

# Region

## Public session on Steeles reconstruction

A public information centre will be set up by Halton Council to inform Milton residents about plans to reconstruct Steeles Ave.

The portion to be reconstructed runs from 380 metres west of Harrop Dr. to 240 metres east of Thompson Rd.

The regional council has given its Planning Department approval to start preparing the plans for the job.

Regional Planning and Public Works Committee has called for the public information centre to "be held in the area to allow interested citizens the opportunity to review and comment on the proposals."

Following the session for the public, any changes resulting will be advertised before going ahead.

No date for the public information session has yet been announced.

## Ask United Way support hostel

Regional councillors have given unanimous support to a move by Chairman Jack Raftis to have the United Ways of Burlington and Hamilton-Wentworth come to the aid of Halton Women's Place.

Mr. Raftis sent a letter to both groups pointing out HWP serves the areas covered by the United Ways and it was time the organizations decided to help pay for their "piece of the pie."

Halton Women's Place had hoped to be included this year in funding from money raised through the United Way campaigns.

The home for battered and abused women needs almost \$20,000 to keep its service going in the region.

## Sub-committee on audit formed

A special sub-committee to select a new regional auditing firm has been set up and approved by regional council.

The committee will entertain tenders from "national" auditing firms to do the books for the region, the Halton Region Conservation Authority, and the Halton Children's Aid Society for 1981 to 1985.

The committee will consist of Burlington Councillors Joan Allingham and Dave LaCombe and Halton Hills Councillor Russ Miller.

All three sit on regional council and the HRCA while Mr. LaCombe is also a member of the Halton CAS.

The sub-committee will also consist of regional staff members including Chief Administrator Dennis Perlin and Treasurer Gerry Lawson.

## Trafalgar Rd. funding is sought

Regional Council has endorsed a Planning and Public Works Department recommendation to seek special funding to reconstruct Trafalgar Rd. which is considered to be the worst in Halton.

The resolution will ask Ontario Transportation and Communications Minister Jim Snow to look on the request because the road has "suffered extensive damage during the latter part of 1979 and the first part of 1980 which can be at least partially attributed to the heavy volume of large gravel trucks hauling materials to Highway 403-Queen Elizabeth contracts in Oakville for the Ministry of Transportation and Communications."

Halton wants to have Trafalgar Rd. resurfaced from Dundas Highway up to Stewarttown. The road surface is extremely bad and has been attributed to other factors such as poor grade materials used and the fact the road surface was laid down during wet conditions.

## St. John sale is success

The Milton area St. John Ambulance organization recorded a successful third annual garage sale Saturday.

The volunteer group opened the doors of a Milton Fairgrounds building at 7 a.m. to the general public and within a couple of hours several hundred items were snapped up.

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Moving in. Workers starting moving in shelving and display cases for the new BiWay store on Main St. last Thursday even though the opening is still a month away.

## Pettit House rebuilding up to special committee

The biggest decision regarding Halton Centennial Manor to be tackled this year will be whether to make massive renovations and expansion to Pettit House or to plan and build new seniors' residences in populated areas like Oakville and Burlington.

The decision to come up with a long-range plan on how the region will handle the increasing number of seniors in the next five to 10 years was taken yesterday during a meeting at the Manor.

The meeting was called by the Regional Health and Social Services Committee and the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

It was noted the lack of such a room is seen as a deficiency but the funds for the works were not applied for by the region because there is currently discussion on renovating all of the 30-year-old building.

Halton Chief Administrator Dennis Perlin said "you just can't put in an \$89,000 adjuvant-craft room any-

where" without considering it in the overall plan for renovating the structure.

Burlington Councillor Vern Connell, a member of the committee, said such a room should be the "very bottom rung priority" as far as he was concerned.

Mr. Connell said seniors in his part of Burlington don't want to be sent to the Manor because it is in Milton, far away from known shopping and other amenities in Burlington.

Instead of spending money on the crafts room and renovations at the Pettit House facility, Mr. Connell said he wanted the money to be spent on putting new facilities "closer to where the population is."

In fact, a long-term plan for the handling of the expected influx of seniors had been requested in the Ministry study in 1979, but to date nothing has been done, Mr. Perlin said.

But Manor Residents Association President John Davidson took exception to Mr. Connell's remarks, saying they were akin to saying "to hell with the people at the Manor."

He said it seemed the councillor was more concerned about the seniors of the future than those already residents at the Manor.

Mr. Davidson said the adjuvant-craft room could be built and any renovations could use the new room as a focal point and build out from there.

A sub-committee was formed to look at "possible options to renovations" at Pettit House and project these options five years into the future.

The committee is to come back to the Health and Social Services Committee with a report by fall.

## Appreciation days feature wildlife

Put fears and misunderstandings about wildlife aside, by visiting Mountsberg Wildlife Centre for Wildlife Appreciation Days, weekends from May 30 to June 21.

This special program is an educational experience and features different wildlife topics each weekend. The series begins with wolf appreciation the first weekend followed by snakes alive, a special feature, then June 13 and 14 are birds of prey days. June 20 and 21 the program will include birds in hand.

The wildlife walkway can be travelled by horse-drawn wagon or on foot. Visitors' walks will be highlighted by the sight of buffalo and elk roaming in the fields and caged hawks and owls. A lookout blind at the bank of the lake allows for a great opportunity to observe water fowl.

Wolves, snakes and birds of prey will be part of the live animal display in the Interpretive Centre. Films, demonstrations and displays will put the message of wildlife appreciation across.

Round out a day at Mountsberg with a family picnic or take a spring hike on one of the many trails and see wildflowers and birds along the way. The barn is full of farm animals and the Young Bird Centre has plenty of chicks, ducklings and gosling inside.

Hot and cold snacks are available at the spring tea shop in the cafeteria.

Admittance to Wildlife Appreciation Days is \$3 per car and \$17 per bus.

## Charlton stepping down as Manor Administrator

Jack Charlton will step down May 31 as Administrator of Halton Centennial Manor, it was announced Monday by Halton Chief Administrator Dennis Perlin.

Mr. Perlin said "regional council has approved a request by Mr. Charlton... to retire early from the position of administrator and assume a less demanding position at the Manor, namely Maintenance Supervisor."

The day after stepping down as Administrator, Mr. Charlton will "assume his new maintenance supervisor duties," Mr. Perlin said.

In addition to that post Mr. Charlton is expected to act as a Special Advisor to the new administrator.

Mr. Perlin told The Champion the position of administrator will be advertised and "an open competition held in order to fill it."

Until the post is filled, Gordon Timbers, currently Assistant Administrator will be appointed temporarily as Acting Administrator, effective June 1. Mr. Timbers will carry on his duties as assistant administrator in addition to fulfilling the duties of acting administrator until a new administrator is selected and approved by regional council.

"Mr. Charlton will be honored by regional council for his dedicated services as Manor

Administrator with a special presentation and then a reception following the normal regional council meeting June 17," Mr. Perlin said.

Mr. Charlton, 60, retires after 3 1/2 years as Administrator and 11 years as Assistant Administrator of the 370-bed senior citizens complex in Milton.

"During his years as administrator, Mr. Charlton gave great service by continuing the growth and development of the Manor and offering programs not only to the residents but also senior citizens living in the community," Mr. Perlin said.

## Biway coming

Biway Stores is opening an outlet in Milton.

The department store chain signed a lease last Wednesday afternoon to take over the former Stedman's Department Store at 194 Main St., effective immediately.

But according to Biway comptroller Monte Carbin, it is unlikely the store will open its doors to the public until the end of September.

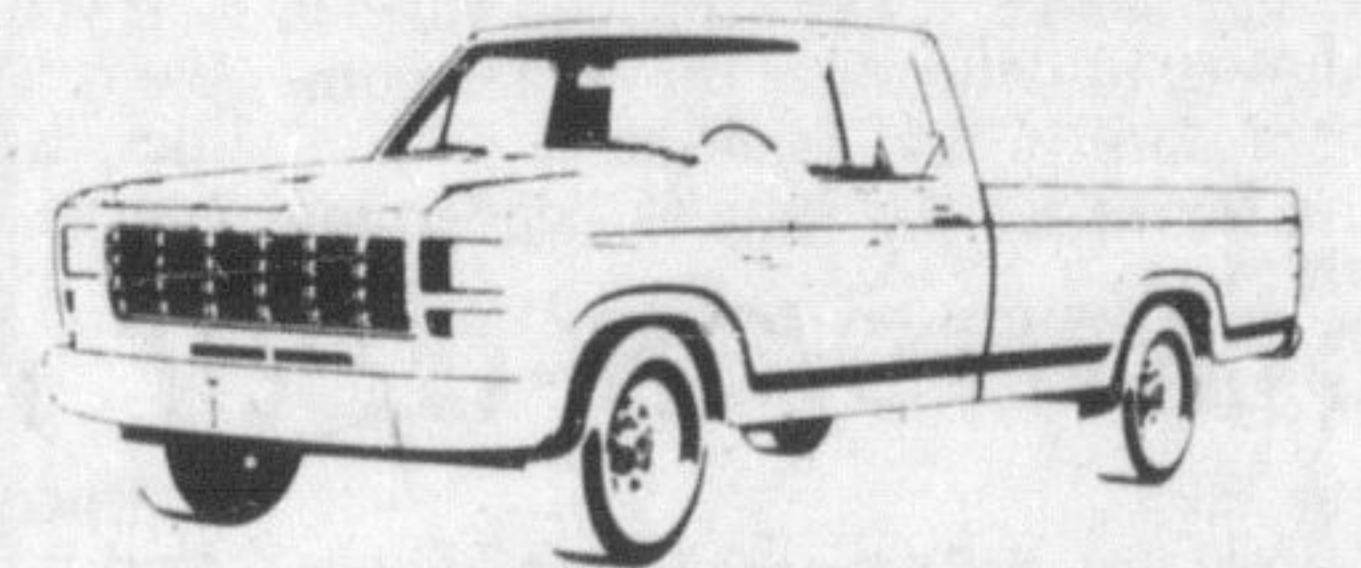
Although the store has begun moving merchandise into the premises, he said it would take a few months until the store is ready for customers.

Stedman's closed this spring.

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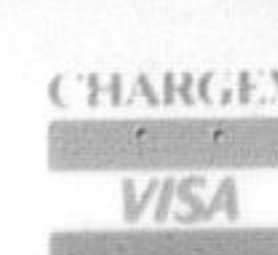
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