

84 on Wednesday

Harry's still curling strong



84-YEAR-OLD Harry Riddolls still shows top form despite the birthday that sent him into his eighty-fifth year Wednesday night. An avid curler, Harry still totes the rock and broom at mixed curling Monday and Thursday nights.

An avid sports enthusiast, Harry Riddolls turned 84 last Wednesday and was out curling as usual the following night. "I sure enjoy it," says Harry.

Harry makes it a regular thing to attend the Monday and Thursday night curling sessions at the Milton club, where he is ranked as a skip.

Former principal of the Duke of Connaught public school in Toronto, he's been a member of the local club since it was built in 1964.

Harry came to Milton in 1950 after his retirement from teaching and has since established himself in curling, lawn bowling and golf. He has toured the world including trips to Turkey, Greece and Spain last year.

Presently living alone at 100 Victoria St. Harry walks, reads, visits and plays bridge in his spare time.

He's been curling since 1962 when he started at Guelph and has competed in many spili since then. "I might take a notion to this year," says Harry.



IT WAS ONLY a brief encounter, but David Brown will long remember his visit to Santa Claus and the swell pre-Christmas gift Santa brought. David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown, was one of the youngsters who sat on the famous knee at an Optimist Club Christmas party last week. (Photo by R. Downs)

Hire treasurer . . .

(Continued from page one) statement by Deputy Clerk Campbell Thompson. Arbie's responsibility will expand to include some control over community halls and some other recreation facilities. Arbie and Small are expected to work closely in booking and caring for town facilities.

Becomes a chief
Ray Olan's title will change from building inspector to chief building inspector and zoning administrator and Cecil Jackson's title will change from assistant building inspector to building inspector.

Terry Gallimore, Nassagaweya building inspector, retains his title and joins the Milton staff in what will be a three man department.

McGeachie and Thompson have been on the Milton staff for some time. Sid Savage

was recently appointed clerk in Nassagaweya. Mrs. Cockram has been treasurer in Nassagaweya for several years.



In a regular meeting Monday members of Milton Council:

—Approved a low tender of All-Weather Construction at \$184,513.12 for installation of services and roads in the new industrial area off Harrop Dr. Installation is to be on a local improvement basis.

—Instructed the engineers to call tenders for the installation of sewers in the Forest Grove area before the end of the year.

—Approved in principle the construction of a bus shelter by the Kinsmen on Martin St. with information on shelters obtained by the town being referred to the club. The clerk was also to assist the club in obtaining a suitable site.

Airline ticket seller to fellow agent: "Psst—on our around-the-world fares, what's the price difference between one-way and round trip, he wants to know?"

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Region salaries under fire but councillors speechless

Halton Region Councillors were told they had prejudiced their own success and that of the regional government concept by acting in haste and setting their salaries as a top priority items.

W. S. Thompson of Oakville told the council Wednesday that he realizes taking part in public service was often a thankless job and noted the problems which elected officials had to contend with.

Thompson said many people were against regional government and some were dedicated to seeing that it doesn't work. He suggested the salary issue had been poorly handled and gave regional government opponents reason to believe regional government was going to be very expensive.

Both he and Leo Haber of Burlington, who also addressed council on that sub-

ject, recommended the resolution setting salaries at **Arena . . .** (Continued from page one) plant extension.

The mayor expressed concern that anticipated winter works benefits would be reduced if there was an extended delay in dealing with the project.

"Could we start the project and hope to get an approval for additional funds to finish it?" Councillor G. Krantz wondered.

The mayor stressed that it was not possible without the full Ontario Municipal Board approval. The board could reject later or subsequent approval and the town would be required to pay the full cost in one year, rather than through a 20 year debenture.

May ask for more
The arena board is to review changes and cuts in the plans and report to the council meeting Dec. 27 at which time the council may apply to the OMB for the additional funds to initiate the project.

The arena is scheduled for construction on the high school site at the corner of Thompson Rd. and Main St. A lease with the Board of Education for the site was approved by Council Monday. The chairman indicated other bids were in the \$479,000 and \$524,000 range.

\$8,500 be rescinded and a citizens' committee be set up to recommend a salary.

Thompson, who is vice-president of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Association, noted pressure was being put on the province to set councillor salary limits as was once done.

Thompson said he did not view the councillors' positions as full time jobs. He said many still collected full salaries from another job. "If anyone quit their job to take this on full time, they couldn't have been making much anyway and it might be that this job is over their head," he said.

Others lower
Listing other regional councillor salaries, Thompson noted Ottawa-Carleton paid \$3,500 for councillors and \$8,500 for the executive committee. Niagara received \$5,000, Waterloo \$5,000, York \$7,000, Hamilton-Wentworth \$8,500 and Sudbury \$5,000. He noted many of those regions had complex problems that do not exist in Halton.

Thompson dropped a huge pile of mail and clipped newspaper editorials on the clerk's desk and suggested the pile represented a substantial protest.

Mr. Haber indicated Halton ratepayers would pay more per capita for council salaries than any other region in the province. He noted Hamilton-Wentworth would pay 59

\$500 taken Payroll missing

A total of \$500 cash was reported missing to Milton Police by Milton Drug Mart at the plaza Friday afternoon. The money, in pay envelopes, was taken from a drawer in the back of the store between 12 noon and 4 p.m.

Investigation is continuing under constables Ian McNally and Frank Rivier.

cents per capita and Halton would pay \$1.03.

Negotiate
Haber said the citizens who foot the bill should have the right to have a say in what the councillors would be paid. He re-iterated what Thompson had said and urged a citizens' committee representative of the county be established to negotiate salaries.

None of the councillors questioned either spokesman. None of the councillors offered a defence or explanation of why the salaries were set when they were, or for the amount.

Region sells . . .

(Continued from page one) offices on Steeles Ave. and council should revamp that building for regional use. He said a price already given on that project was \$500,000 to \$600,000. He said that would serve the needs of the county for the next five or six years at least and would do away with the need for a second move. He suggested that his motion be considered if the province rejected the \$1,850,000 figure.

Morrow's motion was defeated 11-9 and the motion to sell the building was approved 11-10. After the vote was called on the motion and Morrow's motion Esquering Reeve and Mayor-Elect of Halton Hills Tom Hill jeered, "the Mason-Dixon line, the Mason-Dixon line." That's Hill's way of saying it's a north-south fight.

A report on the sites available in the region on a temporary basis was presented by Regional Chairman Allan Masson. Masson's report came under attack frequently during the debate.

Tom Hill said it was improper to be trying to say how many square feet would be needed when the council does not even know how many employees it is making provision for.

Brown said the region couldn't out the province from the building because of a long term lease. Brown also said the region should make a deal to sell soon, before the province decided to go somewhere else.

"Let them go, it's the best thing that could happen," Morrow retorted.

Only two suitable
Masson's report notes that only two of the buildings considered would be suitable. One is in Oakville on the north-west corner of the Eighth Line and Iroquois Shore Rd. He notes the rent there would be \$1.35 per foot plus. He never elaborated on what the plus involved.

The other building is in Burlington on the South Service Rd. During the meeting Masson noted the Burlington building was only 12,000 square feet and would not be large enough. The building in Oakville is for up to 40,000 square feet.

The discussion ended with the chairman given permission to seek temporary quarters. The council will also have to seek a permanent site. Some members felt it would be two or three years at least before a new building was erected.

Waste
Morrow said any temporary headquarters proposal in rented office space would be a waste of money.

Burlington Mayor George Harrington said the province's offer to buy seemed like a reasonable one. He said the current site wasn't conducive to the needs of the region. He said there should be one building for all employees. "Otherwise you'd have guys looking for each other all day."

One of several plots of land considered for purchase was land adjacent to the county buildings owned by Alliance Building Corporation. Masson's report listed that land at \$30,000 per acre for one five acre plot and \$40,000 per acre for the other five acre plot.

Len Cox of Esquering pointed out the province had only offered \$23,000 per acre for the county land and wondered why the wide spread in prices.

Price is up
Tom Hill noted that the same land could have been purchased for \$1,500 per acre five years ago. He recalled county council turning a recommendation to that effect down because they felt the land was too expensive.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said Milton had negated the current site as a site for an administration building when it allowed industry to build in the vicinity.

Oakville Councillor Gordon

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