



SANTA WAS CAUGHT trying out his sleigh before the big day Saturday when he'll be visiting Milton as part of his big pre-Christmas

parade. Santa has covered up warmly for his trip, beginning at the School for the Deaf at 2 p.m. and ending at the fair grounds.



500 NICKELS (that's \$25) was the prize won by Mrs. C. MacGibbon of 119 Wilson Dr. in this week's Chamber of Commerce "Win 500 a Week" draw. Chamber president Emerson McCready presented the money, some of which was arranged in the shape of a "500". The other "500" winner this week was Mrs. H. Harrison, 407 Mountainview Dr. Weekly Monday draws are being made and the prizes will grow each week until Christmas.

\$157,798 aerial is okayed

Milton Fire Department will purchase a fire truck with an 85 foot aerial platform ladder. The truck will cost \$157,798 and that quote is subject to an escalation clause.

The contract was awarded to the sole bidder, King Seagreave. Council approved the purchase at a recent meeting.

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WELCOME TO SANTA

This Saturday, Nov. 30 Santa Claus pays a pre-Christmas visit to Milton. The parade sponsored by town service clubs, merchants and industries starts at 2 p.m. at Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf. It will go north on Ontario St., through Milton Plaza, east on Main St., south on Bronte St., and west on Robert St. to the fair grounds. Everyone's welcome to watch the parade and bid welcome to Santa.

SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

The Chansonette Choir welcomes the Christmas season in Milton with two concerts of Christmas music—Thursday, Nov. 28 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. Both concerts are at Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf. It's a family program so bring the kids. Admission is \$1.50 adults, 75 cents students.

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He's not convinced

Halton Hills Councillor Len Coxe isn't convinced that products of higher education are the cure to all of our ills. Coxe was commenting on proposed qualifications for the position of administrator of Halton Centennial Manor.

Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid had suggested the individual should have a university degree in social work or a related discipline and 10 years' experience in the operation of a home.

"The Manor didn't work worth a tinker's damn until we got a cabinet maker to operate it," Coxe said, referring to Stan Allen who has held the post for the past 17 years.

The CAO is drawing up job descriptions for each department head.

Await well report

Development stalled in northern Halton

Plans for development in North Halton may be seriously thwarted unless Halton Regional Council is convinced that communal wells can be a worthwhile alternative to municipal water services.

Director of Public Works Bob Baillie has told council it would take six months to prepare a study determining what standards for communal wells could be considered acceptable.

Members of the planning committee had instructed Baillie to prepare the study no later than Jan. 30. Burlington Councillor Mary Munro said the matter was something that could be handled by a junior member of the staff. She claimed the committee had been told the material and reports were available and it was just a matter of compiling the information into a report.

Planning Committee Chairman Harry Barrett said that Baillie had agreed to the Jan. 30 deadline and then had gone to the public works committee and told them it couldn't be done before April. "Either he didn't agree, or didn't believe us," he said.

Subdivisions At least two subdivisions, one in Brookville and one in Moffat are currently seeking draft plan approval. One has the option of using private wells and the other will be held up until Baillie reports on suitable standards and council accepts or rejects those standards.

Should the region allow communal wells to be established, it must guarantee homeowners in that subdivision a supply of water should the well system dry up or become polluted. The Ministry of the Environment will not approve draft plans for subdivisions unless the region does guarantee that water supply.

Members of the planning committee were surprised that Baillie had second thoughts about being able to compile the report by the end of January.

Defends Baillie Public Works Chairman Jack Raftis defended Baillie

and said it was just a matter of priorities. He said the report could be compiled earlier if considered urgent, but he noted that would necessitate more staff. "We've been trying to keep a lid on the staff," he said.

Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur said she wasn't prepared to wait and have developments held up for six months while Baillie drew up what he felt were suitable standards for communal wells.

Barrett favored the earlier deadline and said the action in effect would freeze further subdivisions in north Halton until the report was prepared.

Burlington Mayor George Harrington took a harsh stand. He claimed that the study of standards wasn't necessary. He advocated banning the use of communal wells. He suggested that the only subdivisions that should be built were those which could be connected to municipal water supplies.

He recalled the province

having to spend millions of dollars to provide water for Bramalea after the communal well there failed.

No comparison Mayor MacArthur told Harrington it was ludicrous to compare minor subdivisions in Moffat and Brookville to something the size of Bramalea.

Oakville Councillor Bill Mason said he didn't have the faith in wells that some other members do. He referred to current cases in Milton, Oakville and Burlington where residents are either suffering with polluted wells or wells that have dried up. Mason said that if the developments were that important to the developer, he should provide municipal water. He took the position that the region could

not and should not guarantee water supplies. Mason lives in an area where wells have dried up. Committee of the whole chairman Ernie Sykes of Halton Hills cast the deciding vote on a resolution that would have required Baillie to have the report for Jan. 30. Sykes voted against that

move and the matter was referred back to the public works committee to see if the report could be prepared prior to the six month deadline set earlier.

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