

## County slices share of Steeles project

Halton County Council has agreed to pay \$39,600 to have the widening of Steeles Ave. extended beyond the county administration property and another \$35,000 for the first phase of work on the storm sewer which will run from the Third Line to the WD branch of the Oakville Creek.

The cost of the project is being shared between the developers involved, the county and the Town of Milton. The town had estimated the county's share at \$76,000 for the first phase and \$66,000 for the second phase for a total of \$142,000.

The county roads committee felt the county should not pay to have the water taken from the Ontario St. Creek to the Oakville Creek or for the oversizing needed to accommodate development in the town.

**High estimate**  
According to county engineer Jack Corbett, the \$142,000 estimate was high, even if the county agreed to go to the Oakville Creek.

After discussion the committee recommended and the council endorsed a resolution that would have the county pay \$35,000 for the first phase. While Corbett's calculation indicated the county should pay \$55,000 for the second phase, members would not commit a future council to the expenditure.

Total costs for the 72 inch storm sewer that will run from the Third Line to the WB Branch of the Oakville Creek will be \$442,000. The project includes widening the road to four lanes from Ontario St. to the easterly boundary of the county of Halton Administration Building property, installation of the storm sewer and the installation of traffic signals at Ontario and Martin Sts.

While the storm sewer will eventually drain the area, it will only be used for roadside drainage until the first phase of creek channelization is complete. The work will necessitate Steeles Ave. being closed to traffic for about three weeks.



MILTON'S C.N.R. STATION on Bronte St. has served its last train passengers and freight. A final order closing the station, removing the agent and authorizing the removal of the building were passed recently by the Canadian

Transport Commission. The railway was originally started in the 1870's as the Hamilton and North Western Railway and was later purchased by the Grand Trunk. C.N.R. has owned it since 1925. The last passenger service on the line was in 1960. (Photo by P. Ford)

## Accident claims its second victim

Critically injured in a car accident May 7, Douglas Murray Hilton of R.R. 4, Rockwood, died five days later in Hamilton General Hospital. The single-car accident also claimed the life of Margaret (Peggy) Emmerson of Acton.

The accident occurred on Highway 25 near Rockwood when Mr. Hilton's car left the road striking the embankment, a fence and

trees. Mr. Hilton is divorced and is survived by children Murray 13, Mark 11, and Michelle parents Mr. and Mrs. George Hilton and brother Clarence. His sister Marion Hilton predeceased him. Mr. Hilton was a milk route salesman for Beckers milk.

## Grads news

Spring is graduation time—and that's news The Champion wants to publish. Please let us know about students' successes and bring in a graduation picture for publication. It is returned unharmed and of course there is no charge.

Oak, Walnut, Butternut and Cherry are favored American hardwoods in woodcarving.

Grasshoppers are a favourite treat of small-mouth bass. Try these next time you go fishing.



GARDEN PLOTS FOR RENT. Yes that's right, bring your own seeds and garden tools—the water comes with the land. Jim Watson of Nassagaweya has turned 15 acres of his 80-acre farm into

plots that he plans to rent to folks who don't have garden space at home. Each tenant will have exclusive rights to a 30 by 80 foot plot. (Photo by B. Burt)

## Rent-your-garden plan proposed by local man

In recent years the pick-your-own fruit philosophy has become a popular practice in Halton and other areas of the province. Producers of strawberries and apples in this area have found the plan to be both profitable and popular.

Jim Watson hopes to extend that philosophy one step further this year when he offers a plant-your-own-garden idea to the general public.

Watson has plowed five fields of his 80-acre farm on Steeles Ave. (just off the Guelph Line in Nassagaweya south of Campbellville) into 30 by 80 foot strips. In all he has 61 strips available for rent. Fifteen of the 80 acres have been plowed and made available for rent.

Attract urban people  
Watson, who is Deputy Reeve of the township and a former teacher with the Halton County School Board, felt the idea could be a popular attraction for people living in highly urban areas who don't have land enough for a garden at their home or apartment.

Plots have been marked off and each customer will have exclusive use of his plot and will be able to plant or grow what he wants.

"I think the idea might appeal to some people interested in health foods. This is one of the few farms that has never had commercial fertilizer applied to it. The land hasn't been worked in 48 years," he explained.

The five fields are arranged in a U-shape around an irrigation pond. Watson estimates no one will have to walk more than 300 feet with their water.

**Picturesque too**  
An area has been cleared for a parking lot near the road. Garden tenants will walk from the parking lot to their plot. All of the fields are set in a wooded area and a rather picturesque setting.

Like the pick-your-own philosophy, the chief market for this

plan is apt to be city or urban people. Watson notes the farm is within 20 minutes of Burlington and Hamilton and 45 minutes from Toronto.

With more leisure time and the increase in the price of food, the idea may go over well. Farmers in the pick-your-own business were quick to realize the city dwellers often welcome a chance to visit the country.

Under Watson's plan they won't only visit the country, but feel a part of it. Until the tenant takes over and begins work on the plot, Watson will keep the land free of weeds and well cultivated. Once the tenant takes over the hoeing, weeding, planting, watering and the host of other duties will be left to him.

## Teachers to name new Police Federation president

When Halton Secondary School Teachers Federation holds its annual meeting in Oakville later this month, the group will be naming a new president to replace Tom Ramautarsingh. The Georgetown high school teacher has held the post for two years.

Ramautarsingh told this newspaper he would definitely not be in the running for the Federation's top post this year. "Two years is enough," he said.

He may be Halton's last voluntary Federation president. Teachers at the May 29 meeting at T. A. Blakelock high school in Oakville will be asked to vote on making the 1973-74 president a half-time employee of the Federation. If approved, the

Federation would pay half the president's salary and he or she would become a half-time teacher and spend the rest of his or her time on Federation business.

**Needs full time**  
Ramautarsingh claims the job has grown to a point where it needs a full time president, but a half-time head officer would at least be a start. A poll of teachers indicated the vote on a half-time president should be successful. In the running for the office this year are Keith Wallace of Blakelock High in Oakville, Morris Childs of Perdue and Hoggis Wernick of Nelson High in Burlington.

The same meeting will present awards for long service to the Federation and education. Among the recipients are Mrs. Anne MacArthur who is retiring in June at Milton District High School, assistant superintendents Don Thomas and Miss Edna Robinson, and Mrs. Joan Misener of Acton High.

The Federation expects to make an announcement on salary negotiations later this week.

## Transfer nursing

A task force combining representatives from Credit Valley School of Nursing and Sheridan College, has been formed to begin the transfer of diploma nursing education to Sheridan College.

The transfer means that over 200 Credit Valley nursing students will become part of the student body at Sheridan. The provincial government made an announcement earlier this year that as of Sept. 1, 1973, all schools of nursing in Ontario would come under the college system.

The nine-storey school of nursing and residence on Highway 10 in Mississauga opened in 1959 and can accommodate 300 students. For the past two years Sheridan has been teaching non-professional subjects such as English and psychology at the Credit Valley nursing school.

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They enjoyed seeing the fingerprinting, data processing, filing, communications and garage departments and all got a chance to drive the small patrol cars used for traffic control at Ontario Place. All said they liked the laboratory work best.

One high point in the week was the OPP safety trailer display, which was at Milton Plaza two days. A total of 1,500 people went through the trailer.

During the same week the Milton OPP held an open house and about 100 visitors were received there.

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## SWEEP program

Doug Hamilton, a McMaster geography student will head up the 76 person SWEEP program this summer. The team which consists of high school and university students will include 57 laborers, seven foremen, a team of biologists, foresters, clerical workers and two public relations officers.

The workers will be divided into seven teams and will concentrate their efforts on stream improvement, erosion control, creek cleanup, forestry assistance and construction programs in the Halton Region Conservation Authority watershed.

Workers are expected to help with HRCA's tree planting program, as well as pruning and trimming other trees.

Among other projects the crew will undertake are the construction of a stone wall lookout at Mount Nemo and a sugar shanty at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre. A crew will work the whole summer at Mountsberg. Some will work as farm helpers while others will get involved in the construction program with the new centre there.

While most of the technical

staff have started work now, foremen are slated to start June 4 and workers will begin June 25. A

small crew will start June 11 to assist the Royal Ontario Museum in an archeological study at Crawford Lake.

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