

# Region

## Artificial limbs program

A Provincial program to help handicapped children with the cost of artificial limbs and other devices has drawn surprise from at least one Regional council.

In an information report presented to members of the health and social services committee recently, Halton medical officer of health Dr. Peter Cole outlined some of the terms of Assistive Devices Program recently unveiled by Ontario health minister Dennis Imbrell.

Dr. Cole said the program was designed to assist with up to 75 per cent of the cost of artificial limbs, wheelchairs, hearing aids and other devices for children aged 18 and under.

Oakville Coun. Fred Oliver said he was "surprised" that the program was meant for children as it would apply to any up to age 18. "I didn't know you were a child at 18," he said.

## Good planning priority

Good planning, according to Regional staff, should prevail against all other considerations. That's the thinking members of Halton's planning and public works committee applied in approving recommendation to appeal a land division committee decision in Milton.

Committee members were told that a request to sever a 10 acre parcel contained in the estate of Henry McLeod, of Milton, was approved by the land division committee recently, even though it conflicted with several policies of the Regional official plan.

In a report to the committee Regional planning director Rash Mohammed said the application conflicted with official plan policies on severances in environmentally sensitive areas, hazard land uses and the complimentary uses requirements for the Niagara Escarpment.

Oakville Coun. Terry Mannell suggested the decision to appeal should be sent on to the regional solicitor for an opinion on the legalities.

"A will, however emotional, shouldn't overrule the considerations of good planning," he said.

## Ban newsprint in dumps

Passing a bylaw is only part of the work needed to solve a problem, Regional staff are learning.

Members of the planning and public works committee recently agreed to a motion to have their staff provide whatever help area municipalities need to prepare for the coming ban on newsprint in garbage.

Regional council has passed a bylaw prohibiting residents from putting newsprint in their garbage, but a slump in the market for recycled paper has caused some concern about the program.

Halton Hills councillors had asked the Region to delay the implementation of the bylaw until the area municipalities had time to develop the programs that will be required to separate newsprint from garbage.

Aside from offering whatever help they can, committee decided the April 1 starting date for the new bylaw should stick.

## Preparing budget

A special committee of Regional councillors has been established to start the heart rending process of approving a Regional budget for 1982.

Councillors on the budget review committee include Brad Clements of Milton, Fred Oliver of Oakville, Bill Johnson of Milton and Ann Mulvale of Oakville.

—Steve Arnold

## Cop of the Month

# He found the prints

by HOWARD MOZEL  
Special to The Champion

A 34-year-old Halton police constable, who recently won two commendations from the Crown attorney's office, has been chosen Police Officer of the Month.

While testifying at a recent murder and robbery trial at the Supreme Court in Hamilton Constable McWhirter helped to prove that two of the three suspects were at the scene of the crime.



McWhirter

The case involved a woman who was pistol-whipped in an underground garage. Constable McWhirter used the gun butt, which had broken off during the incident, to identify the suspect's fingerprints. The gun butt was later matched to a gun found in the possession of the accused, while footwear impressions were linked to a second.

McWhirter also raised fingerprints on cheques cashed, using identification that was stolen during the robbery.

Following the trial, a seasoned crown attorney told Halton police Sgt. A. McQueen that Constable McWhirter's preparation of court materials and ex-

hibits filed at the murder trial were among the best he'd ever seen prepared.

Constable McWhirter received his second commendation not long after during his investigation of a fatal accident. Constable McWhirter capped his efforts by making seven identifications at various crime scenes throughout the region, bringing his 1981 identifications to a total of 34.

Constable McWhirter started his police career in 1968 and has since worked uniform patrols, radar enforcement, motorcycle patrol, as a breathalyzer officer and in the criminal investigations bureau.

Since September 1979, Constable McWhirter has worked full time in the identification bureau. His duties include the investigation of crime scenes and articles associated with crime for evidence, as well as the preparation of plan drawings and charts for the use in courts.

Prior to his assignment as an identification officer, Constable McWhirter took an intensive 12-work course at the Ontario Police College. Now he and five fellow identification officers investigate approximately 350 criminal cases per year.

Police officer of the Month is a feature about Halton Regional Police officers prepared for publication in Metroland Community Newspapers.

## Bowl for Millions

Feb. 6 to 13, 1982, is Bowl for Millions week across Canada. League bowlers are bowling one game during this week in support of the work of the Big Brothers Association. Three celebrity bowls are held on the Saturdays. A "kick-off show" is taking place on Friday, Feb. 5 at 7:30 at Oakville place.

Celebrity bowls will be held at Hoare's Hopedale Bowl, Hopedale Mall, Sat. Feb. 6 at 4 p.m.; Oakville Bowlerama, Trafalgar Village, Sat. Feb. 13 at 4 p.m. and Milton Bowlway, Prince St., Milton, Sat. Feb. 13 at 4 p.m.

Celebrities include both town councils who challenge each other in fund-raising each year. Many local celebrities donate their time. Entertainers include Hagood Hardy, Jack Duffy, John Perrone, Sylvia Murphy, Vanda King, Billy O'Connor, Larry Solway and Jo-Anne Carpentia. Athletes coming include Bernie Ruoff, John Priestner, Dan Maloney, Peter Mueller and Ron Southwick.

Prizes for league bowlers include a videotape recorder, 20" colour TV, and portable stereo supplied at low cost by Canadian Panasonic and Flippance and Carr of the Hopedale Mall.

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