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Hello dolly

Deidre Scholtz and father Clem show the famous Deidre Dolls featured on fundraising Christmas cards available for purchase at tomorrow's Community Open House at Milton Mall. See story on page 9.

v. 25 residents upset that water will pass them by

By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

Jack DeGroot and Denny and Zora Vulic want to know why they won't be able to tap into a water pipe set to run right past their homes.

They arrived at a Tuesday night open house at the Halton Region offices in Oakville in hopes of finding an answer.

The open house was to keep residents informed of the plans for two water and wastewater pipes aimed at servicing new growth in Milton.

But the Regional Road 25 residents have been hoping they'll be let in on the deal.

They claim their wells have been running low since the arrival of the Halton landfill site, and lower still with the arrival of golf courses along the major roadway.

JK could be back

By DENNIS SMITH

Special to The Champion

Establishing 30 junior kindergarten (JK) classes at a cost of \$324,000 plus teacher salaries has been suggested for the Halton District School Board.

A plan outlined last week recommended setting up JK incrementally, starting in September, 2000. The first phase would accommodate about 600 students.

The proposal is still in the discussion stage, but trustees heard an information update that suggested starting with three classes in Milton (two at J.M. Denyes and one at Percy Merry schools), 13 classes in Burlington, 10 in Oakville and four in Halton Hills.

"We did our best to spread it out and have an equitable number of classes with see TRUSTEES on page 11

"I own two properties on (Regional Road) 25 and since the dump came in we've lost 10 feet in our wells," said Mr. DeGroot. "This is all extra water that is being taken out and our wells suffer."

And Mr. Vulic said that his wells are 75 per cent drier than they were before the dump and golf courses arrived on the

To cope, the residents have been buying water every two weeks.

"A shower and two loads of laundry and • see WATER on page 12

MEWSILINIES

House fire costly

Improper disposal of wood stove ashes is being blamed for a costly house fire in rural Milton last Friday.

About \$20,000 damage was caused to the Guelph Line home when a woodpile caught fire and spread to the attic shortly after 7 p.m.

The owner discovered the blaze and got his family out safely. There were no working smoke detectors in the dwelling.

"It was very fortunate they were able to get out," said Captain Mark Cross, Milton Fire Department spokesman. "I can't stress how important it is to have working alarms on every level of your house."

He said firefighters needed two hours to knock down the fire and that they did an excellent job containing it to the roof and attic area.

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