



Putting out

Kelso Conservation Area held a mini-golf tournament for children on Sunday and Jim Anderson, left, and Duff Sheldon, right, were among those competing for prizes. Handling the scorekeeping for the afternoon event was Johnston Neelands, seated.

New conductor for Choristers

Brainerd Blyden-Taylor has been named interim conductor of the Halton Choristers, president Barbara Gregg announced this week.

The appointment was made when conductor Judy Hunter indicated she would be taking a year's leave of absence as director after 16 years in the position.

Mr. Blyden-Taylor is currently assistant conductor of the Orpheus Choir of Toronto and has been music director, conductor of the Hart House Singers of the University of Toronto since 1979. He has also been music director, conductor of the Hart House Summer Singers since 1979.

Extensive choral experience includes current service with the St. James Cathedral Choir, the St. Paul's Singers, the Massey College Singers and the Hart House chorus. He is also a contract chorister with CBC and CJRT.

Mr. Blyden-Taylor won the Leslie Bell Choral Conducting Competition in 1981 and includes in his professional memberships the Association of Canadian Choral Conductors and the Ontario Choral Federation.

His early education was obtained in this native Trinidad before attending the University of Toronto, concentrating on music and English.

The new conductor has been rehearsing with the choristers in preparation for their appearance Thursday at the CNE on Milton day. The choristers will sing at 8 p.m. in Confederation Square near the Dufferin Gates. The season will begin with rehearsals in September and there are spaces available for men and altos. If interested contact Barbara Gregg 878-5906.

New bridge plan stalled

Plans to start the lengthy process of replacing a deteriorating bridge in Milton have been stalled, temporarily, by Regional council.

Councillors voted last week to have the planning and public works committee take another look at a recommendation to hire a Burlington based consultant to handle engineering design work on the project.

At question is a plan to replace the Steeles Ave. bridge that spans the 16 Mile Creek west of Bronte St., Milton.

Committee members, acting on staff advice, had recommended granting the \$15,000 contract to Phillips Engineering Ltd., over two other firms.

Included in the staff report recommending the choice was the statement that the firm had enjoyed a good working relationship with the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

"Those of us who are on that body, might feel there has been some crossing of signals here," he said.

15 Sideroad

Sheldon not satisfied with explanation

Explanations for the condition of 15 Sideroad this summer published in this newspaper recently from Coun. Russ Miller are "political nonsense," according to fellow Esquering Coun. Pam Sheldon.

A couple of weeks ago Mrs. Sheldon complained about the "deplorable" condition of 15 Sideroad and asked Regional councillors from Halton Hills to look into the situation.

Both Mr. Miller and Councillor Dave Whiting made inquiries and discussed their findings in an accompanying article.

Mr. Miller said one of the reasons no hard surfacing repairs had been done on the road was because all tendering for Regional and local roads was done jointly for the four municipalities and the Region to save money and roads in Halton Hills weren't prepared until just recently.

"Does this method really save money since the graders were out in May and had to be sent out again for 15 Sideroad," Mrs. Sheldon asked. She said this is the first year 15 Sideroad has been so "dangerous" and suggested Mr. Miller's explanation was "more a defense than trying to make changes so this doesn't happen again next year."

Work scheduled for 15 Sideroad wasn't done this year because of restraint. But Mr. Miller said that had nothing to do with the Region's deficits from previous years.

"They (the Region) aren't going to say they are cutting roads maintenance because of the deficit. But taxes went up 28 per cent for the Region and the level of service is down," Mrs. Sheldon observed.

She agreed 15 Sideroad may not have high traffic counts as Mr. Miller said, but is one of the most "hilly and curvy" in Halton and that "balances" out the lack of traffic.

Mr. Miller noted Mrs. Sheldon hadn't even called the Region until August 13, five days after complaining about the road at council. Mrs. Sheldon acknowledged this was true, but the reason she called the Region was because she hadn't heard back from the councillors. She said she was "quietly" trying to have the road fixed, by asking Mr. Miller about the matter for several weeks before raising it at council.

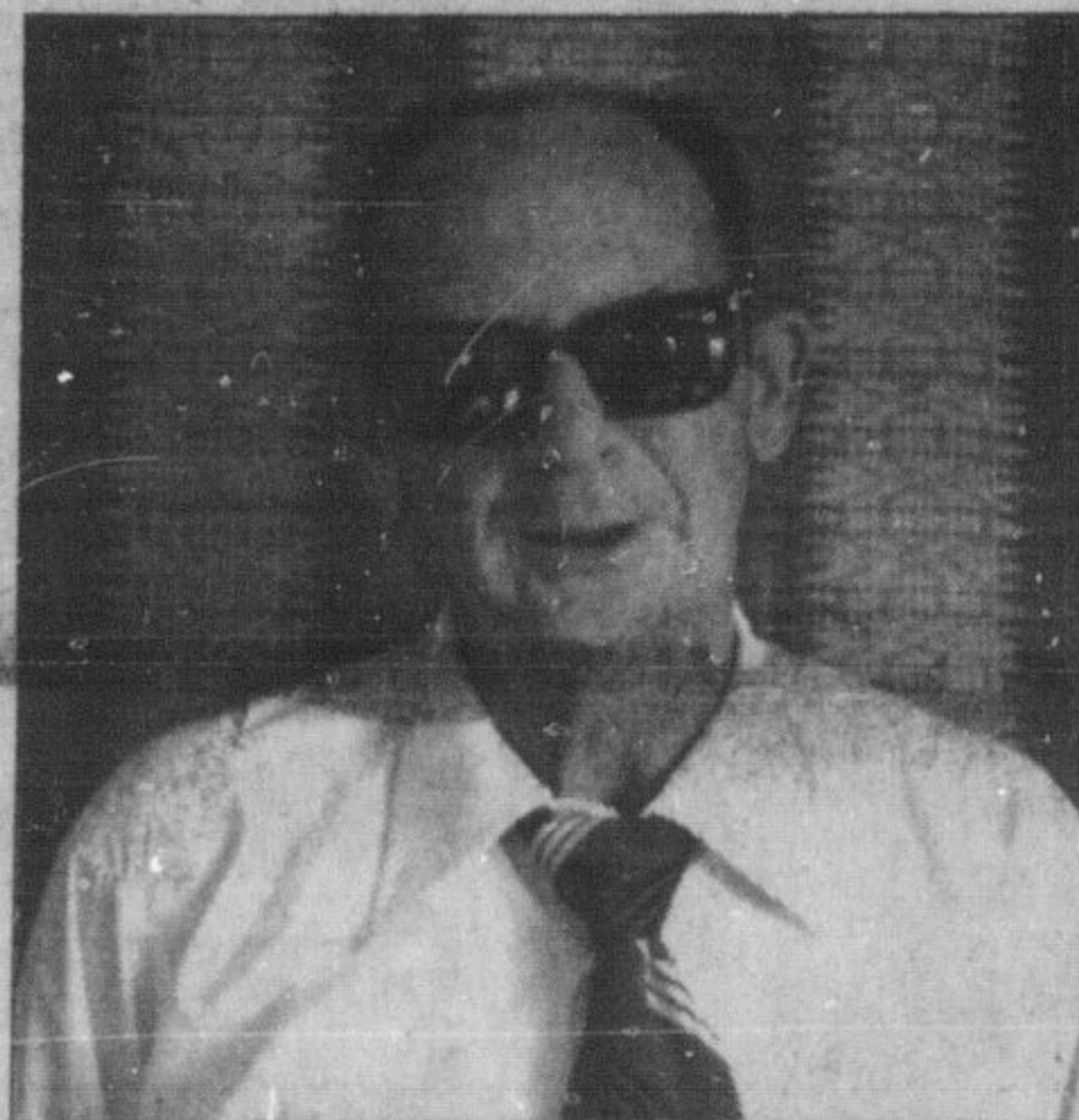
The Esquering Regional councillor had said complaints were coming from residents mostly in Nassagawya, all west of Highway 25. Mrs. Sheldon countered complaints about the road have come from homeowners all along the road and it is in poor shape all the way east to Georgetown. Also, she noted, Nassagawya residents live in the same region Mr. Miller represents as people in Halton Hills.

"We are seeing tangible results from the deficit now, a decreased level of service," she declared.

Mrs. Sheldon maintained Mr. Miller's answers were "full of innuendo that I'm making something big out of nothing." She recalled an Esquering resident was at council earlier this summer complaining about the condition of regional roads and 15 Sideroad isn't the only one in bad shape, so is the Ninth Line south of Georgetown.

15 Sideroad has always been tar and chipped in the past, but this year repairs are just priming, which is sub-standard.

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