting at Mountsberg reservoir

Americans are harvesting crops of ducks which are raised, fed and protected in this area. The Halton Sportsmen's Association and the Spencer Rod and Gun Club (Hamilton) charged in a brief they presented to Halton Region Conservation Authority recently.

The Association was asking for the initiation of a controlled duck harvest in the Authority's Mountsberg Conservation Area in East Flamboro.

Halton association members Jim Smith, Paul Coulson, and representatives of the Spencer Gun Club met with the Authority's Land Use Advisory Board. The Authority however, decided to continue its ban on hunting.

The sportsmen stated that, "most of the ducks in Mountsberg are just resting and feeding there."

Hunting would be confined to the part of the lake north of the railway tracks, suggested the delegation. The sportsmen say the natural resting grounds for the birds are in the Badenoch swamp north of the lake.

Benefits of permitting controlled hunting in the area would be extra revenue for the authority and better Authority-sportsmen relations the hunters said.

Several safeguards such as allowing only 12 gauge shotguns, were suggested. Hunting would be restricted to 5 a.m. to 12 noon from Tuesday to Saturday during the fall hunting season. Hunters would have to leave the area promptly at closing time.

Authority officials rejected the brief on the grounds the difficulties would outweigh the advantages. According to Alan Wright, vice-chairman of the Authority, discharged pellets from the shotguns would create a very real danger of lead poisoning, which would kill the ducks.

Hunters would scare not only ducks but the other animals inhabiting the area to move away, said Wright. The vice-chairman was also of the opinion there were enough wild ducks available for hunting in this region.

Spend \$5,000 at Norval school

In spite of a report that indicates a decline in the number of students that will enroll in Norval School this year, the Halton County Board of Education will spend \$5,000 to replace the under floor radiant heating system with hot water, water, wall mounted convector units.

In the same report the board indicated they would continue with the second phase of weed control, replace or repair baseball backstops and provide a paved volleyball court this summer and place the basketball stops at the proper location at each end.

Enrollment down
Earlier this year the school had

a population of 97 but this was reduced to 91 when a family with six children left the community.

Projections see the school rising to 95 in 1975 and dropping to 86 people in 1976. The school is one of three in north Halton the board envisaged closing. However after protest from ratepayers in the area, the school was left open and the situation is to be reviewed each year.

At the suggestion of Trustee Bill Lawson, the board's assistant director Em Lavender said he would consider the feasibility of providing portable class rooms. Lawson said he understood some classes were being conducted in the corridors.

Welfare payments reach lowest ebb

General Welfare assistance paid out by the Halton County Social and Family Services Department reached the lowest ebb so far this year in May, apportioning \$46,830. March was the highest month with \$60,060 being appropriated, the county committee learned last week.

Very little fluctuation was shown in supplementary aid, special assistance, day nurseries and nurses' services. However, the department paid \$1,020 for homemakers' services during

May. The second highest month in that regard was April when \$32,50 was paid out.

Assistance given
Supplementary aid, special assistance, day nursery and nurses' services accounts totalled slightly over \$5,000 for last month.

During May 132 employable people and 197 unemployable received assistance. In all, 625 people received assistance during May for one reason or the other.

Board of Health future will be discussed here

A motion asking that Boards of Health not be abolished was passed at a meeting held recently in Toronto. Board chairmen, provincial appointees and medical officers of health attended the meeting.

They were acting in response to statements by the Ontario Minister of Health, Dr. Richard Potter that indicated the boards were no longer necessary and should be replaced with regional

councils. Dr. Potter was unable to attend the meeting because of illness and decided against

sending a delegate because he felt the matter was one he should deal with personally.

Halton County Board of Health will discuss the issue at their next meeting. The matter was deferred at the June meeting of the board Wednesday.

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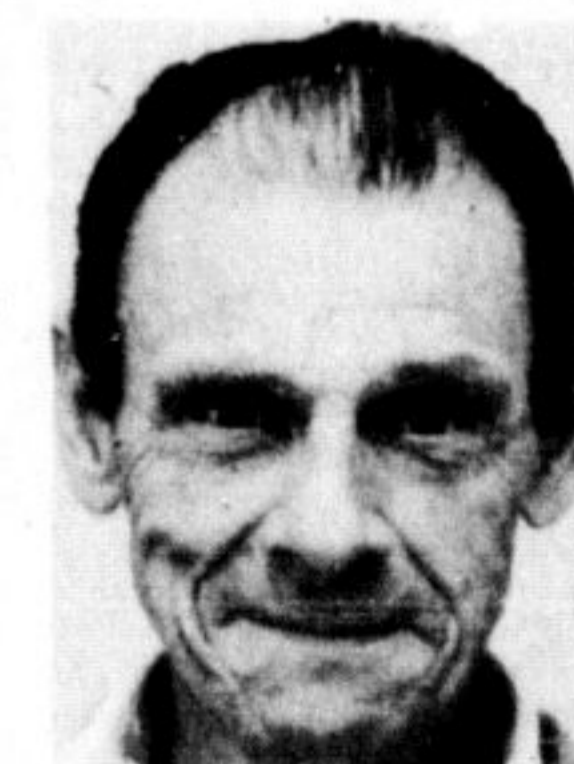


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