

Winning--nothing new for senior couple

Winning is nothing new for Frances and John Duimstra of Milton.

The couple have enjoyed the benefits of five Wintario prizes in the last year, but Thursday evening was the finale, when the couple discovered themselves \$10,000 richer.

"It's great, just great," said an excited Mrs. Duimstra the next day.

Past wins have included three \$75 prizes, a book of tickets and a win of \$1,000.

It is not surprising, the couple never miss buying tickets for the draw, nor do they miss watching it on television.

On Thursday evening, the two stationed themselves in front of the television set at their Harmony Court senior citizens apartment on Ontario St.

John Duimstra caretaker of the building, called out the numbers while his wife wrote them down.

"They do it so quickly when they read out the number, that we always write them down."

Despite having recorded the winning number, Mrs. Duimstra found it more than difficult to believe they had won \$10,000.

"I just could not believe it until I got a newspaper the next morning and checked the number," she said.

Friends watching the show with the couple soon spread the word however, and the senior couple never made it to bed until the early hours of Friday morning.

"We were in bed, and friends came knocking on our doors, wanting us to check their numbers," continued Mrs. Duimstra.

Their winning ticket had been purchased from Bob Reid, a resident of the building and the same gentleman who had sold them their previous winning tickets since they moved into the apartment building a year ago.

The couple never buy more than one book each tickets and with \$10,000 in their pockets, they will continue to buy the same number of tickets, assured Mrs. Duimstra.

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There are no great plans for the money at this time, she said, adding the couple had returned only recently from a trip to Europe, after celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this year.

This cheque, like the \$1,000 win, will go to the same place—the local bank, where it will be kept until needed, said Mrs. Duimstra.

"It is always nice to have little set aside, if you should need it," she said, adding that it is also unusual to suddenly have \$10,000 and know right away where and how to spend the money.

Mrs. Duimstra does have one immediate plan for a part of their recent winnings.

She is planning to celebrate with a dinner party for all the residents of the 36 suites at Harmony Court.

"They have all been so very nice to both my husband and myself since we have been here, and we would like to show our appreciation," she explained.



FRANCES DUIMSTRA is off to the bank — again — to deposit a \$10,000 Wintario prize she and her husband won in last week's draw. The couple had collected five smaller prizes in Wintario draws in the past year, but this was the finale.

Ambulance strike possible

Halton's ambulance service could be shut down as of Saturday, Sept. 16, if 75 driver-attendants and dispatchers make good their threat of strike action.

The employees of the District of Halton-Mississauga Ambulance Service Ltd. are now in a legal position to declare a strike, confirmed Don Lierch, personnel manager for the private company. He said that following the delivery of a labor

ministry conciliation report to the company.

Although Mr. Lierch would not comment on the contents of the report, it is expected to recommend no conciliation board be set up to mediate talks between the 75 members of Local 207 of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union and the four-year-old company.

As of press time, no word of strike has been filed by the workers.

The membership are threatening a strike to back up contract demands for equal hours of work in the five company divisions, retention of the current sick-leave time and an extra ambulance on duty in Burlington during the night shift.

The strike is the first of its kind for the company, said Mr. Lierch, who added he was hopeful for a solution. "I am not really in a

position to comment on the situation, but I feel a solution is possible to negotiate."

Contract talks broke down Thursday, Aug. 10 and members later voted 70 per cent in favor of strike action to back their demands.

The ambulance service looks after both emergency calls and the transportation of handicapped patients to area hospitals for treatment in the lakeshore area between Hamilton and Toronto.

A contingency plan has been established, said Mr. Lierch, to deal with a strike situation, but he did not divulge any details of the plan.

Brian Brady, administrator for Milton District Hospital, said he is satisfied with what is being done and will wait to see if a strike does occur.

Mr. Brady added that the hospital will go ahead with the contingency plan, established by the ambulance service, should there be a strike.

The Milton hospital also has a Georgetown voluntary ambulance service to fall back on, should the contingency plan not meet all needs.

Georgetown and District Hospital is serviced by the Halton Hills Volunteer Ambulance Service which has no connections with Local 207.

Wicked Willie will run

William A. (Wicked Willie) Johnson will be a candidate in the November municipal election. The outspoken environmentalist and two-time NDP candidate will run for regional council in Milton Wards One and Three. That seat is now held by Jim Watson.

Johnson, 56, had a shot at municipal politics in Nassagaweya some 15 or 16 years. He has run twice in provincial politics, both times unsuccessfully.

In announcing his candidacy, Johnson said he was running on his own ticket and was not receiving any support from the NDP. He noted some people in Toronto are running as NDP candidates but he said he chose to go it alone.

Johnson has been involved in environmental groups, worked to improve phone service in the Campbellville area and he also headed a delegation to county council to preserve the nature of 15 Sideroad many years ago. He has appeared frequently at regional council meetings. "I think I have a strong

personality and I have credibility at the region and Milton and Halton Hills councils."

He sees landfill, fluoridation of water, gravel pits and other environmental issues as being key parts of the 1978 campaign.

Local poet appears on TV

Local poet and author of The Champion's Philobots, Edith Sharpe will appear on Kitchener television station CKCO Monday morning between 11 a.m. and 12 noon on the Johnny Walters show. She has been invited to read some of her poetry and Philobots.

Winners at market

Mayor of the Market George Swann reports four prize winners at the Saturday farmers' market in Milton — Sheila Kimball of Ontario St., Barbara Havard of Martin St., Susan McKillop of Elliot Cresc. and Patricia McTavish, Jessie Ave., Campbellville.

Eyes and ears for police

The general headquarters of Halton's Regional Police is getting more eyes and ears to watch the doors.

Halton Regional Police Commission gave conditional approval Thursday to the purchase of \$1,134 worth of close circuit TV and intercom equipment from ADT Security Systems.

The equipment will be set up to watch the front and rear doors of the headquarters building at Oakville.

The purchase is conditional, pending ratification by the commission when it has enough members for a quorum. Georgetown's Glenn Magnuson was present as was Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett. The commission waited for longer than an hour for chairman William Hourigan, of Burlington, to arrive. He had not arrived when the commission went behind closed doors at about 4 p.m. Commission meetings start at 2 p.m.

New administration at Fairview School



Fairview School has a new principal and vice-principal this fall. They are John McGibbon and Gerry Smith. Principal McGibbon has had a 16-year teaching career in Halton's elementary school system. Most recently he was principal at Clarksdale School in Burlington. He lives in Burlington.

Mr. Smith has been teaching in Halton for six years. Before coming to Fairview he was vice-principal at Ryerson School in Burlington. He makes his home in Ancaster.

Mr. McGibbon is a graduate of Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo and Mr. Smith of McMaster University in Hamilton.

Both men will spend time in the classroom working with teachers and students. Mr. McGibbon's background

includes work with enrichment and remedial groups and the teaching of history and language arts. Mr. Smith has also worked in enrichment programs and has taught science and maths.

Plans for the year include bringing students in the lower grades into students' council, greater emphasis on winter activities for pupils and a music program.

Fairview school staff will be participating in a teacher evaluation task force. It's a more intensive evaluation than has been carried out before and will have greater teacher involvement.

The school has an enrolment of 460 kindergarten to grade 8 pupils. Nearly all are bussed to school. There are 18 teachers including the principal and vice-principal.

Community hall

A planned \$100,000 community hall in the Milton fair grounds may never be, if the necessary Wintario grant does not come through, according to the president of the Halton Agricultural Society.

"It is an iffy thing right now," stated Robert Marshall, adding that the fair board is not in a position to comment on the future of the building. The multi-purpose community hall was given a written

endorsement by town council earlier this summer, but according to Mr. Marshall, the project is a low priority item in the Wintario books.

"I have already been told it is considered a low priority and could take five or six months to approve," said Mr. Marshall.

A Wintario grant would provide one-third of the projected cost of the building.

Fluoride issue before council

The controversial issue of water fluoridation goes before Halton Regional Council today. The potentially explosive issue found its way onto a committee agenda after a Milton dentist issued a letter on the subject.

The committee recommended that necessary steps be taken to have the water in Milton and Acton fluoridated. Those are the only two communities in the region still without fluoridated water.

According to regional solicitor Dennis Perlin, the regional council has two choices. It can authorize the installation of the necessary equipment or it can opt to hold a plebiscite.

The hooker on the plebiscite is that the question won't be put to just the voters of Acton and Milton for their

respective water supplies, but the entire region will cast ballots.

According to Perlin, it is an all or nothing situation. If the people opt to go with fluoride it goes in everywhere, and if it is rejected it will be taken out of Georgetown, Burlington and Oakville.

Council meets at 1.30 today at regional headquarters in Burlington.

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Stroke association first meet

The newly formed Halton Stroke Recovery Association will hold its first meeting Monday evening, Sept. 18, at 7.30 p.m.

The association was recently formed for the benefit of stroke patients recovering and their families, explained Jane Williamson, spokesman of the group.

The first meeting will feature guest speaker, Sam Collins, president of the Toronto branch of the association.

Those needing transportation to the meeting are asked to contact Miss Williamson at 845-5241 or 842-0561.

The meeting is scheduled for the Red Cross hall at 167 Navy St.