

# Council reconsiders support for trip west

Milton Council was last week advised emphatically not to grant funds to a group of students involved in taking a Milton Youth Float to the Grey Cup Parade in Vancouver this fall. Dave Lloyd, a member of the Milton Youth Council, said it was utterly ridiculous for council to consider sending people to Vancouver on taxpayers' dollars.

He suggested that if the game and parade was in Toronto or Hamilton, the expense would be a great deal less and

would provide some benefit for the town.

**Approach others**  
Council had given approval in principle to the proposal last week and indicated a grant would be given favorable consideration. At that time Jeff Whaling, chairman of the float committee, had indicated he would approach Milton Youth Council and contact Milton Chamber of Commerce.

According to Lloyd and

Councillor Ron Harris, neither group had been approached.

The committee had told council that they had approval from the province for a \$17,000 grant but would need an additional \$6,000 to take the float and the 20 people to Vancouver.

Councillor Russ Powadiuk noted council had been made aware of some problems and had deferred the item indefinitely.



COMMENTING on his 108 birthday Simon Baverstock raises a wary finger and offers advice for the many relatives gathered at the Halton Centennial Manor Sunday. Surrounding Simon is son Jack (left) grandson Gerald (centre) and great grandson Gary (right). To date Simon has four sons, though one died a year and a half ago, one daughter, 23 grandchildren, 58 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren—the youngest a girl in Cambridge is two weeks old. Simon entered the manor in 1966. (Photo by D. Pink)

# Turn down two requests get tough on staff hiring

Two requests for staff were turned down by Halton Regional Council Wednesday as council put into effect a "get-tough" policy that has been talked about for some time.

Regional councillors have repeatedly expressed concern about the spiralling costs as the regional staff continues to swell in number.

Both requests had been approved by the administration committee and in one instance council had already approved the creation of a position.

**Nix lawyer**  
At Wednesday's session council rejected a motion that would have provided the regional solicitor with a junior lawyer, a secretary and a stenographer. Solicitor Noel Bates had told the committee that it would be necessary to have these people in his department if the region's commitments under regional government were to be met.

Council also defeated a recommendation that a senior buyer be hired for the purchasing department. Council had already authorized

that position and the recommendation carried the name of a man who had been interviewed and chosen by the staff.

Under questioning, treasurer Don Farmer told council that it cost about three times as much to operate the region as it had the county, according to comparative figures. He noted that a large part of the increase was due to the added responsibilities. He noted that municipalities have lesser responsibilities now and should reflect a decrease in the budget.

# Cost estimate to move station

A site plan and cost estimate for the relocation of the old CNR station on a Unity Park site has been ordered by the Milton Chamber of Commerce.

executive also began plans for the celebration of Chamber of Commerce week April 21-27 and received preliminary reports on the annual clean up-paint up campaign.



Ontario Provincial Police Constable Erwin A. Ouwendyk of Milton has recently graduated from the Ontario Provincial Police College, Toronto, after successful completion of the "Recruit Orientation Course". Upon graduation Const. Ouwendyk was posted to the Mount Forest Detachment, No. 6 District, Mount Forest.

# Question value road need study

Milton Council will have to decide in the near future whether or not to plunk \$18,000 to \$24,000 on a roads need study for the entire town of Milton.

worth the time, effort and money.

**Different story**  
Councillor Gord Krantz recalled sitting on a committee with ministry representatives who agreed with the study. Krantz said those representatives had claimed the study provided a base for an argument when the town asked for subsidy.

study. "The province is always wanting forecasts. It seems like a sensible way to determine priorities."

During the Community Services meeting which followed the committee of the whole session Deputy Clerk Campbell Thompson told the committee it might be too anxious to kill the study. He said he was certain a documented study would be of some assistance in gaining subsidy from the ministry. The subject will be discussed again.

Design Group 365 has been authorized to prepare the plan as the first step in the project that would see an information booth and Chamber office located near the north entrance to the town, on Highway 25.

Secretary Ron Harris also prepared copies of the new Chamber directory including the latest map of Milton, were being distributed to advertisers for circulation on a free basis. Twenty thousand copies of the new directory are available.

The executive meeting of the Chamber was told one substantial contribution had been promised if the project is proceeded with.

The Chamber's first general meeting of the year will feature Regional Chairman Allan Masson as the speaker on March 26 at a noon luncheon.

After Blay finished his presentation Clerk Jack McGeachie told council that he had been advised by district representatives of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications that the roads need studies weren't

McGeachie said the study was one year old and already out of date. Council agreed to withhold any authorization of the study until the value became more obvious.

Krantz felt there would still be some merit in having the

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# Owner destroys dog bitten by rabid fox

A fox which attacked a dog near a northern Nassagaweya home two weeks ago has been identified as rabid and the dog has been destroyed by its owners, rather than quarantine it for three months under observation. The family's cat, which may also have come into contact with the dog, has also been destroyed.

Meanwhile an anti-rabies inoculation clinic for animals was held at Rockwood last week and 585 animals—dogs, cats and a few rabbits—were brought in by owners.

Mrs. Joseph Cormier of 25 Sideroad between the Fourth and Fifth Lines said the dog was a family pet used to its freedom and the family couldn't bear to see him in isolation for three months. It had fought with a fox near their home and suffered a cut on his forehead.

# Chamber, Manpower seek farm workers

Milton Chamber of Commerce is one of the local co-operating agencies assisting the federal government with an agricultural manpower assistance program.

The program includes two components, Agriculture for Young Canadians and a Canada Farm Labor Pool. A federal budget of \$3 million has been allocated in hopes of providing approximately 80,000 jobs.

people, primarily students under 18, to agricultural work during their summer vacations and to possible future careers in agriculture.

The Canada Farm Labor Pools program will establish labor pool offices in appropriate areas to assess the farm labor needs and find workers to handle seasonal, relief and permanent jobs in agriculture.

Neighbors William Varcoe reports having seen several foxes in a bush on his property in recent weeks. He tried to shoot one seen staggering on the roadway, but it escaped. Another neighbor Art Diamond lost two cows last year, one in June and one in September, after they came in contact with foxes believed to be rabid.

The Oakville Chamber, Oakville and District Labor Council and the Oakville and Milton offices of Canada Manpower are all co-operating in this program, Harris said.

# Road closing

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Works superintendent Bruce McKerr said the size of excavation necessary for the job to be done made it mandatory for the road to be closed.

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It was noted that the closing isolated Clements Motors and made it difficult for Milton Bus Lines to run on schedule.

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McKerr said Anne Blvd. was to be closed until the end of the week anyway.

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# Site plan committee

Milton's Planning and Development Committee has agreed to establish a site plan committee.

That committee will make recommendations on development plans and advise the planning committee. The committee of six will include four citizens employed in the architectural profession and two staff members.



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# Campbell plans rally on education protest

What started out as a private citizen's complaint against moral pollution in the high schools two weeks ago has turned into a popular full scale civil rights movement by the parents and taxpayers in Halton according to Ken Campbell.

Campbell says that as he has listened to the stories of parents, teachers and civic leaders who have contacted him in the past 10 days to tell of their frustrations in seeking to reform the educational system, "it has dawned on me that everyone is organized except the people who support it and whose children are entrusted to its program. Consequently there has developed a power vacuum which has left our elected representatives, our Board of Trustees, facing overwhelming odds in seeking to represent our interests in the system."

**Sensitivity**  
From what he has heard from parents of "the in-

sensitivity of the system to their concerns," Mr. Campbell has realized a widespread dissatisfaction, approaching hopeless despair, or angry frustration as parents have helplessly watched their children turned into "ideological strangers" and "second-rate scholars" by the "educational monster we have created."

"The public educational system should not turn the children against the moral and religious values of their parents," says Campbell, "but it's happening and parents are bewildered and dismayed by the negative changes they see produced by the system."

Claiming to have the support of parents whose views range from "agnostic civil-rights activists to a Roman Catholic University professor," Campbell is now Chairman of a steering committee which is in the process of establishing the Halton Renaissance Committee "through which we intend to seek to accept and reassert our responsibilities as tax-payers and parents for the Halton County public educational system."

According to Mr. Campbell, those who have volunteered their support for the cause include regional councillors and civic leaders, a cross-section of concerned educators, a doctor, an industrialist, clergymen and "all kinds of private citizens like ourselves." As well, Campbell says he has been assured of much support from home and school associations, rate-payers

associations, churches and even "women's Bible study and prayer groups."

**Steering committee**  
"Plans are being laid by the steering committee for a mass public rally to kick off a membership drive for The Renaissance Committee, late this month. Following that, a series of citizens' forums are to be arranged in each of the communities in Halton county to get input from the parents and tax-payers for a series of proposals to be presented by The Renaissance Committee to the Halton Board of Education."

"Perhaps the Halton Renaissance Committee is the beginning of a great renaissance in public education and in society, throughout the province and the nation. For a movement which began as 'a tempest in a teapot' the sounds are more and more like that of a steam engine than that of a tea kettle! Whether it 'pulls its load' or only 'toots its whistle' remains to be seen," Campbell said.

# Santa Claus parade

Revival of the annual Santa Claus parade was endorsed by Milton Council's administration committee Monday as Paul Lonergan of the Kinsmen Club indicated interest in the project.

Lonergan told members of the committee he had found favorable reaction from other service clubs and the Chamber of Commerce. The project, he explained, was in the exploratory stage. He emphasized the Kinsmen club was not taking the project on by itself but was seeking co-operation.

Committee chairman Ron Harris suggested it was a "great idea" to get the project going.

Committee members agreed to co-operate and referred the project to budget discussions for financial consideration.

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