



60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Aurelio Mattiussi, of 214 Martin St. celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently. Friends and family were on hand for this Sunday afternoon open house.

Replace OMB?

Council rejects notions of becoming appeal body

A plan to make Milton council the appeal authority for local planning problems has been opposed by that very body.

General committee members decided Monday night to register their opposition to proposed amendments to the Provincial planning act which would abolish the Ontario Municipal Board and give more authority to local councils.

In a report to committee members, planning director Bob Zsadanyi said the proposals currently being discussed by a committee of the Provincial Cabinet would be "democratically regressive, not only for local levels of government but for individual citizens as well."

The amendments to the Planning Act would make the local council the authority responsible for hearing appeals about local planning matters, within strictly laid down Provincial guidelines.

"I'm really disappointed with this act because it puts council in the position of sitting in judgement and not being able to balance between the planning and political parts of a problem," Mr. Zsadanyi said.

He said the process as laid down by the new act would result in longer delays for rezoning application and even longer hearings when problems required some form of adjudication.

"The way we have the act now is even better than the way they want to amend it," he said, "I'm not in favor of it because I can't see the OMB being side-

lines as an appeal route."
"I just can't see council getting on with the business of the town and sitting as a quasi-judicial body," he added.


In his report, Mr. Zsadanyi said there were several other problems with the proposed act, including the "incredibly heavy onus" placed on the municipal clerk to circulate documents and proposals which would almost certainly mean an increase in staff in that department.

"The thrust of Provincial intervention clauses," Mr. Zsadanyi wrote, "seem to make the Provincial civil servants virtually omnipotent in their being able to impose any conditions they wish with little or no ability on the part of local authorities to object or modify same."

"Indeed," he added, "the Province is not even required to state reasons for any objections which they may launch to local planning documents."

"I see the Province giving us local control and then making it impossible for us to exercise that control," he told committee members, adding "Provincial staff are pretty well removed and this legislation makes them damn nearly untouchable."

The objections Mr. Zsadanyi noted in his report will be sent to Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed as well as to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Provincial Cabinet as a statement of the Town's concerns if the recommendation is approved by council next week.



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Teala our Tammy for Easter Seals

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shoe to keep her foot going straight. Hopefully the brace won't be needed anymore when she grows up," her mother said.

Teala's first experience at a public school lasted two years. She attended Kindergarten then a year of half Kindergarten, half Grade 1 at J.M. Denyes Public School. That experience ended one day when the school principal let her disappointed parents know she could no longer attend the neighborhood school.

Her parents enrolled Teala at Sunshine School in Hornby, a school for mentally handicapped children which has since been closed. During her three years there, beginning in 1975, Teala was selected as the area Tammy for the first time.

Mrs. Boers remembers the progress her daughter made while at the school, advancements which led her back to the public school system.

Teala is in her fourth year at Robert Baldwin Public School, part of a general learning disability program. The program recently expanded to include life skills classes for Teala and three other girls.

One of the life skills projects Teala enjoyed was a shopping trip when she and her classmates bought soup, followed by a cooking session which combined with a hike.

Teala's walking problem has resulted in her interest in crafts. She admits knitting is one of her preferred pastimes, along with crocheting and rug hooking.

Like all little brothers, 8-year-old Ronald keeps his sister busy although sometimes he can be a "pest," she smiles.

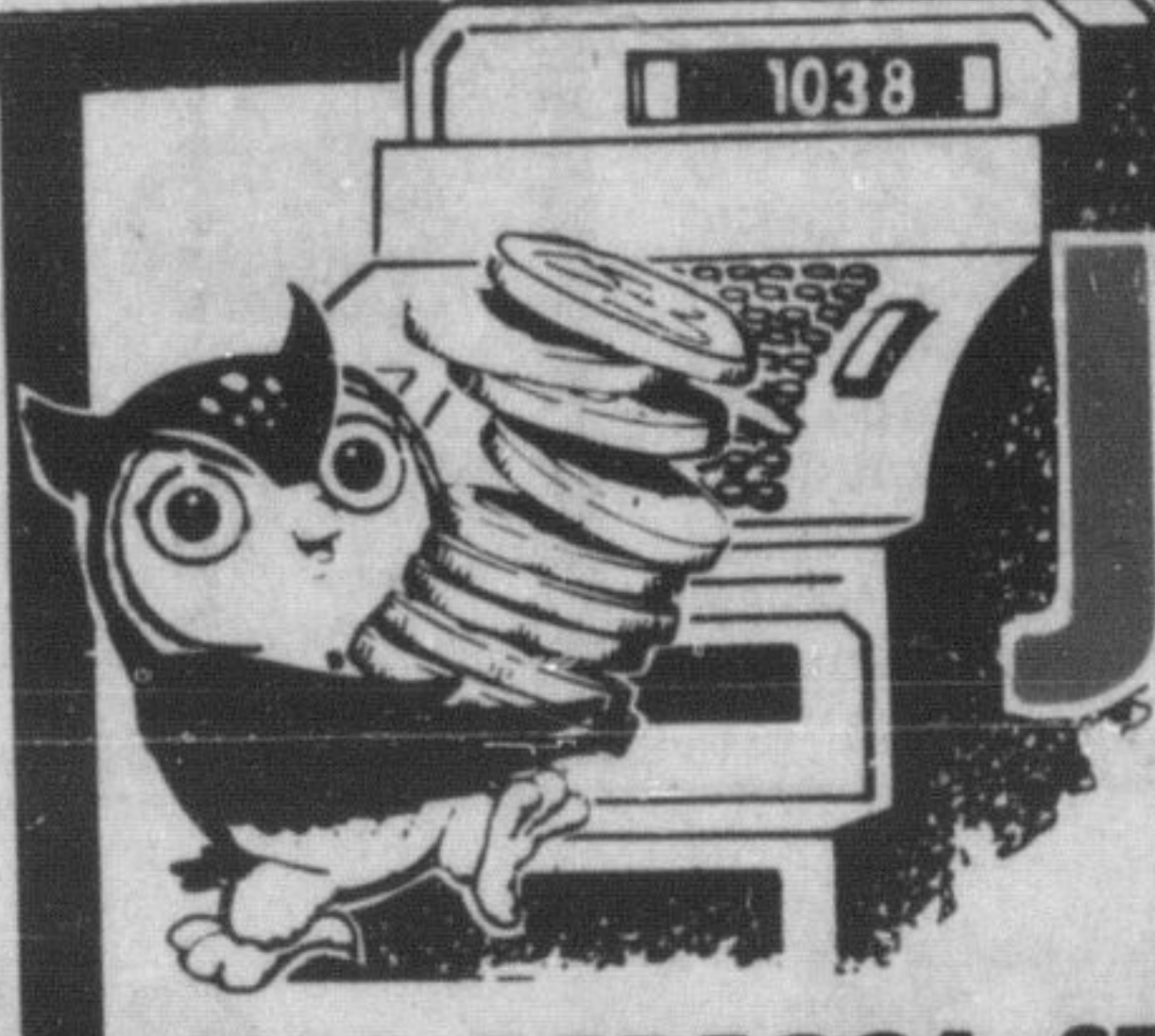
In addition to frequent summer camping trips with her family, for the past few years Teala has attended a two-week summer camp for handicapped children at Camp Lakewood on Lake Erie. Credit Valley Treatment Centre also offers a summer program which operates weekdays. Teala has been participating in that program since 1980.

This will be the 13-year-old's last year at Robert Baldwin and her parents are now looking for alternatives for her daughter.

Her mother's hope is that Teala will eventually run a household and find a husband as special as her daughter is.

Teala is looking forward to the Rotary Club's annual Easter Seals Dinner and dance which will begin with a fellowship time at 7 p.m. at Aalton Hills Place this Saturday.

Proceeds from the dance will be included with funds raised through the Easter Seals mail campaign in aid of local crippled children and those across the province.



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