



Teachers think Tom's terrific!

Ramautarsingh first recipient of new award

Tom Ramautarsingh, a past president of the Halton Chapter of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, is the first Halton recipient of the S. G. B. Robinson Memorial Award, for outstanding service to teachers.

Ramautarsingh, president of the Halton OSSTF for two years, was chosen for the award by the over 1,000 members of the Halton district. The award is a memorial to Dr. S. G. B. Robinson, first general secretary of the OSSTF and it was struck by the Federation's Provincial Executive Council in June, 1974.

Purpose of the new award is to identify and honor those who have achieved a high standard of service to the secondary school teachers through their organization. Only one Robinson award can be given annually by a district.

An outspoken advocate of teachers' rights, Ramautarsingh twice was elected president of the Halton OSSTF, despite a challenge to his leadership from teachers who felt his sometimes abrasive relations with the Board of Education were damaging the profession. He won easy victories.

Ramautarsingh also achieved the distinction of receiving the Provincial Award of Merit in 1973, the highest award members of the 34,000-member OSSTF can give a practicing teacher.

He received his M.A. in History at Wilfrid Laurier University in 1972 and his Master of Education (University of Toronto) in 1974.

A Georgetown high school teacher, Tom Ramautarsingh has also been active at the provincial level including the Ontario Association for Curriculum Development, Ontario Research Council, Reading '75, '76 (York University), Assisting the Curriculum Branch, Ministry of Education in assessing and reviewing books which are added to the official Ministry of Education booklist.

In his earlier career, he has been among other things, secretary to the Interim School Organization Committee for the Ontario Teachers' Federation before the inception of county boards, delegate to two youth conferences, one in London, England, and the other in Berlin, Germany.

Singleton retires

Director of Education in Halton Jim Singleton officially retired at Thursday's meeting of the Halton Board of Education.

Singleton, who has been director of education in Halton since the Board was set up in 1969 is being replaced by Assistant Director of Education Emmerson Lavender.

At the meeting he was presented with gifts, including a new camera, by Board Chairman Judy Alexander.

Singleton said his future communications with the Board would be limited to letters to the editor signed "Mother of 12" or "irate taxpayer."

He praised the five chairmen of the Board he has worked with and both past and present trustees. Singleton said there are many obstacles coming up before the Board but thought they would be able to overcome them. He also lauded the teachers and other school staff in Halton.

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Reed first hat in Liberal ring

Julian Reed, 39, colorful figure in the fight to keep Norval school open, has tossed his hat in the ring, in an attempt to capture the Liberal nomination for the new Halton-Burlington riding.

Well-known in Norval where his family have lived since 1820, Julian's fame spread farther afield when he sparked the battle to keep Norval school open, and raised the whole village to the cause. He is a member of the executive of Norval Community Association who are now trying to lease the vacant school and grounds as a community centre.

As an actor in television commercials his face is familiar to viewers in Libby's beans, Trident gum, General Tire, banks, and in the Benson and Hedges magazine ad where Mr. Reed is shivering in his shorts. He and his wife Deanna and three children Christopher 14, Robert 11, and Melanie 5, occasionally appear together in commercials.

He is also an accomplished musician and singer and has appeared in many musical productions. His latest being Fiddler on the Roof where he played the leading role.

Mr. Reed attended Norval public school when it was a two-roomed school, and later Milton High school. He graduated from Ontario Agriculture College, now University of Guelph, in animal husbandry in 1956, and now puts his knowledge to good use running the 100 acre farm. He

says he can supply his family with meat, milk, and vegetables, and hopefully his own hydro power. He is now building his own dam and generating station.

After graduating from O.A.C. he was Eastern Ontario salesman for Maple Leaf Milling Co. for ten years, then later with the Hogg-Dawes Laboratories, who produce chemicals for feed fortification.

From there he took the big plunge into show business, after making his debut in light opera, in a Gilbert and Sullivan production.

Mr. Reed has been involved in music since he was eight years old, singing in the choir of Norval United Church, and as soloist in many other churches.

Scouting has been a big part of his life, and was founding skipper of the 2nd Norval Rover Crew. He was the first Norval resident to be awarded Queen's Scout honors.

He says the battle to keep Norval school may have been the spark that made him decide to enter politics. "If you try to speak for people who mean the most to you in your community and you're whipped you can either retreat into your own life or you can fight." He said the ignoring of the wishes of all the Norval people was too much for him to stand. "The thrust of government must come up from the people not down from the government to the people."



JULIAN REED

Gordon won't run for Liberal post

Milton Councillor Don Gordon has declined invitations to run for the Liberal nomination for the new riding of Halton-Burlington. In a telephone interview this week the veteran councillor said that right now he didn't feel he would run and the answer in September or October would probably still be no.

"Honestly, I don't feel the job of the MPP is really a job. The civil service determines what is to be done. I've been approached, but I declined."

Halton-Burlington Conservatives nominated Acton school principal Gary Dawkins last month and more recently the NDP named Bill Johnson of northern Milton as their candidate.

Jim Snow, who for the past eight years has represented most of north Halton and Oakville with the exception of Acton, will no longer represent this area. He is running in the new riding of Oakville.

Halton-Burlington Liberals have not yet set a date for a nomination convention.



1975 QUEEN MARISA PICCINI of the Italian-Canadian Club of Milton was crowned Saturday night amid festivities at the Holy Rosary church hall. Placing the crown on her head is Susan Faggion who reigned during the past year.

Expect tenders for new bridge

Tenders for construction of a new bridge spanning the 16 Mile Creek in Milton are expected at Halton Regional headquarters June 30, acting director of public works D. J. Corbett told the regional public works committee Wednesday afternoon.

The new bridge is to be built in Milton as part of the 16 Mile Creek channelization project. Channelization is complete downstream of the bridge with contractors preparing to continue work upstream in 1976.

The present bridge with a span of 14 feet and length of 68 feet handles 8,000 vehicles per day. There are no sidewalks on the eastern side of the bridge, though sidewalks lead up to the bridge.

The new structure will span 22 feet, will be 118 feet in

length and will accommodate a four lane road and sidewalks. Total estimated cost of the bridge is \$165,000 with the Region taking 60 per cent of the bill with a 50 per cent provincial subsidy, 19 per cent will be paid by the town of Milton and the remaining 21 per cent is to be paid by the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

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Consider watermain for Heights homes

Steps are underway to allow residents of Milton Heights, south of Three Sideroad, to tap into urban Milton's water line from the Kelso conservation area.

"I want them to have water," Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur told the Public Works Committee of Halton Regional Council Wednesday afternoon, "the same as urban Milton at the same costs."

Contractor R. V. Anderson and Associates advised the committee a 16 inch diameter watermain between Three Sideroad and the CPR tracks on Tremaine Rd. will cost about \$120,000 to serve about 20 homes. Anderson suggests the homes could be serviced by an eight inch diameter local watermain at \$72,000 with a trunk main to be installed at a later date when the need arises.

Homes on Three Sideroad and on Tremaine Rd. north of the Heights main corner are already being served by the town's watermain, which

runs past the homes. Milton Council is interested in extending the service to those homes south of the main corner too.

11-unit townhouse proposal

Halton Region planning committee last week approved the proposed 11-unit John Presley townhouse project slated for Bronte St. in Milton.

It would be built on the west side of Bronte, opposite King St.

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