

## Region Cops asked pay back \$600

The Halton Police Commission has been allowed to move an overpayment of about \$300,000 in police salaries in 1980, ahead into the 1981 tax year, but that is not the end of the problem, particularly if police have anything to say about it.

Halton cops received an extra pay cheque in 1980 because of a clerical error on the part of Halton region, and the federal government says it's ok if that cheque is bumped ahead into the 1981 tax year.

Further investigation revealed that, because of a wrong payroll policy, police had been underpaid since the formation of Halton Region on Jan. 1, 1974, up until the last few years, when they were overpaid, according to Halton Police Commission chairman and Oakville mayor Harry Barrett.

An adjustment will have to be made in the 1981 salaries for police, Barrett said.

First class constables have been underpaid by about \$200 in the first years of regionalization and then overpaid by over \$800. Accordingly, the adjustment will be to subtract about \$600 from salaries this year, Mr. Barrett said.

The police association has made no public statements yet, but privately, police are saying there has been no overpayment.

Some officers are even saying when inflation and interest rates are taken into account on dollars they were underpaid in the early years, the police commission owes them money.

## Manor problems

A meeting of the Health and Social Service Committee has been set for April 7 to discuss a Ministry of Community and Social Services report on "deficiencies" at Halton Centennial Manor.

Most of the 142 "deficiencies" listed are of a minor nature such as the use of wooden ramps instead of concrete ramps for wheelchair patients.

Since the report was received, the Manor has taken strides to remedy many of the problem areas found by the ministry.

## Sludge testing

Continuation of sludge testing and development at Halton Region will be augmented by \$2,000 from the 1981 Halton Federation of Agriculture and Ministry of Agriculture and Food grants.

Both groups had asked for a combined \$12,065 grant from Halton to undertake Ministry programs such as the farm safety council and federation activities such as the soil and crop improvement association and the ploughmen's association.

Councillor Brad Clement, a member of the Planning Committee which was discussing the grant, suggested \$1,000 of the Ministry portion and \$1,000 of the federation portion be used in sludge studies.

This suggestion was included in the committee recommendation that the region fund the two groups to a total of \$12,065.

## Grant of \$3,100

The Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee will get \$3,100 to cover budgetary expenditures during 1981, an amount which regional councillors say is a bargain.

The HAAC appeared last Tuesday before the Planning Committee to speak on the funding requested from Halton Region consisting of a delegation headed by Harold Middlebrook, Bob Merry, and Ed Segesworth.

HAAC members said they plan five controlled tests of sludge application of farm fields to see how beneficial the waste is as a nutrient.

At the end of a discussion of the 1981 plans of the HAAC, Councillor Dave LaCombe said the \$3,100 is far less than it would cost to bring in "professional" consulting teams to study sludge application.

Although Councillor and farmers agreed the choice of the word "profession" was just as applicable to a farmer as a consultant, it was noted the region is getting a wealth of expertise for only \$3,100.

## Councillors' budget hiked

The Regional Administration and Finance Committee will recommend adoption of the 1981 budgets of the chairman's office and the councillors' budget.

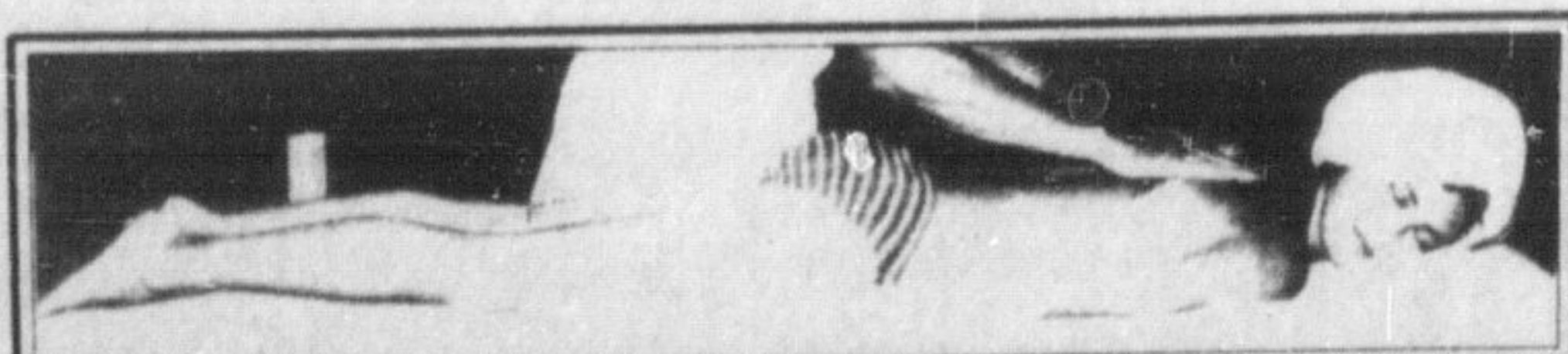
The 1981 cost to run Chairman Jack Rafitis' office was set at \$62,900 by the committee last week and that will also contain a \$225 per month car allowance.

The Councillors' budget was pegged at \$315,350 for 1981, up from \$281,300 in 1980.

Although the amount for councillors is up, it was pointed out the budget is actually 16 per cent lower than first projected.

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Fifty years wed. Marjorie and Wallace King celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 14. They are shown with rings containing the birthstones of their children and grandchildren.

## Three-way stop signs studied

A comprehensive study of traffic volume and speeding problems will be prepared by Milton staff for all parts of the town. The study is not to exclude the use of three-way stop signs.

A group of residents from the Childs Dr. area appeared before councillors to again ask for stop signs to be erected in the Childs Dr.—Laurier Ave. sector of Milton. Other roads in question

include Wilson Ave., Woodward Ave., Coxe Blvd., Holly Ave., and Farmstead Ct.

A Halton Regional Policy study last year suggested three-way stop signs in order to break up the traffic flow and reduce speeding in the new home areas where there are many children.

Former Public Works Director Joe Pitushka rejected this report, saying stop signs do not stop

speeding. Mr. Pitushka said the solution would be greater police radar enforcement.

The residents were supportive of the police suggestion, and when they appeared before council again, they were again asking for three-way stop signs.

Clerk Roy Main presented a lengthy report on the issue. He said the input on a solution

had boiled down to the use of the stop signs and reduced speed limits.

Mr. Main said a number of additional school crossing and slow down signs have recently been erected and he would like to put in more. He said he did not think three-way stop signs were advisable, although he would put them up if so directed by council.

Several residents spoke during the general committee meeting, stating they did not expect more police enforcement due to the scarcity of police at the present time.

For the most part they rejected Mr. Main's opinion except for the suggestion that parking be eliminated on main arteries and that bushes and shrubs be cut back.

In a debate which took more than two hours, councillors finally acted on a motion by Councillor Rick Day that the staff re-study traffic-speeding measures excluding three-way stop signs.

## Hospital gets full grant

There's a building spree in store for Halton's four hospitals.

Regional Health and Social Services Committee members approved capital budgets for the hospitals last week.

Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital will spend \$80,000 in 1981 for preliminary engineering and design work for phases two and three of the expansion program. The region's share of that will be \$26,667.

The total price tag for the project is \$22 million.

According to the five year forecast provided by the hospital, construction on the project should start in 1983, when another \$7.4 million will be sought from the region.

Milton District Hospital proposed the most ambitious plan of the regional facilities, receiving approval for architectural plans and sketches this year to be followed by construction of an emergency ward with physiotherapy, pharmacy and laboratory facilities in 1982 and a 40 bed in patient unit in 1985.

Total cost of the projects is \$4.1 million, with the region putting up \$1.3 million.

Brian Bradey, Hospital Administrator, said the

estimate of \$2 million for each phase was "very preliminary."

Georgetown and District Hospital received approval for a \$1.6 million project to add 50 chronic care beds in an on-site facility.

The Ministry of Health recently approved the addition of the beds to Halton and the hospital is currently bidding for a

licence to operate the facility when it is opened.

Brian Pollack, Director of Finance for the hospital said the advantage of having the hospital operate the chronic care facility could be found in shared expenses such as laundry and kitchen services.

Halton's share of the total price tag will be \$466,666.

## Still share everything after 50 years

From the early days of their marriage Marjorie and Wallace King of Milton have shared everything.

The couple who plowed the fields together on their Nassagaweya farm in the 1930's celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday (March 14).

"You often see couples go off, each on their own thing. Well, with us, it was never one without the other," said Mrs. King.

Both were born just a few miles apart in the Milton district, Mrs.

King, the former Marjorie Border to parents Alfred and Maggie Border on the family farm north of Campbellville, and Wallace, son of John and Mary King of south Campbellville.

They later met when their respective families acquired farms in the Nassagaweya area and were married in 1931.

They have two daughters, Verna Ella and Joan Colling, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Although the couple retired in 1974 from their mixed farming business

and moved into urban Milton, they have little time to spare.

Mrs. King is active with the Halton Centennial Manor Board Auxiliary, Meals on Wheels and the Milton District Hospital Auxiliary.

Mr. King, an elder with St. David's Church in Campbellville since 1947, spends many hours during the summer months on the lawn bowling court with his wife.

The couple also enjoy travelling throughout Canada and the United States and are celebrat-

ing their golden anniversary with a return trip to Florida.

Congratulations were received from the Prime Minister of Canada, the Hon. Pierre Trudeau as well as from the Governor General Ed Schreyer.

Plaques were presented on behalf of the Province of Ontario by

MPP Julian Reed and from the Town of Milton by His Worship Mayor Gordon Krantz.

Greetings were also sent by the leader of the opposition, the Hon. Joe Clark.

Mrs. King has been a life member of St. David's WMS and also an active member in the WA at Campbellville.

## Parents loaned \$5,000

Milton Council will loan parents of J.M. Denyes Public School students \$5,000 so \$10,000 in needed recreation equipment can be purchased and put to use on school property.

Mrs. Sheila McBride had lead a delegation to the last general committee meeting asking the town to donate \$5,000 to the parents' association of the school.

Mrs. McBride noted the parents and children had already raised half of the \$10,000 through activities such as fund fairs and hot dog days.

But at the general committee meeting Mrs. McBride was told the

parents would be lucky to get \$500 in grant monies from the town in view of 1981 budget constraints.

It was however suggested by Councillor Bill Johnson the parents might consider taking a \$5,000 loan from the town and pay it back with funds generated from more school-oriented activities.

Such an arrangement, Mr. Johnson said, had been used to the benefit

of all concerned with a loan last year to the Kinsmen Park Tennis Club.

Mrs. McBride said she would consult with the parents and subsequently informed the town the parents would take the loan if it was still being offered.

The money has now been loaned and Council, if it can find any grant money will subtract that amount from the loan amount.

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