



SIGN LANGUAGE was the order of the day Thursday, when Ontario School for the Deaf students participated in "Youth in Council". "Reeve" Sandra Berton follows the translations of OSD teacher Bob Kost, while Milton Deputy Reeve Bob McCuaig looks on. McCuaig conducted the session and explained the workings of municipal government to the students. (Photo by D. O'Reilly)

Youth in Council

Milton students debate, vote on town business

If the views of students in the Milton area are a reflection of the way their parents think and vote, then David and Irene Lewis' application for a subsidy for the bus service they operate will not be accepted by voters in the December municipal elections.

With the exception of student council representatives from the Ontario School for the Deaf, the bulk of Milton student representatives voted against the bus subsidy in Milton Council Chambers last week.

Student representatives from OSD, Holy Rosary, Martin St. and Milton District High School each dealt with Milton Council business. They were taking part in the Milton Optimist Club-sponsored "Youth-In-Council" program.

Inside view
This yearly event is designed to give students an inside view of the problems and workings of governing the town.

The "Youth in Council" program was a part of the Optimists' Youth Appreciation Week.

With the assistance of regular members of Milton Council, the

student representatives dealt with an agenda of business and debated and voted on council resolutions.

On Monday, Nov. 13, Reeve Ron Harris conducted the Martin St. Council; while on Tuesday Councillor Gord Krantz moderated the Holy Rosary meeting. Wednesday Mayor Brian Best explained Council procedure to students of Milton District High School. Deputy Reeve Bob McCuaig was Council representative Thursday when OSD students dealt with municipal problems.

overwhelming vote
According to Optimist member Don Simons, the main organizer of the Councils, the question of the bus subsidy was only one piece of business to command an overwhelming vote.

In addition to the bus subsidy, the four Councils debated such issues as: "Should there be joint use of municipal and school board facilities? What should be the population limit in Milton? Should Halton County be divided into three or four second tier units?"

"While many of the students were in favor of the town expanding, there were differences of opinion on the extent of growth," points out Simons.

Full extent
"The high school body felt Milton should expand to its ultimate population limit of 28,000. However the other schools felt it should be limited to about 15,000."

One order of business which resulted in a "down the middle" vote was the creation of a three-unit regional government setup in Halton as compared to four lower tier units.

"The student vote was split — about half were for a three borough system, while the other half endorsed the four unit setup," points out Simons.

Needed information
"While the students easily dealt with most of the council business, they needed information and background on the ramifications of regional government," Simons points out.

During the Wednesday council the high school students grilled Mayor Brian Best on the question of channelizing the 16 Mile Creek.

"I think the Mayor showed the students there was a need for some method of flood control," Simons suggests.

Asked if he thought the Council experience had been a worthwhile project this year, Simons cited the example of council candidates Dave Lloyd and John McIlwraith, both of whom were students at MDHS last year.

"Last year McIlwraith was the high school's mayor," concluded Simons.

Everyone's from Halton when Warden visits races

It was "Halton County Night" at Mohawk Raceway Saturday and patrons in the track's dining room were made well aware of the fact. Warden Jim Swanborough went around sticking "Hi, I'm from Halton" lapel badges on everyone.

Members of Halton County Council were guests of the Ontario Jockey Club for a dinner and after the Tecumseh Stakes, three county officials went to the winners' circle to present silverware to John Lester of Forest, owner of the stakes winner Atmos.

Warden Swanborough and Deputy Reeve Don McMillan made the presentation. MacArthur and McMillan are the top council officials in Nassagaweya Township, where the raceway is located.

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Sunday racing, reeve's race highlight candidate meeting

Nassagaweya's meet-the-candidate meeting planned for Friday, Nov. 24 at Brookville Hall promises to be a lively affair. Not only will the three way race for reeve attract attention but John Mooney, president of the Ontario Jockey Club will appear to answer questions concerning Sunday racing.

That question is being put to the people for the second time. The first time it was put on the ballot by the council and defeated. This time it is there at the request of the Jockey Club.

Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur is being challenged by her deputy Don McMillan and former Deputy Reeve Gordon Agnew. Councillor Jim Watson is running for deputy reeve and is being challenged by Hugh P. MacMillan.

Competing for three seats on council are incumbents J. C. McIntyre and Arthur Gibson and newcomers Gerald Webbe, John

Henry, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoey and Russell Powadiuk. Mrs. Hoey challenged Mrs. MacArthur for the reeve's seat during an earlier campaign but hasn't been successful yet in gaining a seat on the township council.

Tom Watson of Acton was acclaimed to another term as the Acton-Nassagaweya representative on the Halton County Board of Education.

Measles

Vaccination program

A measles-rubella vaccination program for the protection of children between the ages of one year through the first year of school entry has been instituted by the Ontario Ministry of Health.

In announcing the program, Health Minister Richard T. Potter, M.D. said that all areas of the province have been stocked with vaccine. All practising physicians have been notified of sources of vaccine supplies and have received a recommended immunization schedule.

"It is important that all such children receive their vaccination as soon as possible after their first birthday to ensure protection during the entire pre-school and school period. This calls for a co-operative effort by parents and practising physicians."

immunizing response. Complications often develop in a child who contracts measles. These include pneumonia, convulsions, middle ear infection and inflammation of the brain.

Rubella vaccination of young children will also reduce the risk of infection among women in child-bearing years who have not had the disease. Rubella contracted by a woman during the early months of pregnancy can result in the birth of a baby with serious congenital abnormalities. The earlier in pregnancy the fetus is infected, the more severe the handicaps may be.

Combined vaccine
The combined vaccine will be free. It will provide protection against both measles (red) and rubella (German measles) in a single injection. Infants under the age of 12 months should not be given the vaccine because the presence of maternal antibodies may interfere with the

No dump at Milton Brick

Esqueping Council has given the town of Milton a flat "No" in answer to a request that they consider the use of a pit at Milton Brick as a sanitary landfill site for Milton garbage.

Milton claimed it had not received an answer to the request, which was made a year ago.

"I thought we let them understand our position on that," Reeve Tom Hill said Monday night.

Councillor Dick Howitt said he finds it hard to believe Milton did not know about Esqueping's proposed official plan, since the town has already filed an ob-

jection to it.
"In any case they knew our feeling on having that pit as a dump," Howitt concluded.

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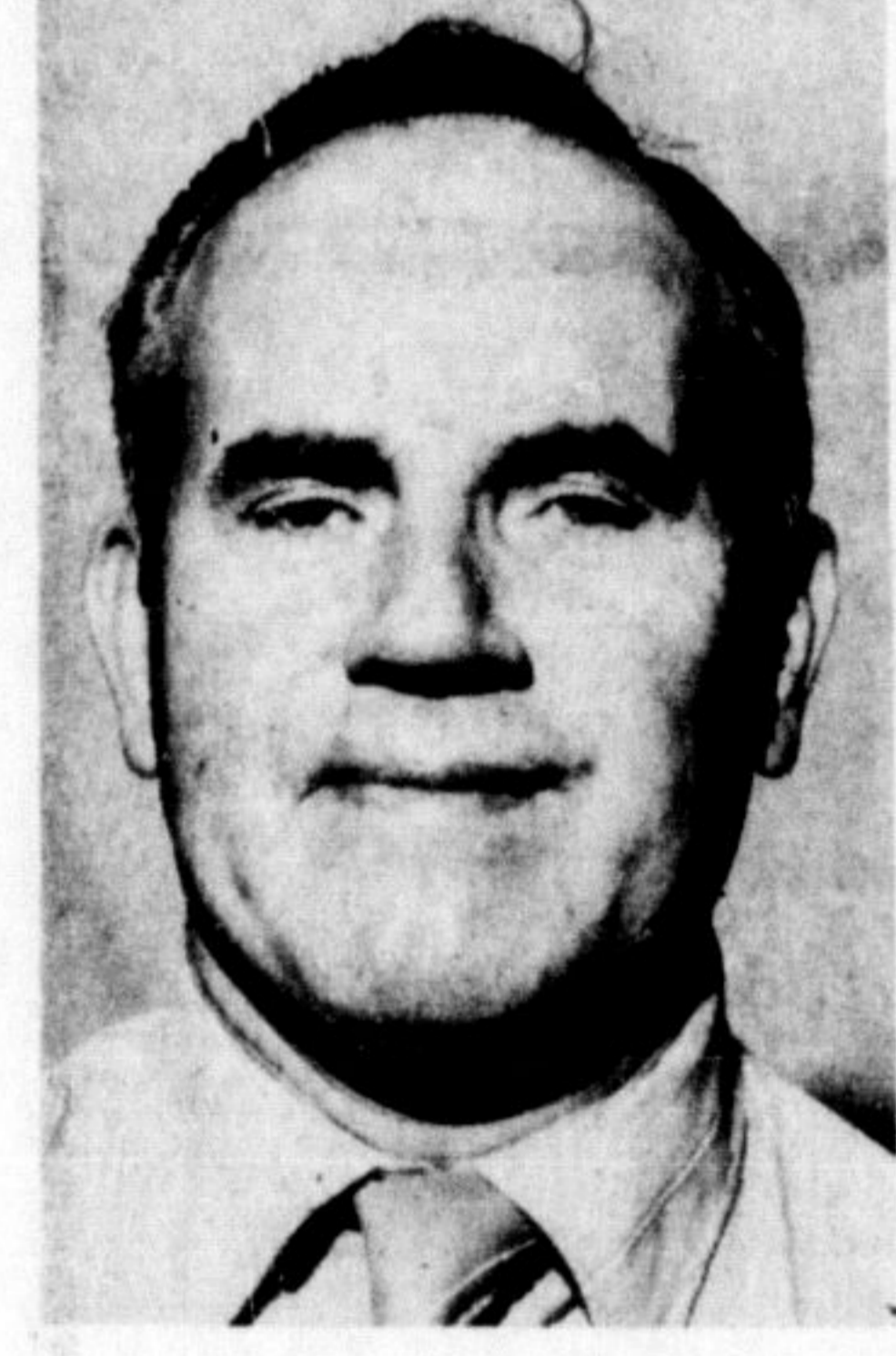
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MALCOLM MANFORD

Mr. Manford, one of 10 seeking a seat on council in the Dec. 4 election race, was in hospital and not available to have his photo taken for publication in last week's Champion with the other candidates. There are six seats open on the council.

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