Support given

retarded teams

Financial support for 30 students from schools for the men-

Mayfield school has a 16 person team and Bruce Lyn and

Apparently all but \$1,700 of the \$5,100 has been raised from

tally retarded in Halton have been assured by Halton Board of Education in the students' efforts to take part in the 1974 Spe-

cial Olympics. The olympics are planned for Winnipeg June 13

Sunshine schools will combine to send a 14 person team to the

sources outside of the board. The board agreed to pick up the

Executive committee

During discussion of a progress report from the committee on schools for the trainable retarded, the board agreed to refer

a recommendation to its executive committee that would see

retarded children wear seat belts while they are riding school

that a portable classroom be provided at Sunshine and another

portable room be provided at Bruce Lyn to alleviate crowding

Also referred to the executive committee was a suggestion





PLAYBACK OF FILMING done at the Halton is part of a team at J. M. Denyes learning TV County Museum at Kelso is shown to fellow camera techniques. classmates by cameraman Stephen Prior. Stephen

(Photo by J. Beaton)

# Campbell invited to board meeting

Renaissance Committee leader Ken Campbell will be invited to meet with the Halton Board of Education, the board agreed during a regular meeting Thursday.

Campbell has led almost daily charges against education and educators in recent weeks. His first charge concerned the presence of two lesbians in M. M. Robinson High School and the need for censorship of books in school libraries.

### What action

Campbell had asked Board Chairman Bill Priestner what action he and the board would take in connection with Director of Education Jim Singleton's behavior.

In his reply Priestner reviewed the incident which precipitated Campbell's attack on moral pollution and supported Singleton's action.

The chairman reviewed some of the religious programs and programs that deal with morals and ethics now being taught in the schools.

"As a result of the Mackay Commission Report, The Halton Board set up a committee to study religion in the schools. It was composed of parents, clergy, teachers, students and trustees. Their work resulted in the offering of a course in World Religions, producing an Anthology of Opening Exercises, the development of a Values Inquiry and further programs being developed at present embracing Morals and Ethics. I suggest our responsibility is to the children. We have a long way to go development of a Values Inquiry and further programs being and we need all the help we can get in handling this very delicate area for the good of the kids entrusted to our trusteeship.

"All the trustees know there are undesirable literary works in school libraries but are also aware of the inhibiting Education announced Thursday. nature of censorship. The Spanish Inquisition had noble goals but no one was proud of the results. The way we handle specific complaints about offensive literature or practices is to quietly have the administrator investigate and deal with the matter. This is more effective in my opinion than the Darrow / Bryant approach.

### Give trustee chance

"In your recent statement you mention operating through the elected trustees as the proper means to achieve educational change. We of course totally agree. However, when this incident at M. M. Robinson occurred, I believe after contacting the school, your next contact was with the press. Your trustee should have been the next step. While he may not have been able to get you the results you wanted, he should have at least had a chance. For indeed it is often said that the trustees are powerless against the educators—and they will be if they are not allowed to act for their constituents.

"In summary then, we all know that the edscational system is far from perfect. If we all pull together using our various talents, a better, more vibrant and useful school system for our children will result. We need your input as well as that of all segments of society so that we may have a public school system which can be a positive influence on all the students whatever their beliefs," he said.

# Favors open architecture

Open concept schools won endorsation of the Halton Board of Education at a meeting Thursday. The board agreed to continue building open concept schools where and when it was deemed advisable.

A report from Assistant Director of Education Em Lavender noted that optional attendance areas made it possible for youngsters in one area to move to another area and avoid having a student attend either a conventional school or an open concept school against his or her choice.

The report indicates the open concept plan makes it possible to facilitate co-operative planning and teaching and to provide more flexibility in program.

### Suits some, not all

The report recognizes the idea that not all students are suited for open concept schools but noted on the other hand that many thrive in the open concept

The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education is currently undertaking a major study on the subject and the board agreed to watch closely the outcome of that study.

The open concept plan ran into considerable parent opposition at the Robert Baldwin School in Milton. Parents of children in the area recalled unfavorable experiences children had had in other areas before coming to Milton.

# Students win

Simon Joynes, Ruth Reed and Van McPhail have been named as recipients of awards of merit, Halton Board of

The board gave Joynes the award because of the all-Ontario 1,500 metre victory and to Reed and McPhail for being semi-finalists in the Ontario Mixed Doubles Tennis Tourna-

They were three of nine students in the region to win such awards. The awards are given to those students who make outstanding achievements in participation or competition at the Ontario level or beyond in either physical or academic pur-

### Board eyes increases in education budget

Halton Board of Education delayed approval of or cuts in the \$52,274,693 budget until the board's April 25 meeting. The board met Thursday.

Grant regulations were released by the ministry late last week and administrative officials worked over the weekend to incorporate the grant schedule in a budget. Provincial grants will account for \$31,331,847 and the

municipalities will be requested to pay \$20,243,607. If the budget is approved as presented Burlington will have

to pay \$8,534,948, Halton Hills \$2,559,983, Milton \$1,694,682 and Oakville will pay \$7,453,994.

### Mill rate up

Those figures represent increased costs to the municipality of an average of 2.15 mills or an average of 6.5 per cent. Milton will face a 2.3 mill rate increase while costs will increase by 6.2 per cent.

Oakville's education mill rate jumps by close to seven per cent and 2.1 mills and Burlington will face a mill rate increase of 1.98 mills or an increase of six per cent in dollars.

In view of the inflationary trends the ministry has increased ceilings on per pupil expenditures. Ceilings for elementary pupils jump from \$683 to \$704 and for secondary students from \$1210 to \$223. Halton is within those ceilings.

# CJIMD new TV channel for some Milton viewers

### By Joyce Beaton

There's a aew television channel in town. It's CJMD, channel three, and in case you have trouble getting it on your set it's because it's all closed circuit at J. M. Denyes

Grades three, four, and five students are given the op-portunity to learn how pic-tures get on T.V. as well as being involved in a lot of play to become familiar with the

Under the direction of Ed Riley, teacher librarian at the school, the students are formed into a team of camera technicians. They use a porta pak of tape recorder, tripod

and camera, described by Mr. Riley as the cheapest version of a million dollars' worth of complex equipment.

Recently the crew visited Kelso Conservation Area and filmed the Halton County Museum there. They followed the process of the film until it eventually ended up being viewed by fellow students on the closed circuit. The reality of the art involved led one boy to exclaim, "Boy, those guys on big T.V. don't fool around,

Andy Webster, a new student at J. M. Denyes, was excited to describe his part on the team. He was involved in

### Filming

was also experienced.

playback he realized appreciated what goes into camera technique.

the Halton Board

the taping of a grade five play. While watching the

### Camera work The team did the camera work when grade four students brought science project into the resource centre and explained it to fellow students They were excited to realize they were being viewed by

The equipment belongs to Education and is available

to June 16.

\$1,700 if necessary

in both schools.

the students on television. A simulation of a party game

for use in elementary schools

# Won't petition on compulsory subjects

The Halton Board of Education will not petition the Ministry of Education to increase the number of compulsory subjects that are necessary to complete requirements for a secondary school graduation diploma.

The board came to that conclusion after receiving a committee report. The report indicated there would be little benefit to students forced to take math or physical fitness and secondly, affirmed the belief that students in concert with their parents and principal should select the courses they wish to take. It was noted a high percentage of students take both options even though they are not mandatory.



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# Sally Ann is busy group

Regional Council recently treats were distributed as a shows the Salvation Army in part of the league of mercy Halton had an active year in work. 1973. According to the report two boys or 314 days of care were provided at the House of Concord. Four unwed mothers were cared for a total of 377 days at an expense

console.

of about \$3,100. Thirty-eight welfare families received assistance at Christmas and 150 persons received grocery orders or furniture and clothing. Thirteen potential suicide cases contacted and received help from the suicide prevention bureau while an average of 851 persons were visited each month and a total

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CJMD CHANNEL 3 closed circuit TV at J. M. Denyes school is operated by the students. With camera from left are Dennis Laroque, Stephen

Prior and Bev Edwards. Andy Webster and Tom Ruigrok look after the

On top of that the Salvation Army runs a men's social centre, a treatment centre for alcoholics and a probation home for girls.

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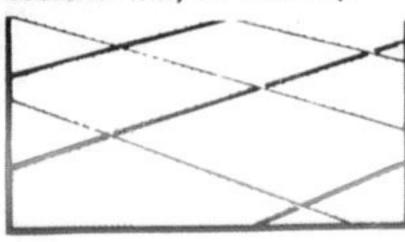
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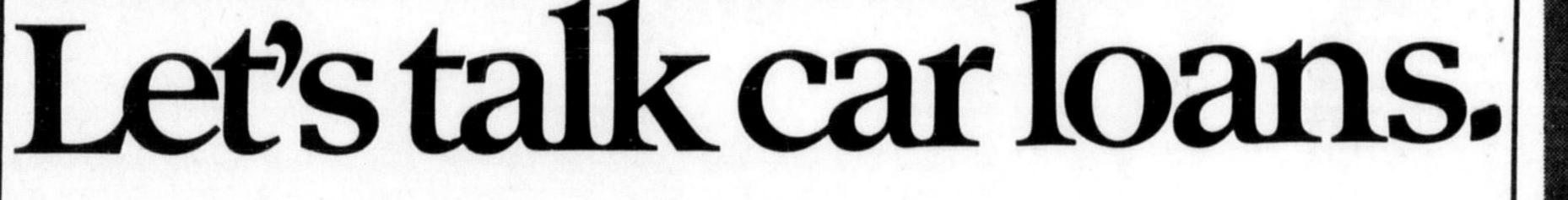
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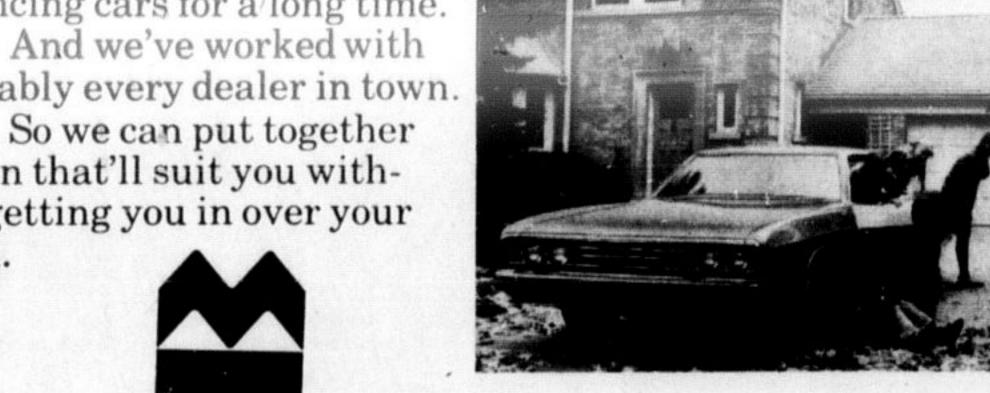
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