

Bruce St. P.S.

Won't decide school fate until region announced

Bruce St. School could be the site of a future Halton County Board of Education administration building, if regional government shapes up to be a Halton-only region.

At any rate the future of the school, one of the county's oldest, won't be decided until after regional government has been decided.

The board shifted its headquarters from Oakville to Burlington about two years ago when the lease on the rented building they occupied ran out.

Two possibilities

Assistant director Em Lavender said the present site had always been considered a

temporary site. "It would seem likely that if Halton was a region on its own, Milton would be the political and geographical centre of the county. If it turns out to be a Halton-Peel region, that is a different story."

Milton trustee John Noble said the current headquarters will likely be needed for a west education area if Halton becomes a region on its own and includes Burlington. He suggested there would be no board decision on the fate of the Bruce St. school property until regional government has been dealt with.

The cost to restore the 115-year-old building makes that consideration prohibitive, Noble said.

Seeking public inquiry on flood plain regulation

A public inquiry into the need for flood plain regulations in Milton has been sought by a local company following the application of Halton Region Conservation Authority to the province for imposition of regulations by June 30.

In a letter to the Hon James Auld, a copy of which was released to Milton Council Monday, Solicitor David Thompson representing Barlin

Construction Ltd., noted the regulations sought would "affect a very large part of the Town of Milton including a substantial part of the central business district. The regulations would prohibit the construction of any building within the designated area unless approved by the Authority".

Barlin Construction Ltd. holds the Milton Lumber site at the corner of Mill St. and Garden Lane.

Public inquiry

The solicitor called for "an inquiry into the need for such regulations and the extent thereof". He asked for the inquiry under The Public Inquiries Act before publication of the regulations.

In supporting the request Mr. Thompson observed the area designated in the proposed regulations were greatly exceeded the area designated by the Authority in 1970 under the zoning by-law. He also pointed out only 30 copies of the report indicating the designated area had been published.

Acknowledging the flood plain restrictions could be largely revoked when channelization was completed, he pointed out there was no assurance when this would be.

Amend official plan

Much of the land designated flood plain was considered in the town's official plan as first priority for development. He suggested the Authority should have made an effort to amend the Official Plan which is the town's guide to policy.

The solicitor noted there was no provision for review or objection open to owners who are in the designated area and even the town is not provided with any recourse although it would be seriously affected. He termed arbitrary the power to grant permits for construction without any avenue of recourse. While the town's zoning is subject to the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board, the proposed regulations circumvent that body, the solicitor concluded.

Concert, fireworks Saturday

Dominion Day in Milton this Saturday will be marked with fireworks over the Centennial Mill Pond and a band concert in Centennial Park.

Milton Parks Board is planning the annual event which begins with a concert by the Lorne Scots Band at Centennial Park, at 7:30. Last year the band played in Rotary Park but this year the concert is being moved to Centennial Park.

Fireworks over pond

Fireworks will be set off about 9.15 or 9.30 over the mill pond in the annual display.

The fireworks are generally visible from the pond bank as well as Centennial Park and it is expected there will be ample accommodation for all this year.



SHE LIKED THE MUSIC... This little girl couldn't contain her exuberance Sunday when the Lorne Scots and Milton Girls Pipe Band combined for a brief concert at the Halton Museum Festival at Kelso. Spotting the vacant stage nearby, she climbed on and leaped around to the beat of the toe-tapping Scottish tunes—much to the delight of the audience. The festival featured plenty of dancing, music and old fashioned fun. (Photo by R. Downs)

Ask study on dams in creek to minimize channelization

A preliminary engineering report was authorized by Milton Council on the possibility of constructing small dams on two branches of the Sixteen Mile Creek, to minimize stream channelization proposals.

The report, estimated by the Halton Region Conservation Authority to cost in excess of \$2,000, is expected to be paid for by the town, province and Authority.

Council's Monday action followed a joint meeting with the Authority last week when alternatives to the proposed cement channelization were advanced by Councillor C. Smillie. (A report of that meeting is inside today's paper.)

Four dams

The resolution approving the study asked the engineers to consider the construction of a small dam at the CNR bridge on the main branch of the Sixteen; three small control dams to impound water on the WD branch; and a re-examination of the stance taken on the future use of the Ontario St. water course. The same resolution asked the Authority to withdraw its requested imposition of flood plain regulations in the town and to redesignate Kelso Dam from recreation to flood control.

In explanation, Councillor Smillie noted the town had supported in principle financially the construction of Kelso Dam, understanding it would be used

for flood control purposes. Now, he noted, it was being suggested it was for recreation purposes.

Councillor M. Powys, commenting on the resolution, said he would like to see the Authority offer any feasible alternatives. "I don't see why they didn't come forward with proposed alternatives. I didn't know councillors had to propose alternatives."

In a letter to the Authority, engineer M. E. MacKrell suggested the lagoon area at the P. L. Robertson plant would contain 250 to 300 acre feet "which is quite considerable." He suggested, however, it would not be sufficient to make channel improvements unnecessary.

Councillor Smillie noted it was the extent of channel improvements that was uncertain and if the dam meant only a clean-out of the stream was required, it would be worthwhile.

Reeve Ron Harris, presiding in the mayor's absence, asked members after approval of the

OPENS STEAM-ERA

Jim Snow, Halton East MPP and Minister of Government Services for Ontario, will officially open this year's 12th annual Steam-Era reunion, it was announced this week. The 1972 Reunion is in Milton Fair Grounds Sept. 1, 2 and 4 and the official opening will follow a Saturday noon parade.

study resolution if they wished to consider implementation of phase one of the channelization while the further report was being prepared.

Nix proceeding
Councillor Ivan Hunter proposed the Authority be asked to proceed with channelization phase one, Main St. to the CPR tracks as expeditiously as possible. A requested recorded vote on the resolution found Councillor Hunter and Reeve Harris in support. Opposed were Councillors Powys, Childs,

Smillie, Melanson, Krantz and Deputy Reeve McCuaig.

Reeve Harris noted, before voting, he saw no alternative to the cement channelization in the area north of Main St. He suggested alternatives would be found most likely south. Estimated cost of phase one is \$340,000 plus the acquisition of any land.

Councillor Smillie suggested implementation of phase one would automatically force the same stream treatment below Main St.



AN ENTIRE FAMILY received their citizenship papers at Friday's special Citizenship Court and were congratulated by Halton MP Rud Whiting, Son Milton. (Photo by D. O'Reilly)

Gala reunion Thursday before Bruce St. closes

All roads lead to Bruce St. Public School in Milton this Thursday evening, June 29, as present and former students and teachers prepare to invade the 115-year-old educational institute for a gala reunion to mark the closing of the building.

On Friday, Bruce St.'s final classes will be held as the Halton County Board of Education is closing it as a school. Its future is still uncertain but one thing is for sure—it will never again be used as an educational facility. The board agreed last week it might make a good central administration centre if Halton becomes a regional government, but it will be too expensive to renovate it to modern school standards.

Time to reminisce

Thursday's reunion starts at 7.30 p.m. and will be an outdoor ceremony, if weather permits. Edgar W. Foster, Milton's own "Mr. Education" and a teacher and principal there for 26 years, is heading up the reunion program as honorary chairman and brief speeches will be given by a few officials. Mr. Foster promises all speeches will be kept to a maximum of three minutes, to give reunion-goers more time for reminiscing and renewing old acquaintanceships.

Speakers will include John Noble, Milton's trustee on the Halton County Board of Education; Mr. Foster, who was principal 1933-1958 and supervising principal 1958-59 before transferring to other local schools and finally retiring last year; Reeve Ron Harris representing Milton Council; T. A. Hutchinson, a board member 1922-1924; Miss Margaret S. Gemmill, who was on the Bruce St. staff as a teacher 1926-1955; and two distinguished gentlemen who graduated from the school, Halton East MPP James W. Snow of Hornby, Minister of Government Services; and E. J. "Ted" Bounsall of Windsor, MPP for Windsor West. The Rev. R. W. Foster, rector of Grace Anglican Church will be the final speaker on the program.

Presented to Students

Chairman Foster said the ceremonies will be kept as brief as possible. The school's awards board, listing the name of outstanding students over the years, will be presented to Wes Clow, principal of J. M. Denyes School which is where most of the present 85 students will be transferring in the fall.

Reunion-goers are invited to bring a lawn chair if they wish to

sit during the program. Visitors are urged to park in the Milton Plaza parking lot, across the road from the school, as there is insufficient space on the school grounds or surrounding roads.

Inside the school guests will be asked to sign the register and there will be a display of old photographs. The remainder of the evening is an "open house" and visitors can wander at will. Coffee will be served at the south side of the building.

Publish history

Jim Dills, publisher of The Champion, has written a brief history of the school with information gleaned from school minute books, the pages of The Champion and anecdotes contributed by former staff and students. The information, along with many of the photographs of old school classes groups which have been appearing in The Champion for the past two months, has been printed in a booklet.

Copies of the booklet will be available at no charge, on a one-to-a-family basis, to guests registering at the reunion. After the reunion copies will be available at The Champion office for a nominal charge.

Handicapped youth swims, races, plays basketball

Wheelchair athlete wins three medals

Story and photo By Dan O'Reilly

A young man from the Kilbride area, who is paralyzed from the waist down, has just come back from Calgary, Alberta with a fistful of medals he acquired at the Fourth Canadian Wheelchair Games.

Bill Brouse, a paraplegic, won medals for three of the six events he entered. Brouse acquired a silver medal for the 50 metre backstroke swim and another silver award for the 50 metre breast stroke swim, and a bronze medal for the 100 yard wheelchair dash. Racing in a wheelchair is somewhat like a regular race—you get ready, get set, and "wheel," he says.

Silver medals are awarded for placing second in an event and

bronze medals are given to third place winners. First place winners win the top prize—a gold medal.

Misses German trip

Had Brouse captured a gold medal he would have been eligible for the Canadian team which will be competing in the Olympic Wheelchair Games in Germany this summer, he says.

The Calgary games were divided into five different classes, according to the participant's particular handicap. Brouse competed in a division with athletes who have similar lack of and use of certain muscles.

Kilbride's top wheelchair athlete hopes to enter the Canadian Wheelchair Olympics in British Columbia and the Pan-

Am Wheelchair Games in Peru. Both events are scheduled for next year.

In 1976 the Olympic Wheelchair Games are to be held in Canada, and there is no way he intends to miss that event, he says.

Six months in hospital

Acquiring the three prizes was a personal reward for 19-year-old Brouse, who has been in wheelchair athletics for less than a year and an accident victim who spent six months in a hospital recuperating.

Brouse was driving into Milton on a cold winter's night on Feb. 20, 1970 to pick up some cowboy boots he had ordered. He got as far as the 10th Sideroad of Burlington, a little west of the Guelph Line, when his Volkswagen went out of control

and off the road.

His spinal cord was bruised, not severed, but damaged enough to cut off all control of his legs. He was taken to Milton District Hospital and then transferred to Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington.

In April of that year he became a patient of the Holbrook Rehabilitation Home in Hamilton where he stayed until September. Because of the social counselling at the institution he was channelled to Ziebart Rustproofing (Hamilton) Ltd. where he obtained his present job as office manager last fall.

Back to classes

In the interval between leaving school and working he returned to General Brock High School. Life for a person not yet 20 and

confined to a wheelchair may seem dreary to a person who has full use of his legs, but Brouse seems to have adjusted well.

"It takes a while to get used to, and it requires a considerable amount of time before you even go outside, but eventually you adapt yourself to the situation," the athlete explains.

If it hadn't been for the help, encouragement, backing, and understanding of his friends and family, Brouse's mental attitude towards being a paraplegic might be a lot different, he admits.

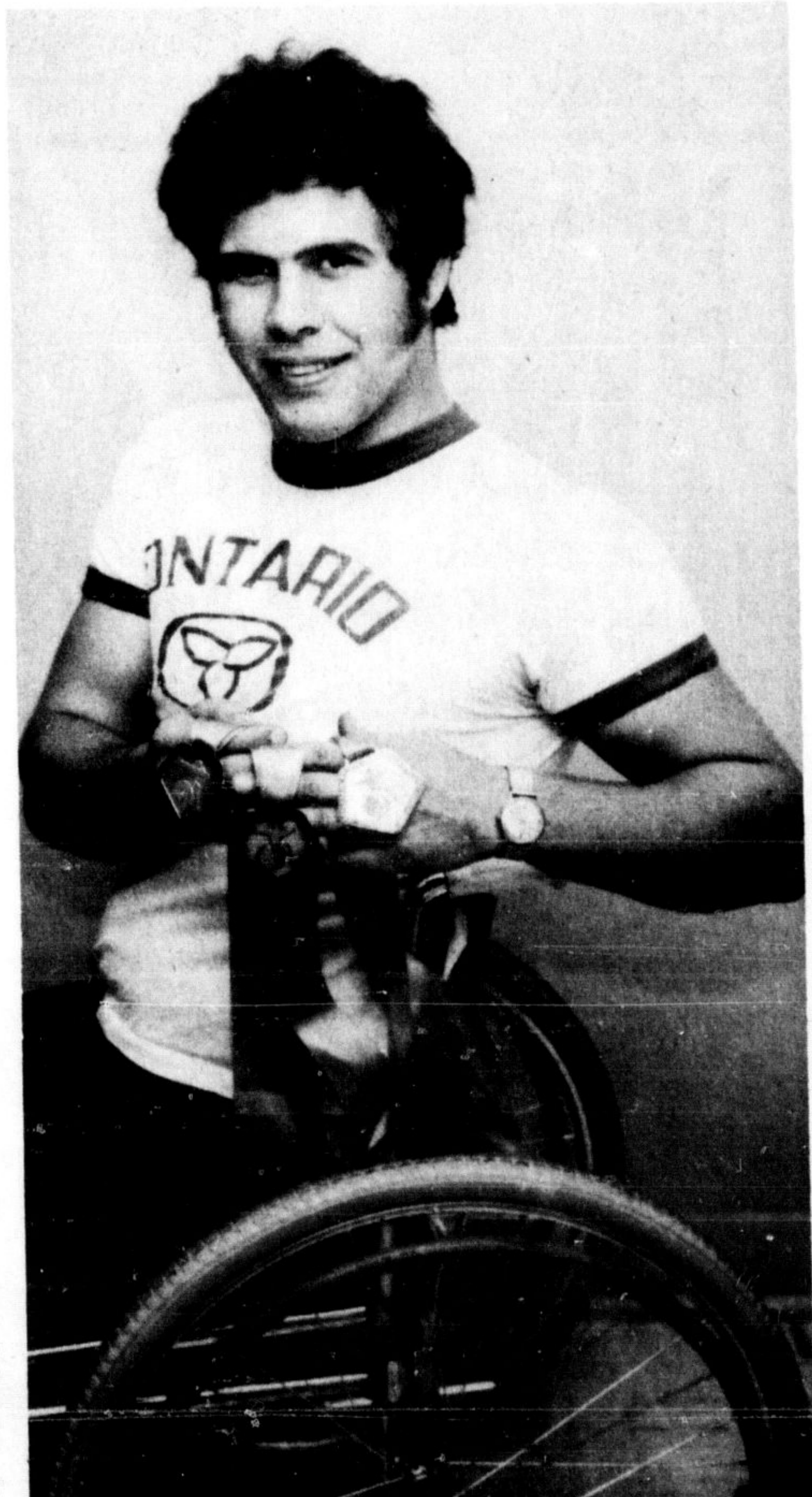
Switch banks

Even the company he works for, Ziebart, has made allowances for Brouse's lack of leg power. As office manager he is often required to bank the company's receipts. Because the

entrance way to one bank was difficult for him, the company switched to a bank with an easier entrance way. The company gave him a week's leave of absence so he could attend the Calgary Games.

Getting to work is no problem as his car is equipped with special hand controls. Brouse enters his vehicle by the passengers' side. "I simply open the door, grab a hold of the seat and pull myself in." His car is a two door machine—he folds his wheelchair and places it in the back seat. It would be rather difficult to retrieve the chair from the back seat if the front seat was one solid mass.

Sports have always been a part of Brouse's life—he played



BILL BROUSE DISPLAYS MEDALS WON AT WHEELCHAIR GAMES

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