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**Oktoberfest Queen.** Kim Pettigrew, 22, was crowned Miss Oktoberfest Friday at the Bavarian Tavern, Milton Mall. She won the contest over four other girls.

## Queens crowned

Royalty shone in Milton on the weekend.

Saturday evening at Lions Hall, the Italian Canadian Club of Milton named its 1980 "Miss ICCM", 16-year-old beauty Valerie Citton of Childs Dr.

The previous evening at the Bavarian Tavern in Milton Mall, 22-year-old Kim Pettigrew, a cocktail waitress at the tavern, was named "Miss Oktoberfest 1980".

Both crowns were heavily contested, and both winners were swamped with prizes—merchandise donated by local merchants plus a chance to wear the respective crowns for the next year.

Valerie Citton topped seven other girls in the ICCM contest. First runner-up was Lisa Manera, while Lorena Perosin was named second runner-up. Others in the contest included Lina Mule, Paola Piccini, Maria Liut, Nadia Scremin and Leyanne Durante.

Queen of the club for the past two years, Karen Delnin presented the new winner with her crown.

Valerie, born in Toronto, moved to Italy at age six and lived there for nearly 10 years. The family returned to Canada a year ago. She's in Gr. 11 at E. C. Drury High School and plays accordion, knits and skates in her spare time.

Melissa Cescon was emcee for the ICCM contest and judges were Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed and his wife Deanna, photographer Gordon Jackson, model Emily Dumonte and Toronto Italian boutique owners Ron and Lea.

Miss ICCM from 1975, Marissa Piccini presented Nadia Scremin with the "Miss Congeniality" award.

At the Bavarian, Kim Pettigrew defeated Fiona Grant, second runner-up; Andrea Pettigrew (her sister) third runner-up; Dorothy Stratford and Mindy MacDonald for the title. Judges were Ulrich Nowak, Bill Kelly and Ann Garten.



**Miss Italian Club.** Sixteen-year-old Valerie Citton of Childs Dr. was crowned Miss Italian Canadian Club of Milton Saturday. Former queen Karen Delnin presents the crown.

## 37 run for 20 jobs

# Full race for most seats

Milton's Nov. 10 municipal election got off to a fast start, with 37 names listed for the 20 positions open. Just eight people were acclaimed to seats.

In only one ward has there been a municipal council acclamation. Rick Day and Brian Penman, Ward One, have been returned.

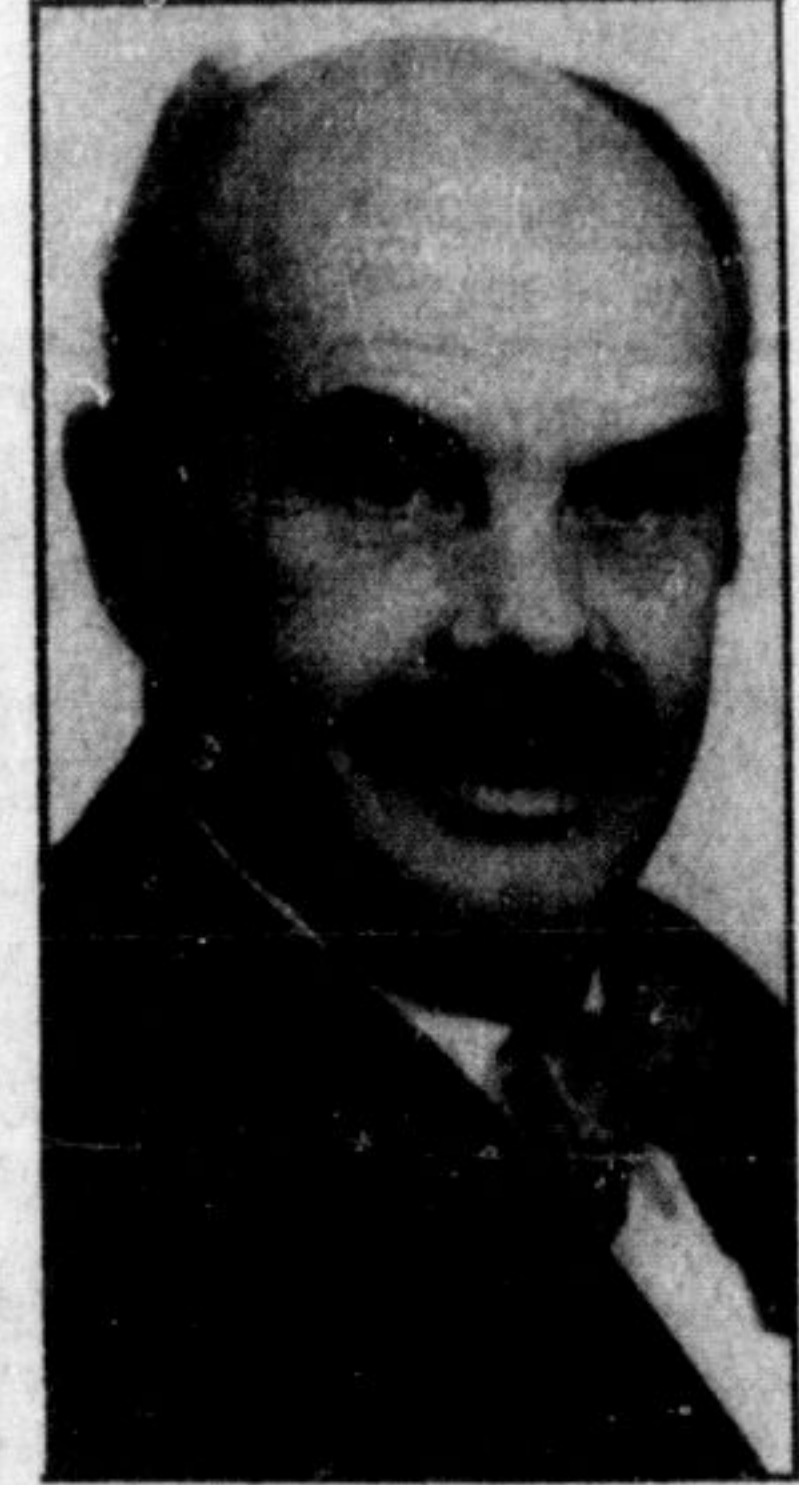
Bill Johnson has retained his regional seat representing Wards One and Three.

Also getting back on the job without having to wage an election fight were: John Bradley, Separate School representative on the Halton Board of Education; B. N. Johnston, Ward One and Three, Halton Separate School Board; Angelo Tonelli, Ward Two, Separate School; Bill Lawson, Ward Two, Halton Board of Education; and Keith Merry, Ward One, Milton Hydro-Electric Commission.

Longtime councillor Gordon Krantz is challenging incumbent Donald Gordon for the mayoralty. In addition to heading the local council, the mayor has a seat on Halton Regional Council.

Incumbent Gus Goutowski is being challenged for the Region Ward Two (urban) seat by Brad Clements, current rural ward councillor. The winner will also sit on Milton Council.

Rose Harrison and Blanche Hinton are seeking re-election locally in Ward Two. Seven first-time candidates are also



DON GORDON



GORD KRANTZ

running for the four Ward Two seats. Tom Blanchard, Maria Reis, Colin Best, Lynn Smith, Fred de Ree, Don Knight and Cathy Gibbons are the new challengers.

In Ward Three, Don McMillan will attempt to retain his seat. He previously shared the ward with Brad Clements who

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## Gravel pit is 'deplored'

In perhaps the most spirited Council meeting of the year, two Ontario Government officials were told Milton will never allow a disused Campbellville gravel pit to open even though the Government doesn't need the town's approval.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Transportation and Communication need many tons of gravel for the

Highway 403 Highway 10 interchange in Mississauga.

After looking at four licensed pits in Halton, they finally settled on an unlicensed pit known as Longstar Holdings at Second Line and Reid Rd.

Milton has gone on record as being opposed to this as there are homes nearby. There is also the fact Reid Rd. was upgraded for another sand producer across Reid Rd. on the express under-

standing no other pits or quarries would be opened.

But Don Routley of the Ministry of Natural Resources said the Longstar property would be a "wayside" pit and as such is seen to be a temporary use and therefore does not require licensing nor approval of the Region of Town.

Councillors were frustrated trying to pin Mr. Routley down as to whether the pit would one day be licensed, thus bypassing any hearings, "deplored" the actions what the charge per ton

would be, how long it would be in operation, how much would be extracted, and when it would ever be rehabilitated.

The Government men came under stinging denunciations from Councillors Gus Goutowski, Bill Johnson, Brad Clements, and Gord Krantz.

Councillors have sent a letter to Ontario Natural Resources Minister James Auld re-stating opposition to the pits and "deplored" the actions taken so far.

## Amount said conservative . . .

## . . . by Regional clerk

# Staff 'failure' costs Halton \$186,000

A bureaucratic breakdown at Regional Headquarters has cost Halton taxpayers up to \$186,000 in extra interest charges over the last three years.

According to Acting-Treasurer Jim Stewart the failure of some regional staff to carry out their responsibilities in handling local improvement projects resulted in the extra charges.

"Adding frontages to the special assessment rolls is a public works department function and for some reason it didn't get done," he said in a telephone interview.

According to the terms of the Provincial Local Improvements Act, municipalities can finance such projects as water and sanitary sewer services, sidewalks, gutters and storm sewers through the local improvements process.

Under this procedure, money is borrowed for a short term and the construction work carried out. At the end of the project a long term debenture is sold to finance the project. The cost of the work is shared between the municipality and the homeowner.

Residents are charged an amount per foot of frontage on the improvement.

Mr. Stewart explained that the extra interest charges were paid on the short term loans negotiated to pay for the work, but not redeemed on schedule because of delays in preparing special assessment rolls for the projects and in holding courts of revision.

The courts of revision allows residents to question the amounts they are being charged and the way in which the charges are determined, he said.

In Milton, projects totalling an estimated \$322,016

have been carried out in this fashion. A report on final costs for the projects is currently being prepared," Stewart said.

Councillor Mac Anderson (Oakville) chairman of the region's administration and finance committee said in a recent interview he has been questioning the delays in holding courts of revision on these projects for the last "three or four months" because of concern over the extra costs being faced by the region.

"This was the type of job that sat in the corner of one of our departments because nobody wanted to do it," he said.

Anderson said he understood the breakdown occurred in the Public Works Department, which failed to provide information to the treasury department in order for the special assessment rolls to be prepared and courts of revision to be held.

## Radar squad pulls them in

By Linda Kirby

The introduction of a special three-man police radar squad is showing definite results, report Halton Regional Police.

A total of 214 highway traffic act charges were laid during an eight-day period in north Halton alone, between Oct. 10 and Oct. 17.

Of that number, 207 were speeding violations with the remaining tickets given out for seatbelt and stop sign related offences.

The squad, prompted by an alarming increase in the number of traffic fatalities where speeding was a common factor, is likely to be a permanent fixture, according to police officials.

The squad went to work Oct. 10 and roved throughout the region with the sole purpose of catching speeding offenders.

Milton Constable Arnold VanClief, one of the three officers assigned to the unit, said the majority of those charged exceeded the speed limit by 20 to 30 kilometres.

Between 80 and 90 per cent of the charges were laid during daylight hours between 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. he said, pointing out there is definitely more speeding in the daytime than during night hours.

The response from those slapped with a speeding ticket varied, said Constable VanClief.

"The usual response was that we should be out catching criminals and not wasting our time with speeders, but some were appreciative of our objectives.

"Some even invited us to set up our radar on their own neighborhood street," he said.

Constable VanClief said he expects a 95 per cent conviction rate from the speeding charges.

It is difficult to beat speeding offences as a result of recent Ontario Supreme Court regulation changes, he said.

A defective speedometer and failure to spot a traffic speed limit sign are no longer suitable defences, he said, adding offenders get off only if a technical error has been committed by the police officer who laid the charge.

Halton Regional Police have recorded 31 traffic fatalities in the region thus far this year, compared to 23 deaths last year during the same time period.



## Color them fashion-able

Milton District Hospital Auxiliary's annual fashion show and wine and cheese party at Lions Hall Thursday was a roaring success. A dozen models showed off fall and winter wear from a dozen local stores. Among the models, grouped around one of the show's prop punkin-head scarecrows, are Tina Richardson wearing a yellow dress from The Villa, Mary Appleton in a lilac evening gown from The Open Gate, and Renee Nolet in a red evening dress from The Flora Shoppe. More photos, story on Pg. C1.

## Daredevil stunt costs youth life

By Linda Kirby

A young Burlington teen bent on proving to his friends that he was no coward, died Monday afternoon after tumbling 50 feet off a cliff edge on a climbing expedition at Rattlesnake Point Park.

Dead is Wesley Marsden, 15, of 2365 New St., Burlington.

The accident occurred shortly before 3 p.m. when young Wesley, accompanied by Burlington friends Ronald North, 17, of 624 Woodland Ave., Martin Helfert, 17, of 468 Woodland Ave. and Gerald Schell, 20, of 494 Woodland Ave., began to descend a sheer cliff face.

The youths were using only two pieces of heavy rope tied together to scramble from one cliff edge to the next, in what police described as the most dangerous area of Rattlesnake Point.

On this occasion the rope fell short of the ledge and 17-year-old Ronald North refused to climb down, according to Halton Regional Police.

"You're a coward," Wesley told North and proceeded to make his way down, said police. Moments later he

realized he was farther from the cliff ledge than he had calculated. He had a choice of attempting a jump for the ledge or climbing back where his three friends waited.

Before he could make the decision, he lost his grip on the rope and, while his friends watched in horror, plunged 50 feet onto the rocks below.

He died instantly of massive head injuries.

Wesley was a senior student at Burlington Central High School and was enrolled in grade 11 and 12 subjects.

He had apparently finished school for the day and decided on a climbing venture with his friends.

Tony Cafazzo, vice-principal of Central High School, described the youth as "very likeable and personable."

"He was always very pleasant and I enjoyed him. His death has been a personal shock to me," said Mr. Cafazzo who has known the boy since grade seven. Wesley is survived by his parents Keith and Linda Marsden and an older sister and brother, Nicole and Andrew.

## Meet the candidates

Want to see and hear your municipal election candidates in action? Groups have organized two meet-the-candidate meetings for Election '80.

Milton Chamber of Commerce invites you to hear the Ward Two candidates at a meeting Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 7.30 in the Optimist Hall, Commercial St.

Nassagaweya Residents' Association plans one for Ward Three candidates Monday, Nov. 3 at Brookville Hall, 8 p.m.

## Inside today

### Main St. being re-built

Many residents are upset about construction on Main St., but it will lead to a new, and brighter downtown core. Story and picture Pg. 5.

### A man worth honoring

William "Doc" Wright was honored for his service to the community and the church in Milton. Story and picture Pg. 7, Editorial Pg. 5.

### Farmers speak out

A tour of farms in Halton Region last week allowed the members of the agriculture industry to tell what is troubling them with planning and social policies. Story and picture Pg. 9.

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