



INTERESTED IN A CABINET, or something else? The Milton Centre Flea Market has adopted half of the Milton Department Store floor space at 200 Main St. E. Jane Heer of 377A Main St. examines a box on Phil Winney's

display table. The weekly Flea Market will continue all winter at two locations (200 Main St. plus the old fire hall) all winter, every Friday evening and all day Saturday.

Separate teachers will get 8.5% pay hike each year

Halton separate school teachers will receive 8.5 per cent pay boosts each of the next two years following settlement of a new contract last week with Halton Separate School Board. The contract covers the 1978-79 and 1979-80 school years.

The increases bring maximum teacher salaries up to \$27,404 in the first year of the pact and they increase to \$28,847 in the second year. The pay rate for a level seven teacher with 12 years experience, the highest level, was \$26,024 for 1977-78.

A tentative agreement was reached August 10 following a

late night bargaining session. Negotiations have been in progress since last spring. Teachers and the board both ratified the new agreement on Tuesday, September 5.

This year's negotiations were in stark contrast to last year's talks which lagged over many months despite the help of a mediator, two different fact-finders and special assistance from both the teachers' and trustees' provincial organizations.

Talks lasted about a year on the 1977-78 pact and were highlighted by a teacher demonstration at the board's

Burlington office and two overwhelming strike votes. Only a last minute settlement averted a teacher strike.

The new pact calls for six per cent wage boosts in each of the two years. However, increments will bring the pay hikes up to 8.5 per cent each year.

Beginning this year separate school principals will be paid on the basis of experience and qualifications. In the past they have been paid on the basis of the size of their school.

Principals' salaries will range from \$27,862 to \$34,062 this year and \$29,362 to \$35,562 in 1979-80. Last year's principal salary range was \$26,539 to \$31,539.

In the area of fringe benefits the board's contribution to the teachers' dental plan will increase to 85 per cent while the board will continue to pay 85 per cent of O.H.I.P., the teachers' extended health plan, group life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment plans.

Kerr quits cabinet post

Solicitor-General George Kerr has resigned from the Ontario Cabinet. His resignation came on the weekend after the disclosure of a phone call he had made to an assistant Halton crown attorney questioning the necessity for a jail term for a constituent.

Premier Davis had decided early in the week not to call for, or accept, Kerr's resignation. But that changed after continual media attention and the resignation of Federal Labor Minister John Munroe over a similar situation.

Kerr was first elected to the legislature in 1963 to represent Halton. He joined the John Roberts cabinet in

1969. His riding has been split twice since 1963. He now represents the south end of Burlington.

Kerr resigned for a short while in 1975 from the Solicitor-General's post. He joined the cabinet later the same year after his name had been cleared. His name had been linked with the Ontario Supreme Court trial in connection with dredging contracts let by the Hamilton Harbor Commission.

During his tenure in cabinet he served as Minister of the Environment, Minister of Colleges and Universities and Solicitor-General.

The Arthritis Campaign will be held this month.

Santa committee gets underway

Preparations for this year's Milton Santa Claus Parade are underway, following the first two meetings of a parade committee.

The parade is likely to include many of last year's popular features, such as the draw, said Pat Rideout, committee member.

Efforts are being made to have more bands and more floats in this year's event, she said.

"We are looking after the preliminary correspondence, contacting people interested in participating and getting the necessary approvals and insurance policies," she said.

A fund-raising campaign is also due to get into full swing in the coming weeks, as the committee works to earn as much as possible to finance the annual parade. Interested citizens wishing

to become involved with the preparations are invited to attend the next parade committee meeting on Monday evening at 8 p.m. at the community centre in Rotary Park.



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Hourigan says he's innocent of wrong

Halton Police Commission Chairman William Hourigan, currently being investigated by the Ontario Provincial Police over alleged involvement with the laying of charges against a Burlington doctor friend, says the investigation will show he is innocent of wrongdoing.

Hourigan was called to the Burlington police station of the Halton Regional Police by a doctor charged with impaired driving the night of August 24.

According to Halton Police Chief Ken Skerrett, Mr. Hourigan skinned with the doctor while charges were laid and the man released. Chief Skerrett initiated the investigation into the incident when he contacted the Ontario Police Commission.

The question before in-

vestigators is whether Mr. Hourigan was acting as the doctor's lawyer or using his position as police commission chairman to influence laying of charges.

Halton Crown Attorney Jim Treleaven is quoted as questioning whether police officers could regard Mr. Hourigan as a private citizen, or as their boss.

The police commission head practices law with Burlington Regional Councillor T. Sutherland, but most of his dealings are in real estate. Sources claim he occasionally practices criminal law but Mr. Treleaven says he can't recall seeing Mr. Hourigan defending anyone in Halton criminal court since he became crown attorney in 1972. He speculated a conflict

of interest might arise if the police commission head represented a client in a Halton criminal court, an opinion shared by Police Chief Skerrett.

Mr. Hourigan sits on committees dealing with promotions in the Halton force and as a defence lawyer may have to question the conduct of police officers during an investigation against a client, the crown attorney is quoted as saying.

Normally the head of a police commission is a judge appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council, but Mr. Hourigan has been acting as chairman since Judge William

Warrender resigned earlier this year.

The Hourigan investigation is complicated by the fact he is a close friend of former Solicitor General Ker who resigned over a similar incident on the weekend. Mr. Hourigan served as Mr. Kerr's chief financial officer in the 1975 and 1977 election campaigns.

Further complications exist because Halton Police Association members, all policemen, have been feuding with the Halton Police Commission, a situation that "worries" even Attorney-General Roy McMurtry, now also interim Solicitor General.

Defer move

Halton Regional Council has given up any hopes it had of moving staff into new headquarters in Oakville at the end of this month.

The move planned for Sept. 22 and the official opening planned for November have both been set back due to a carpenters' strike that has been dragging on for weeks.

Regional officials have monitored the strike and the progress at the regional building for weeks, but finally had to defer the move.

Work has reached the point where it is essential to have carpenters on the job. The move is now tentatively set for Oct. 27 and Oct. 28, but that might have to be changed if the strike drags on much longer.

The region is under no immediate need to leave the rented headquarters they now occupy, but each month they stay represents rent they had not budgeted for.

Hope to retain Bell St. trees

Ratepayers' concerns about the loss of a beautiful stand of trees at the present south end of Bell St. won some sympathy from Milton Councillors Monday night during a committee meeting.

Council approved a four-part motion calling for action to save as many of the trees as possible, when the now-closed street is opened to serve a new arena and a subdivision to the south of Meadowbrook Dr.

Councillors decided to obtain an aerial picture of the area and put overlays of the subdivision proposal on top of it, to see what tree-cutting is necessary and what trees can be saved. They also asked staffers to meet with Jack Seoney of 362 Bell St. and other residents who are protesting the loss of the trees.

Reminded by Councillor Jim Watson that the regional council has a tree cutting by-law, members also asked the regional staff to impose the by-law on the area to avoid unnecessary cutting of good trees.

The council also agreed to tell the developer that no trees are to be cut until the firm has met with the council to discuss it.

Stella Parton and Hilda Skinner of Bell St. both spoke at Monday's meeting. Mrs. Parton said she hoped that if Bell St. does go through to the subdivision, there will be no vehicular access from Bell St.

to the new Laurier Ave. arena. She said pedestrian access would be alright. "I am hoping we can keep Bell St. closed, to save those trees," she told council.

She also suggested a 50-foot buffer strip should be mandatory, to separate Bell St. residents from the arena noise.

Mrs. Skinner told council she suffers from the noise at the arena, especially on weekends. "It's just terrible," she said, and if the trees that separate her property from the arena are cut down, it will be a worse situation.

Councillors felt the road might not have to be a full 66-foot wide. Councillor Jim Kerr wondered if a sidewalk beside the road could curve around any mature trees, to prevent cutting any more than necessary.

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