

Hopes capital budget ready for next week

Regional Treasurer Don Farmer hopes to have a capital budget to present to the region's administration committee during their meeting next Wednesday.

Budgets from Oakville, Burlington, and Halton Hills were returned to those municipalities after heated debates a couple of weeks ago.

Mayor George Harrington of Burlington said the city's budget had been reduced but not quite as far as requested. Ric Morrow of Halton Hills said substantial cuts had been made on that town's budget and further cuts were expected. He felt the cuts would more than meet the region request.

Apparently Oakville's budget has been cut but by only a fraction of what the town had been requested to cut. Milton's budget was accepted intact.

Reporting on the procedure, Farmer explained the region had the right to request cuts in capital forecasts. He noted that even after the allotments had been approved, the region had to approve by resolution each project, and the debenture for that project. At that time the region has the power to veto any project.

Debate on that question took a large portion of time at a recent meeting of council.

7th Line, 17 Sideroad reconstruction soon

Tenders will be called on the reconstruction of the Seventh Line and 17 Sideroad from 15 Sideroad north and east to the former westerly limits of Georgetown. Halton Region's Public Works Committee agreed to call tenders to fall due June 10.

The work will include curbs, gutters, storm sewers, retaining walls, a concrete rigid frame bridge, grading, base and hot mix paving.

According to Public Works Director Bob Baillie the work will be almost completed by the end of the year, with

minor portions of the job to be left to the following spring. Baillie anticipates spending \$226,000 this year and \$120,000 in 1975.

Rent out home

During the same meeting the committee agreed to rent a house it owns on the road. The region intends to rent it on a monthly basis and will eventually sell the house. The county had purchased the home because of the disruption the road construction would have caused the previous owner.



OPENING DAY FISHERMEN lined the shores of the local Mill Pond Saturday with hopes of landing some big trout. Fishermen rose with the sun, if not earlier, to try their opening day luck with rod and reel.

(Photo by D. Pink)

Norval wants services

Urge flood plain acquisition

Halton Region's Public Works Committee was advised not to extend water services to Norval but rather to consider buying up homes and land in the flood plain areas that cover most of Norval, Stewartown, Glen Williams and Hidden Valley.

At a recent meeting, staff members were asked to conduct a study concerning the feasibility of providing water services to the Norval area.

Halton Hills Councillors Len Cox and Ernie Sykes both objected strenuously to

the staff recommendations. Nonsense. Sykes said there had never been a flooding problem in Norval and described the staff recommendation to buy up land as "nonsense."

Cox said the area was a built-up area and the homes had been there for 100 years. About 200 homes are involved, he indicated.

Regional Chairman Allan Masson said the services wouldn't open new development but alleviate an existing problem.

Cox claimed the people

had requested the services and were willing to pay a share of costs under local improvement.

Need study. Committee chairman Jack Raftis said he felt the committee was obligated to go ahead with a \$3,000 study to determine what would have to be done and the costs involved. The committee agreed to that route.

The staff report explained there is difficulty in providing municipal services because the lands are in the flood plain. "There now exists the

elements of a major natural disaster if the area were to be hit by a major storm such as Hurricane Hazel," the report said.

The committee was warned that the provision of water would lead to the request for sewers as well.

Harder to acquire. The engineering report noted that those services would increase the price of the property and make it even more difficult to acquire the flood plain land at a later date, if that decision was made.

Both Cox and Sykes said the area had withstood Hurricane Hazel, suffering only minor damages.

The staff report warned that "if the properties in the flood plain become more valuable through the provision of services, the region would be faced with pressure to contain the creeks in concrete channelization, leading to the attendant conflict with the environmentalists."

Regional coverage

By BOB BURTT

Region shares hospital cost

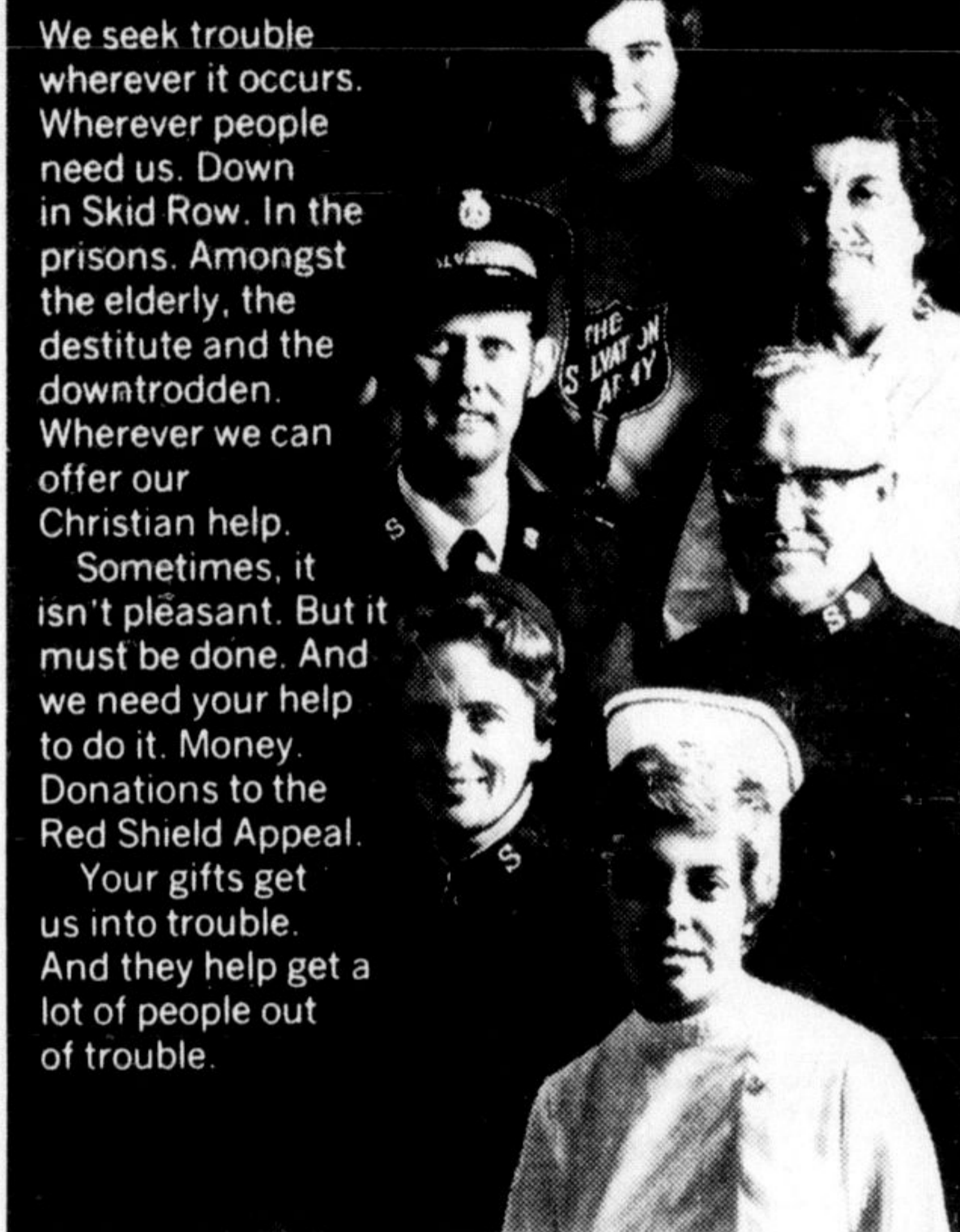
An addition to the Georgetown District Hospital will cost approximately \$950,000 to \$1,000,000.

Tenders have been called on that project but bids haven't been returned yet. Halton Region's Administration and Finance Committee was advised its share of the cost will be about \$325,000.

The region shares in the cost of hospital construction or expansion to about one-third of the total cost. The balance comes from federal and provincial grants.

The expansion at Georgetown Hospital includes major renovations in the existing building as well as an upgrading of facilities.

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Regional briefs

During a regular meeting of the Regional Finance and Administration Committee Wednesday the committee:

—Recommended joining the Bureau of Municipal Research at a cost of \$250 per year.

—Was advised the next meeting of the provincial municipal liaison committee would be held in Toronto May 10.

—Received a number of submissions from management consulting firms offering assistance in conducting a study of the organizational structure for the region.

—Authorized Personnel Director Dennis Camm and his assistant John Watson to attend a seminar dealing with Municipal Collective Bargaining May 23 and 24. An elected official is also to attend.

—Received a proposed budget from the Personnel department in the amount of \$69,900. Of that \$53,835 is

attributed to salaries.

—Agreed to request the region to request an interim quota of \$680,000 for Halton Hills from the capital budget allocation.

—Received a budget from the treasury department in the amount of \$132,584. Of that about \$108,000 was allocated for salaries.

—Authorized Purchasing Agent Roy Higgins to attend a convention in Edmonton June 9, 10 and 11 and Deputy Treasurer Jim McQueen to a convention June 17, 18 and 19 in Honey Harbor.

—Denied a request for a grant from the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra of \$3,000.

—Agreed to charge the town of Oakville \$1,119.82 in interest for late payment of the interim levy to the region. Apparently Oakville mailed the cheque on the deadline — March 29 — but in error it went to Mississauga rather than Burlington and arrived five days late.

Aggregate industry scores parochialism urges fair policies

Representatives of the Ontario Aggregate Producers Association appeared before Regional Planning Committee last Tuesday. G. E. Armstrong told the committee the future of the aggregate industry was uncertain because of the narrow parochial attitudes of municipal and provincial politicians.

Armstrong told the committee the aggregate was only available in certain areas. He noted those areas were being infringed upon by housing and other types of development.

He said the aggregate is necessary to the way of life in Ontario and noted consumption would increase from 35,000,000 tons in 1971 to 126,000,000 in 1980.

Wants policy. He emphasized the need for an aggregate policy for the province and listed other goals the association had in mind.

Responsible legislation, proper land use and rehabilitation were among the goals the association felt warranted study and action.

Armstrong reminded the committee the resource is non-renewable and there is no substitute. He projected the wide variety of projects constructed with the aid of the aggregate.

Seeks consideration. He made the presentation to the committee with the hope that favorable consideration might be given during discussions of the official plan for the region.

Armstrong noted Michigan was so desperate for aggregate materials now, they were pushing houses over to get at the material. He explained the un-

certainty in the industry had caused firms to hold back on investments for new ventures. Investments would be necessary to improve plant capacity, he said.

OSD tours fire hall

Two teachers and 13 students from Ontario School for the Deaf paid a visit to Milton Fire Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Capt. Harold Coulson gave the group a tour of the hall and distributed fire helmets and fire prevention literature to all of them.

Last week Chief A. E. Clement and Lt. Jim Coulson of Milton Fire Department assisted Milton District Hospital's fire committee chairman Bill McGinnis and staff with a regular monthly fire drill. Lt. Coulson said the drill was "very well executed"—the alarm was sounded at 9:31 a.m. and the "all clear" was given exactly 10 minutes later.

Dance is success

Homemakinga 4-H Homemakers club members held a successful spring dance at Brockville Hall last week, with about 100 attending. Everyone was so pleased with the event, another is planned in the fall.

Dancing, music and refreshments were enjoyed by all. John Dickson, Debra Daigle, Greig Durham, Kim McKinnon and Mrs. McKinnon were prize winners. Debra Daigle was disc jockey. Proceeds will go towards club activities.

Landlord-tenant bureau on a volunteer basis

Halton Region's Administration Committee has recommended regional council provide \$500 and allow volunteers to organize and operate a Landlord and Tenant Advisory Bureau for the region.

The bureau has been advocated by Evelyn Hudgins, past chairman of the Burling-

ton Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board.

The committee's recommendation, however, only goes part way towards meeting the need outlined in a series of briefs and delegations by Mrs. Hudgins.

Not included. Mrs. Hudgins had requested a bureau be set up

Region, town may share yard

Halton Hills Council will be approached by Halton Region to share building and yard facilities for the public works department in one of the three Halton Hills yards.

Regional Director Bob Baillie noted one of his department's problems was the lack of yard and building space.

Ernie Sykes and Len Cox suggested the town could probably work out a co-operative arrangement but both objected to a staff recommendation asking Halton Hills to transfer one of the three yards to the region.

Disruption of service locally and inconvenience were the predicted results of that action.

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