

Biking for the Manor

Fernando Cipriano, 13, left, and Keith Murray, 10, right got a little help from their friends Cameron Murray, 12, Camillo Cipriano, 10, and Steve Kolbeck, 12, and raised about \$50 for Halton Centennial Manor through a Spring Bike-a-thon they organized. The boys, all

students at Sam Sherratt Public School, rode about 30 miles for the cause on Monday morning. That good deed left them the rest of the week to play ball hockey and catch up on some of the morning and afternoon television they've missed since the summer.

Blind reading service gets Region's financial support

By STEVE ARNOLD

Champion News Editor Canada's first radio reading service for the blind will get financial support from Halton Region.

Councillors voted last week to overturn a recommendation by the administration and finance committee rejecting the \$10,000 request from the Oakville-based service. Other cultural groups were not as successful however.

The Radio Reading Service offers its blind or print handicapped subscribers their only access to current newspapers and magazines read by volunteers and broadcast as a sub-frequency by a

Burlington radio station. Allan McKenzie, chairman of the group's fundraising committee, said support from Halton Region was especially important this year as arrangements are being made to have the service broadcast over television cable services in several areas, including parts of Toronto.

"Halton Region, in my opinion, should be very proud of this service," Mr. McKenzie told coun-

Established in 1978, the RRS has been trying to get financial help from surrounding municipalities, but has been rejected because of the relatively small number of subscribers that live outside

Mr. McKenzie said efforts are being made to bave. the RRS carried over cable services in Milton. North York and Toronto. When these arrangements are made, 40,000 people will have access to the ser-

"It is critical for you to support us now," he said, arguing that other regions will not provide financial support if Halton does not "and then I would see no alternative but that Radio Reading Service will have to close down.

"The blind are a sector of our community that

certainly deserve this support," he added.

One aspect of the service that councillors found difficult to support was the high proportion of the budget spent on salaries.

Of the \$140,000 budget, \$90,000 is spent for five staff who operate and service the broadcasting

Oakville Coun. Carol Gooding urged members to give the service \$10,000 but to make any future support from Halton contingent on money being obtained from other regions.

"This is a service that means a great deal to the blind because it has opened a tremendous amount of knowledge to them" she said.

Oakville Coun. Terry Mannell argued that some support should be provided this year, on the understanding that it would be the last time the service came to Halton looking for a large grant.

"I think it would be wrong and foolish for us to drop the situation now," he said. "It makes sense for us to help them through this period."

Other councillors argued that the Radio Service isn't offering anything that isn't available from

other sources in the area. "This service seems unnecessary in an area of th country where the voice media has a greater concentration than anywhere else," said Burlington Coun. Steve Toth.

Burlington Coun. Joan Little suggested that the amount of the grant be reduced to \$1,000 "because) can agree with a token bit of support."

Mrs. Little's sub-amendment was defeated and the grant was approved following a tie vote broken by Regional chairman Jack Raftis.

The Sheridan Symphony Orchestra was not as successful in their appeal however.

Region denies cash

Agencies get moral support

By STEVE ARNOLD

Champion News Editor Moral support was all that was gained by most of the social service agencies which appealed grant

decisions to Regional council last week. The agencies had been given the chance to ask the full council to overturn or change decisions made on their requests by the health and social services committee.

The North Halton Hospice Care Group and The Centre failed completely in their efforts to have council overturn a committee decision to reject their applications.

NHHCG spokesman Eva Sansom told councillors

she appreciated the moral support that had been extended by members of the health and social services committee, but would have preferred a concrete expression of that support. "I get the feedback that you think hospice care is

a great idea. We get that feedback from a lot of people, but not very many are willing to give us money," she said.

The group, which is working to improve the quality of care provided for terminally ill patients in north Halton, had asked the Region for \$6,400 to hire a co-ordinator.

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One of these Kitchener residents, Ginette Golden,

who pays regular visits to Doug, wrote to The

Champion when she discovered he is from this town.

It was her hope Doug's family might help him, but

according to the 32-year-old, he doesn't want to hear

from them and he has no plans of returning to his

artificial eye in the empty socket where his right

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"We are even willing to settle for a token show of your support," she said, adding that even \$300 would be appreciated.

until a Provincial audit of the organization is com-"We are the only organization providing a service that will apply to every single person in the entire

region at some point or another," she added. Mrs. Sansom said she had even applied to the Halton District Health Council for \$100 to assist in printing a brochure, "but we didn't get that, although we did get moral support."

The Centre, a youth drop-in program started by the Halton Children's Aid Society and administered by the Milton Committee for Youth, had applied for

Health and social services committee members had debated the request for nearly an hour and finally sent it on to council without a recommendation.

Burt Hoffland, spokesman for the Centre, said services were being provided to children from all parts of the region and to others rather than simply clients of the Children's Aid Society. If the grant was rejected by the Region, he added,

"it wouldn't be any great financial problem for us because it is only 5 per cent of our budget.'

The Burlington Association for the Mentally Retarded was the only organization to gain anything

The city has a facility called the House of Friend-

ship, where homeless men can find shelter.

Although Doug has utilized the house in the past, he

He is apparently waiting for spring to move out of

In the meantime, he spends his days searching for

firewood for warmth and returnable bottles for

some cash—all the while living a life he contends he

his winter shelter to a field somewhere in the Kit-

court battle over the result of elections to the agency board of directors. Gary Kirkwood, president of the board, said the grant cut was a difficult hurdle for the agency, but

from the process, winning an amendment to the

committee decision holding back its \$25,400 grant

Members of the health and social services com-

mittee had cut the agency's request by 35 per cent

and ordered the grant held back until an audit of the

organization was done. The action followed a bitter

the holdback was even worse. "There is nothing frivolous about the services we offer. They are all extremely necessary to the development and survival of retarded people and

their families in our community," he told council-

He noted the only alternative available to the services provided by the BAMR would be to place retardates in large institutions at a much greater

"No other government body could provide the services we do without a much greater demand on taxpayers dollars," he said.

Mr. Kirkwood also said committee members did not have all of the information they needed to make a decision about the stability of the agency.

Progress correction

A story which appeared in Progress 1982, a special supplement produced by The Canadian Champion on Wednesday March 10, 1982, about Pigment & Chemical Inc. contained two errors

The company was founded by Walter S. Dickson in 1927, not by Walter S. Dixon in 1929 as was written.

The Champion apologizes for the error and for any embarrassment it may have created for the company or the founder's family.

Doug had been receiving welfare benefits until he was cut off by Waterloo Region welfare department. Officials there felt he was not making serious effort to look for a job because he refused to wear an

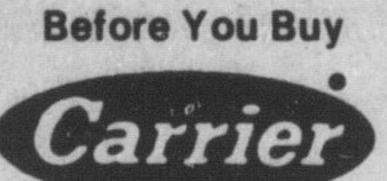
hometown.

appointed Charles Thomson, commissioner of Milton Hydro Electric Commission, has been appointed employee the relations committee of the Ontario Municipal Association Electric

Thompson

Mr. Thomson will work with fellow commissioners from across the Province of Ontario for the next year. The committee is responsible for the examination and evaluation of emrelations programs for utilities, making appropriate recommendations from a policy viewpoint and Association in employee related matters.

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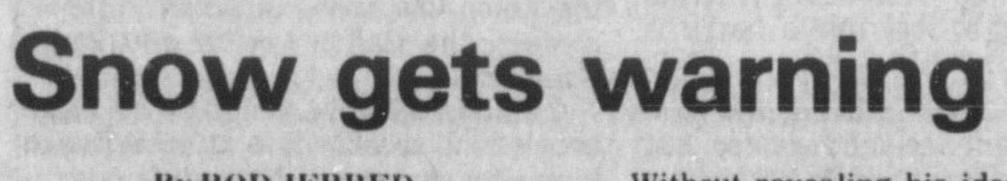
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By ROD JERRED Special to The Champion

Sometimes even the lawmakers have trouble living within the laws. On February 27, Oakville MPP Jim Snow, Ontario's Minister of transporation and communications, while on a Saturday drive to town, found

himself staring down the wrong end of

a Halton Regional Police radar gun. Mr. Snow had neglected to slow down when he left the 80 km h zone on Highway 25 and entered the 50 km h zone on Bronte Road.

The police officer did not issue him a speeding ticket, but let the transportation minister off with a warning: In an interview Friday, Snow said he was driving his propane-powered Mercury Cougar south on Bronte Road when an oncoming police cruiser signalled him to pull over.

"He said I was going too fast and asked me if I wanted to see the radar reading," said Mr. Snow. He didn't.

"I don't doubt that I was over the speed limit," he said.

Without revealing his identity, Mr. Snow handed over his driver's licence and car ownership to the police officer. According to Mr. Snow, when the policeman realized who he had stopped he said, "You make these laws. You should live with them."

He then told Mr. Snow to slow down and have a good day.

"He gave me a warning like police officers do many times," Mr. Snow

Halton Regional Police chief James Harding said he was not concerned that Mr. Snow wasn't issued a speeding ticket. In the policeman's judgement a warning was sufficient,

"Warning a motorist for a vehicle infraction is a common practice," he

Chief Harding said the fact that Mr. Snow was coming from an 80 km h zone to a 50 km h zone on the same road may have influenced the policeman's decision.

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