

Christmas mail peak reached this Monday



THE CHRISTMAS RUSH has hit the post office and Ruth Pellow, left, and Dolores Waters sort through the mountain of parcels earmarked for places all over the continent. Mail volumes at Christmas have dropped in recent years, however, Milton Postmaster Ed Greenan says it boils down to dollars and cents.

By Peter Mills
This week and next are among the busiest of the year for Milton post office as the Christmas rush hits the mails. Postmaster Ed Greenan said the peak day for outgoing mail occurred this past Monday, and he anticipated next Monday to be the peak day for incoming mail. "A lot of people will write their Christmas cards on the weekend, and come in on Monday, buy their stamps and mail them. "Or, they'll buy the stamps and take them home and mail the cards later in the week." For that reason, Mr. Greenan said he anticipated last Monday would be a heavy day at the wickets in the post office lobby. To handle the rush, Mr. Greenan said some extra people have been brought in, and the post office's regular people are working extra hours. He said it is being done on a day-to-day basis as the need for extra people

arises. Over the past several years, Mr. Greenan said the volume of mail at Christmas time has been decreasing. He said there has been a decrease of seven per cent per year in the South-western district, but it is too soon to tell if this year follows the pattern. "I think it is dollars and cents," said Mr. Greenan, when asked why mail volumes are dropping. "The cost of postage has gone up and the cost of greeting cards has gone up." "Patterns are changing, I think. "It used to be that you'd mail Christmas cards to all your neighbors, but now, there is more concentration on out-of-town mailings." Mr. Greenan said he had no statistics to back up his feeling, but said he believed "out-of-town mail forms a greater percentage of overall mail volume than it used to." Deadline for out-of-town mail is tomorrow (Dec. 13) and deadline for in-town mail is Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Car crash sends five to hospital

By Linda Kirby
Four Burlington youths are reported in stable condition in Milton District Hospital following a single car accident on Bronte St. in Milton early Saturday morning.

According to Halton Regional Police the accident involving a brand new 1979 Ford Van occurred at approximately 3 a.m. Saturday, when 20-year-old Raymond Rantell, of 2095 Falmouth Terrace, Burlington, driver of the van, failed to negotiate a curve at the CP railway intersection on Bronte St.

Police said the vehicle was heading southbound at a high rate of speed and shot over the edge of the road, plunging several feet into a settling pond on the property of P. L. Robertson Manufacturing, and landing on its roof. Fire officials were

called to assist in the rescue of the victims, when one teen was discovered pinned beneath the wreck and three more trapped inside. A fifth youth was thrown clear of the van. Milton firefighters eventually brought in a backhoe to lift the van to free the pinned youth. Nineteen-year-old Patrick Reaume of 1450 Mountaingrove Ave.,

Burlington suffered back injuries.

Mario Dutra, 16, of 2095 Falmouth Terrace, Burlington remains in hospital with jaw injuries and 17-year-old Michael Turan of 2161 Meadowvale Rd. in Burlington is reported in good condition with hand injuries.

Charles Adams, 16, of 1491 Brenner Cresc. was treated for minor injuries and released.

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(Continued from Pg. 1) word. Thank you. It didn't have the intestinal fortitude to bring it in, so we have to do it. We can't allow these inequities to continue.

Councillor Blanche Hinton agreed, saying "we can argue round and round this thing all night and you come down to the same thing: what is fair?"

A recorded vote on the motion to adopt Sec. 86 was carried by a 7-4 margin. Councillors Don McMillan, Brad Clements, Terry Gibbons, Gus Goutouski, Rose Harrison, Blanche Hinton and Mayor Don Gordon voted in favor. Opposed were Councillors Bill Johnson, Gord Krantz, Brian Penman and Rick Day.

Waste committee changes format

The Regional Solid Waste Management Committee has been restructured in order to

proceed more quickly on resource recovery within Halton. The suggestion to re-

think the ad hoc committee's terms of reference came Sept. 19 after it was suggested the three regional councillors on the committee could be out-voted by the staff members in a crucial situation.

The result was a report submitted last Wednesday to Regional Council which was approved without comment.

The committee voting membership will be given only to Regional Council members and this complement will be increased from three to five with the addition of Mike Armstrong of Halton Hills and Ron Planche, chairman of the Regional Public Works Committee, from Oakville.

The committee will meet regularly the second Monday of the month and the meetings will be public.

All matters relating to Site F will not go directly to council as a whole. All matters relating to land-fill sites will go directly to the Public Works Committee.

The committee's terms of reference are now aimed specifically at resource recovery.

Rescue tool fund reaches \$7,000

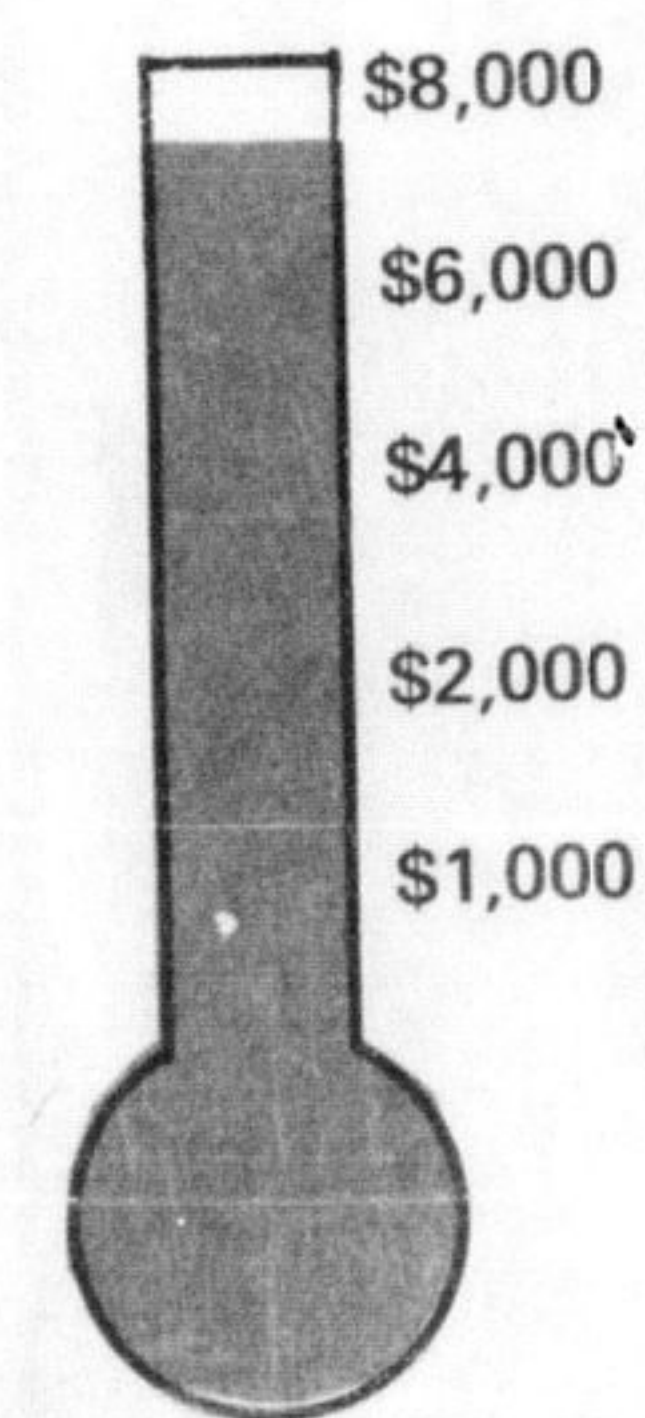
The rescue tool fund run by Milton Fire Department reached \$7,128 this week, up \$870 over a week ago.

largest contribution this week came from Shell Canada Resources Ltd. Firefighters Tony Villa and Keith Bundy, both employees of Shell, presented the cheque to Fire Chief Jim Coulson.

Other donors included Boston Ladies Fellowship Group, Optimist Club of Milton, and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 815 at Milton District Hospital.

The fire department is trying to raise at least \$9,000 for a hydraulic rescue tool, to assist in accident work. Originally it was felt \$8,000 would cover the cost but recent quotations indicate a minimum of \$9,000 will be needed.

Firefighters hope to reach the goal by Christmas time. Donations are being accepted at The Champion and at both local branches of Bank of Montreal.



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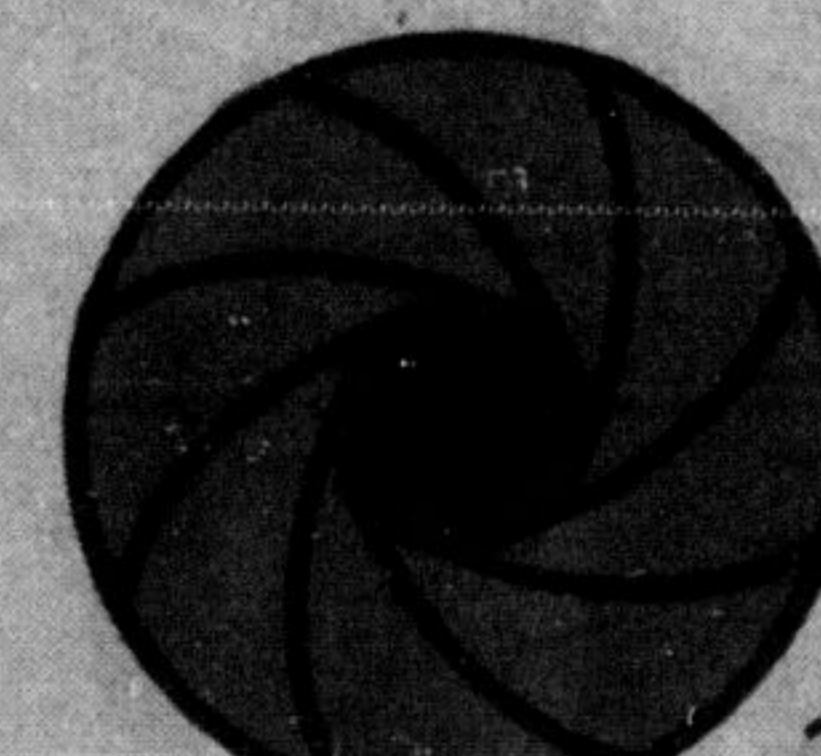
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