

Vaccine runs short

Restrict polio clinics to youths 18 and under

By Olga Darcovich
Emergency polio immunization clinics in Halton will limit immunizations to young people 18 and under, Dr. Joseph Chamberlain, Halton's Medical Officer of Health, announced Monday night.

Persons of any age who have just returned from the Netherlands or are planning to visit there will be given the vaccine as well.

Dr. Chamberlain said he received a call from the Ministry of Health Monday night instructing him that no further adult clinics are to be held outside Oxford County and counties forming a buffer zone around Oxford. Three cases of paralytic polio and two cases of non-paralytic

polio have been confirmed in Oxford County and 85 people have been quarantined.

Most victims are members of the Netherlands Reform Congregation. Some members of the sect refuse vaccinations. There have been 100 confirmed cases of polio in Holland this year. Several exchange students who belong to the sect have been visiting in Oxford County.

Clinics for those eligible for the vaccine will be held as previously scheduled. The Milton clinic is operating out of the Health Unit office today. A clinic in Oakville is slated for tomorrow and one in Acton for Friday. A clinic was held in Georgetown Tuesday.

Clinic hours have been

changed. They will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are preferred. Phone numbers are 878-7245 for Milton and 877-2238 for Acton and Georgetown.

After this week the only clinic scheduled so far is one on Sept. 1 in Milton.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Health said the restriction of vaccine is a temporary measure only. When supplies have been replenished, clinics for adults will reopen. He said 1,000,000 doses are expected to be ready in September and a further 500,000 doses in October. Individuals over 18 who have started a series of injections will be able to continue them at that time, he added.

The order to confine immunizations to the high risk group, issued Friday by Health Minister Dennis Timbrell, has met with a mixed response. Oxford County physician Dr. R. M. Hall, who discovered the polio cases, is reported to disagree with the ruling. He is quoted as saying everyone should be able to get immunized against polio.

The medical officer of health for Ottawa-Carleton said Saturday he would continue to vaccinate people of all ages until supplies run out.

The last major outbreak of polio in Canada occurred in 1953, and the last reported case in Ontario, before this year, was five years ago. But

Canadians growing up in the forties and fifties and earlier will remember the polio scares of summers, will remember the warnings against swimming in dirty water and will remember the iron lungs.

Vaccine against polio became available in 1955 and the disease virtually disappeared.

But the virus itself has not been wiped out. It is always present in society, a spokesman for the Ministry of Health stresses. Absence of the disease depends on maintenance of an adequate level of immunity in a community.

Poliomyelitis is a viral disease of varying severity. At one extreme it can be fatal —

mortality rate ranges from two to 10 per cent and increases with age. At the other extreme it can be symptomless.

Signs and symptoms include fever, headache, stomach upset, general malaise and stiffness of the neck and back. Paralysis, usually of the lower limbs but sometimes also affecting the muscles of respiration and swallowing, occurs in some cases.

The virus is spread by secretions of the nose and throat and in the feces of infected persons. It can be carried in contaminated drinking water, milk and food. The virus invades the digestive tract and is transported to the central nervous system by the blood-

stream.

Before the discovery of polio vaccine, outbreaks of the disease occurred in cycles. That is, there was a higher incidence of cases in some years than others. A higher incidence was observed in summer months as well. The reason for this pattern is not clearly understood.

Apparently well persons carrying the organism in their bodies can spread the disease to others. They are called carriers. Carrier states and polio cases are confirmed by laboratory findings.

Two kinds of vaccine have been developed to immunize against polio. Salk vaccine is made up of dead viruses and is given by injection. Sabine

vaccine uses live viruses and is taken by mouth. Salk vaccine is safer. The risk of getting polio from Sabine vaccine has been estimated at one in 10 million.

But, because it is faster to administer and believed to produce immunity more quickly, Sabine vaccine has been given in Oxford County.

Immunity takes time to develop, the Ministry warns. Although there is some low level immunity after an initial dose as the body begins to produce antibodies against the vaccine, a series of four doses spaced out over several weeks is required to get a high level of immunity in persons never before vaccinated. Booster immunizations every five

years are recommended after completion of the series in order to maintain protection.

At one time polio was called infantile paralysis because it appeared to attack primarily young people. This belief has proved false. Polio can strike at any age, says the Ministry.

The temporary restriction of immunization to those 18 and under and those living in the vicinity of the outbreak was taken in the face of dwindling vaccine supplies to protect those at greatest risk. People over 30 are more likely to either have been vaccinated in childhood or to have acquired a natural immunity in childhood as a result of exposure to the virus.

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McKenzie issues plea for uniform water rate

Acton area councillor Pat McKenzie has called on regional councillors from Oakville and Burlington to overcome "parochial preferences" and vote in favor of uniform water rates when it goes before council today (Wednesday).

In a letter to Regional Chairman Ric Morrow and regional councillors, McKenzie says "It is only a basic requirement that as we are the legal body required to provide water and sewer services that we should take the necessary steps to provide these services to our citizens at a uniform rate, as we do for social services, police and other regional responsibilities."

McKenzie claimed the unit cost of providing sewer and water services in the southern communities would be less than in the north because of the large plants and the proximity to the lake.

"I would hope that those members from Oakville and Burlington, who hold the vot-

ing power in the Region, would consider that, only by sharing the costs of all regional services on an equal basis, can we provide fair government to our citizens."

That issue has commanded more attention at regional council than any other during the five-year life of the region.

It was debated early in the life of the region. It was rejected then and many times since then. But this time the wall of resistance doesn't appear as great as it has previously.

Halton Hills councillors, who once solidly opposed the move towards equalization, now appear receptive to the move and some see it as a way to save Acton residents from what they feel would be excessive charges for water and sewer services in that community.

Milton councillors remain opposed to the move because they feel they would be out-voted and services needed in that community would not be

provided for.

The majority of Oakville councillors oppose the move and favor the retention of the charge back system, where each community pays for what is done within the boundaries of the community.

Burlington councillors tend to lean towards equalized water rates, but several of the Burlington councillors could go either way.

Regional Chairman Ric Morrow has come out strongly in favor of equalizing the costs and centering the decision making at the region. As it is now, council generally reacts to the wish of the municipalities as opposed to debating the issue and basing the decision on priorities within the region. The attitude has been, if Milton or Acton is paying for it, let them have it.

That attitude would no doubt change if the costs were shared across the region. Requests for services would generate more discussion at the regional council level.



FLOWER GARDENS gracing Bell Bros. self-serve Shell service station on Martin St. at Steeles Ave. helped the station win top marks in Milton and District Horticultural Society's 1978 home beautification awards. Alexis Keeley waters the flowers daily. More photos of winning homes and business places, and details on the contest on Pg. C1 of today's Champion.

Condition of survivors shows major improvement

Four survivors of an accident that took two lives are all reported to be improving daily and all have been removed from intensive care wings of the hospitals to which they were sent.

The accident on July 22 near Owen Sound took the lives of Milton clergyman Rev. W. Lorne Brown and 20-year-old Gerald DeKoeijer of Meadowbrook Dr.

Mr. Brown's wife Eleanor remains in Owen Sound General and Marine Hospital. She suffered a serious concussion and was unconscious for some time after the accident.

She is now reported to be gaining strength and able to go for short walks on her own. Her daughter Elizabeth suffered a badly broken leg and expects to be released from the Owen Sound Hospital any day now.

Another passenger in the car, Michael Toccalino was released from Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital over the weekend. He had suffered a broken leg and lacerations to the head and body.

The driver of the other vehicle, Steven Smith, 18, of Owen Sound, remains in

Hamilton General Hospital. He has regained consciousness and is listed in good condition.

The accident happened when the Brown family and friends of the family were en route home from a movie. The family had been at the family cottage near Owen Sound for the month of July.

Campbell confused

Ministry response ends 15-day hunger strike

Milton evangelist Ken Campbell, founder of Renaissance Ontario, ended a 15-day "fast" Thursday, after receiving an "appropriate response" from Education Minister Tom Wells.

Mr. Campbell zegan the hunger strike Wednesday, July 26 to protest the Ministry of Education's involvement in a \$300,000 education research project, which included the appointment of CBC radio broadcaster Laurier LaPierre as commissioner, at an annual salary of \$90,000.

In response, Mr. Wells informed Mr. Campbell that the ministry is not contributing towards the project headed by four Ontario teachers' federations, but is instead financing an independent \$100,000 ministry study.

He emphasized that the contract is "with the Ministry, not the commission and is supervised by our officials and paid for by the normal contractual research funds made available to the Ministry for its research needs."

In accepting the appropriateness of Mr. Wells' response, Campbell noted that the Minister's letter had satisfied him that the Ministry was clearly not encouraging the sort of "social revolution" apparently being

advocated by Mr. LaPierre.

In his research on child education, Mr. LaPierre is taking a close look at altering the present public school system to meet the changing schedules and lifestyles of modern day family life.

In his letter to the education ministry, Mr. Campbell stated he was "distressed" and "shaken" by the attitude of Mr. LaPierre who reportedly stated that schools are

no longer the extension of the home, but instead that the home is the extension of the school.

"Our views about the importance of and integrity of the family are, I suspect, very similar to your own," Mr. Wells wrote.

"I can assure you," he stated, "that the decision to establish the inquiry into the education of the young child was exclusively a decision of the four federations involved, as was the decision to hire Mr. LaPierre to conduct it."

According to Mr. Wells, the results of the ministry study will be made available to the public and to the LaPierre commission when concluded.

Thieves strike

Halton Regional Police are investigating a rash of break and enters which occurred on Wednesday evening, Aug. 9 at 55 Steeles Ave.

Nearly \$200 in cash was stolen from Milton Rentals after thieves broke into the building. Milton Truck Exchange was also broken into at the same time, but nothing was reported stolen.

An apartment over the same building was entered, but again, nothing was taken.

On the same evening, \$30 in cash was taken from Scobie's Tire Service at the same address. Police stated thieves entered the building through a window.

The focus of the concern of the executive of Renaissance Ontario now turns to the teachers' federations responsible for the commission, said Mr. Campbell.

A letter is being prepared to be sent from Renaissance Ontario to the four federations, questioning their decision to hire LaPierre.

Funds for the commission project come from the Federation of Women Teachers' Associations of Ontario, the Ontario Public School Men Teacher's Federation, Association des Enseignants Franco-Ontariens and the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association.

Van-car crash claims life of Milton mechanic

A suspected car brake failure is being investigated by Halton Regional Police after a two car crash that claimed the life of a 31-year-old Milton man.

Paul Randles, of 318 Laurier Ave. was killed instantly Wednesday evening, Aug. 9, when the van he was driving collided with a second vehicle at the intersection of Derry Rd and Fifth Line.

Two other men from the second car are reported in satisfactory condition at Milton District Hospital with cuts and leg injuries.

According to police, Mr. Randles was westbound on Derry Rd at approximately 7:30 p.m. when he struck a car driven by Bernard Shannon, 23, of 2001 Bonnymede Dr. in Mississauga.

Mr. Shannon was travelling northbound on Fifth Line and failed to stop at the inter-

section stop sign, police said.

The crash in the middle of the intersection sent both the vehicles into the northwest corner ditch of Derry Rd and flipped the Randles van onto its side.

Mr. Randles was dead at the scene from multiple head injuries.

Shortly after the crash, the Shannon Vehicle caught fire, but police reported all occupants in the car were able to get out before the fire.

Passengers in the Shannon vehicle included Grayson Harley Delong, 36, owner of the 1974 Chrysler, from 118 Roncesvalles Ave. in Toronto who is in Milton District Hospital with a broken left leg, and cuts to his head.

Also riding in the car were Sharon Lee Delong, 14, daughter of Mr. Delong, Lori Ann Wade, 14, from Mississauga and Lori Ann

Baiki, 10 from 2001 Bonnymede Dr. in Mississauga.

All three female passengers were treated for minor bruises and cuts at Milton District Hospital and later released.

Mr. Randles has been a resident of Milton for the past two and a half years.

Mr. Randles was employed with Crother Ltd., as a field mechanic for tow trucks.

Mr. Randles is survived by his wife Marjorie, and stepdaughter, Kim.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Randles of England.

Funeral service was held Monday, Aug. 14 at Southern Cemetery in Charlton-Cum-Harby, England.

Mr. Shannon is charged with dangerous driving, careless driving and failing to stop at a stop sign.

Two employees blamed in train derailment

Two CN employees have been blamed in the train derailment which occurred on the Milton CN Railway by-pass line on Monday July 17.

The collision involving a 22-car freight train and a work crew sent five men to Milton District Hospital with serious injuries and caused more than \$380,000 in train damage.

Both the Toronto train dispatcher and foreman of the work crew were found to have contributed to the cause of the accident, according to Mike Matthews, CN public relations officer.

Paglivca, the foreman of the crew, called the CN train dispatcher in Toronto to report he expected to have the work completed within a little while, and to ask the dispatcher to hold back the trains on the line, until he reported the "all clear."

The foreman told police a short time later he heard a noise and saw a train ap-

proaching from the south, and ran for safety.

CN would not release the name of the train dispatcher involved in the incident.

Mr. Matthews said the demotion of the two employees concludes the investigation made by CN into the incident and that a report has been sent to the Canadian Transport Commission.

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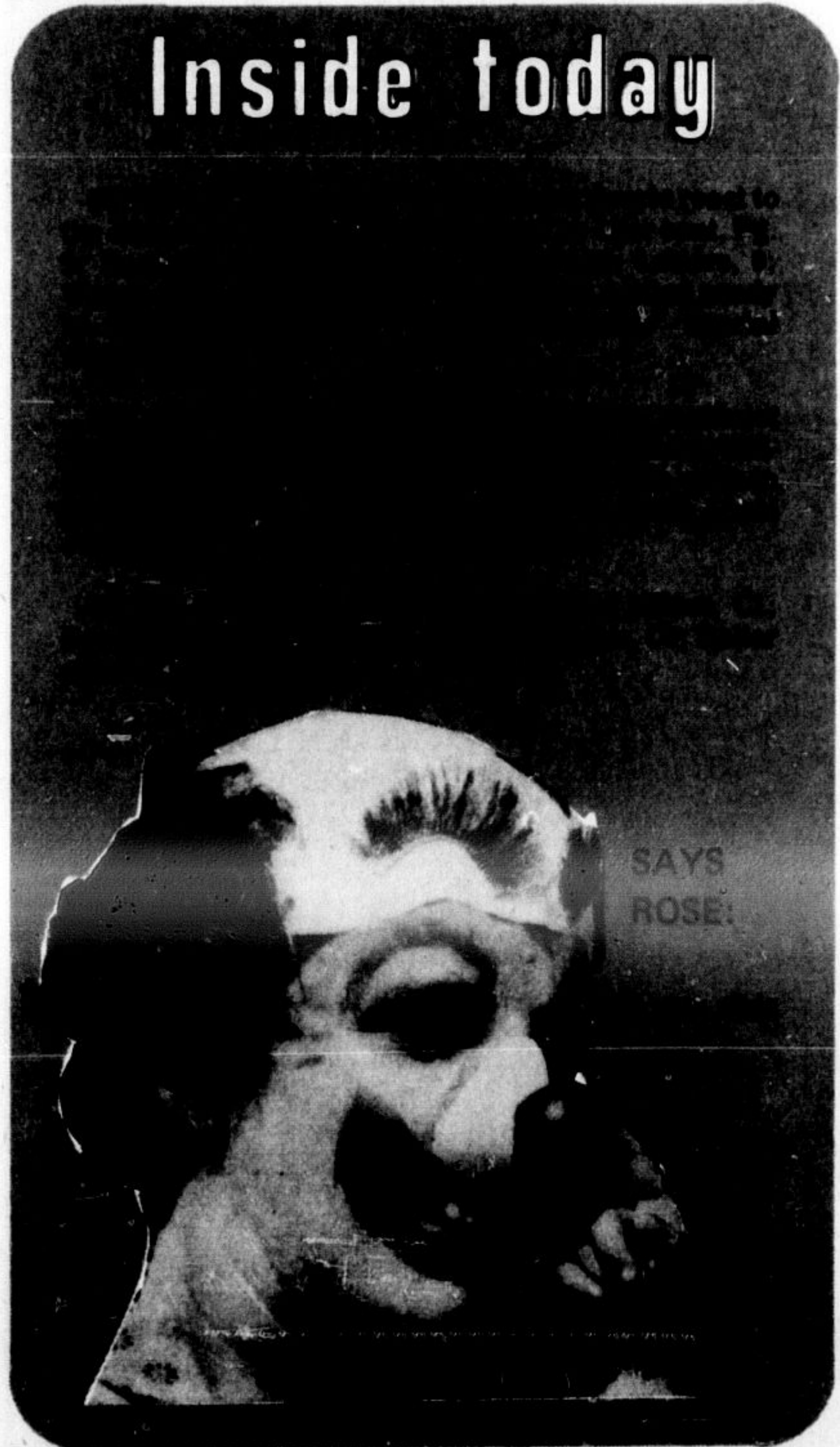
Warwick elected exec. director

Bill Warwick of Milton was elected Executive Director of the Ontario Parks Association at the Association's 26th annual meeting in Cambridge last weekend.

Warwick is Director of Conservation Services for the Halton Region Conservation Authority and is involved with the many recreation

facilities the authority operates.

The Ontario Parks Association is made up of representatives involved with municipal parks and recreation commissions, conservation authority employees and other people involved in the development and maintenance of parks and park programs.



THEY'RE OFF. Contestants for North Burlington Octagon Club try to better the time of the adults in bed race down Kilbride St. At one minute and 31 seconds they beat out the Upper Burlington Optimist and Carlisle Optimist teams.