

# Meeting planned to protest soaring interest rate

Crippling interest rates will be the topic of a public meeting planned for next Wednesday in Burlington.

Organized by Burlington alderman Barry Quinn, the meeting is intended to provide a forum for homeowners and businessmen who are facing serious problems because of the ever rising rates on loans.

In a press release to announce his plan, Mr. Quinn

said virtually thousands of people across the country are facing disaster because of the rise in rates.

"Virtually thousands of homeowners and businesses will be renewing their mortgages within the next few months and will be faced with double mortgage payment," he wrote.

"Many in the past few months who have been faced with these doubled payments have either lost

their homes when unable to pay the increased rates, sold their homes at depressed prices or, readjusted their entire lives to pay the increased rates," he said.

The problem of soaring rates, he said, can be seen in a simple example.

A mortgage of \$50,000 taken out at 10 per cent in 1976 would have meant monthly payments of about \$447.

If that mortgage was renewed today at 21 per cent

the monthly payments would soar to \$845.

"Increases in mortgage payments of between \$300 and \$400 are common and homeowners are concerned where they will obtain the extra dollars to meet their payments," Mr. Quinn wrote.

"Anyone who is concerned about high mortgage rates is invited to attend," Mr. Quinn wrote. "Economists, bankers, real estate brokers and others have been invited to attend and give their views on the outcome of soaring interest rates and

to offer ways to cope with the rates in the interim."

Mr. Quinn added that ways of approaching to federal government and urging action on some form of relief would also be discussed.

The meeting will be held Sept. 23 at 7.30 p.m. in committee room A of the Halton Board of Education Building, 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington. Starting time is 7.30 p.m.

Further information is available by calling Mr. Quinn at 335-5453 or Janet Bongelli at 639-3088.

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—Tom Burley, Milton Champion

Costumes show heritage. Although Jason Chuchmach and his 3-year-old sister Nicole were born in Canada, as were their parents and grandparents, they are still aware of their family's roots which extend to the Ukraine. The Chuchmachs have once

again organized the Ukrainian pavilion, part of Festival of Countries, to make others aware of their background. Thousands are expected to visit the 14 pavilions around town Saturday for the third annual festival.

## Ethnic groups all set for Saturday Festival

By Jane Muller

If the more than 4,000 people who attended the Festival of Countries last year are any indication of response to this year's event, time could be running out for purchasing passports.

The \$3 tickets which allow entry to all 14 pavilions went on sale several weeks ago and although organizers are not sure of actual advance sales, they encourage those who want to attend to buy early.

"There are only 5,000 passports to be sold," explains Marg McNeill, one of the festival organizers.

Mrs. McNeill said the Festival of Countries is not a profit-making thing and is operated by volunteers, so prices are kept as low as possible. The object, she adds is to create an ethnic cultural display, with any proceeds going back into the community.

The third annual event will kick off Saturday at 11 a.m. when the Chinese will bring some of their colorful culture to Main St. The Toronto Kung Fu Academy will perform The Lion Dance on their way to Town Hall from the Chinese Pavilion at Grace Anglican Church. As part of the official opening ceremony, Mayor Gord Krantz will bring the larger than life sized Chinese Lion to life in the customary fashion of painting the pupil of the animal's eye.

Town Hall will also be the site of the Canada pavilion which will offer historical displays, early Canadian craft demonstrations and slide and film presentations.

Deift Blue, windmills, wooden shoe dances and food and drink from Holland will be some of the features at the Dutch pavilion at the Canadian Legion Hall, Charles St.

The Kernighan House will once again be

the stage for the English pavilion where free tea will be offered and highlights will include maypole dancing, tea cup readings and the Punch and Judy show. The Irish pavilion is back at Holy Rosary Hall with entertainment all day and night.

The Union Hall, Pine St. will house the Italian pavilion where presentations by an Italian chorus, youth orchestra and accordionists will add to the festivities.

Steel bands, reggae and limbo dancing at the Optimist Centre, Commercial St. will be part of the cultural display from Jamaica. Cocktails and food of the island will also be included in the display.

Japanese food, arts and crafts displays and native dancing will reveal some of the country's cultural background at St.

### Poaching charges laid

A Milton man and his brother are among three people charged in connection with a deer poaching incident ten days ago.

Charged with unlawful possession of game and unlawfully hunting during a closed season are Larry Newell 27, of 410 Broadway St., Milton, Fred Newell 28 of 92 Churchill Rd. S., Acton and David Deforest 43, of RR 4, Acton.

Larry Newell has also been charged with unlawfully transporting deer during a closed season.

The charges were laid by Ministry of Natural Resources officials from the Hespeler office, following a series of raids on four homes.

Ministry officers also confiscated a car, two high powered rifles and additional hunting equipment. A whole deer and parts of a second were also taken.

The three men are due to appear in Milton Provincial Court Thursday, Oct. 15 at 10.30 a.m.

Paul's United Church Hall, Main St. Across the street at Knox Presbyterian Church, the Latvian pavilion will feature a typical Latvian Christmas with the appropriate food and activities. Recipes for dishes like bacon buns, blood sausage and Latvian style tortes will be available for visitors to take with them.

The Mexican Pavilion at the Union Hall, Martin St. will be included in the Festival of Countries for the first time this year. The food and drink of Mexico will be offered, an evening dance will be held and for the children, pinatas will be broken throughout the afternoon.

The old fire hall, Main St. is the site of the Philippine pavilion where food from

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## Approve \$1.2 million hydro building debt

By Steve Arnold

Milton's hydro commission can go ahead with construction of a new headquarters building, even though some town councillors think the structure is too large.

Town council recently approved issuing a \$1.2 million debenture for the commission to finance the project.

The debt, to be issued by Halton Region will finance a 20,000 square foot office/ware-

house/garage structure at the corner of Main St. and Thompson Rd. to replace the commission's current facilities on Commercial, Main and Charles streets.

Billy Rowney, chairman of the Hydro commission, told councillors the new facility is needed now to allow the utility to grow and meet future demands.

"These figures are realistic and demonstrate that we have something here that we can live with," he said.

Mr. Rowney said repaying the debenture would mean an addition of \$1.06 to a bimonthly hydro bill of \$50.

He added that consumption of electricity in the town has been growing by nine per cent a year and the revenue of the hydro commission has been growing at 21 per cent a year.

Coun. Don Knight was the first to question the figures quoted by the commission chairman.

"The figures are nice but we all know that you can make them do whatever you want," he said.

Coun. Brian Penman also attacked the commission assertion that increased hydro bills would be paid out of increased incomes in the future.

"To say that incomes are going to increase is to accept an OPEC mentality that we are all going to hell in a basket," he said.

Mr. Penman also said hydro bills for most residents are closer to \$100 a period than \$50, "so right away that \$1.06 increase is \$2.12."

In response to another question about the possibility of the commission using the current town hall when a new one is built, Mr. Rowney said there has never been a formal approach to the commission on the topic.

"The only talk about us using town hall took place within council," he said. "Nothing ever came across the road about it. All we know about that is what we read in the local papers."

Mr. Rowney said the three locations currently being used by the commission are too small for its needs, "so our materials are scattered all around town."

"We're not in a position where we have a year or two years or three years to talk about this, the time to move is now," he added.

Current plans, he said, call for construction on the new facility to start this fall "and we hope to be into it by this time next year."

Al Campbell, general manager of the system, said the building was designed to provide all the facilities that would be needed by 30 inside and 20 outside workers.

That, he said, would provide for the growth envisioned by the commission over the next 10 years.

"It doesn't make sense to put up a building and then have to start adding to it two years later," he said.

Mr. Campbell added that the local commission is falling behind others in its ability to provide service to local residents.



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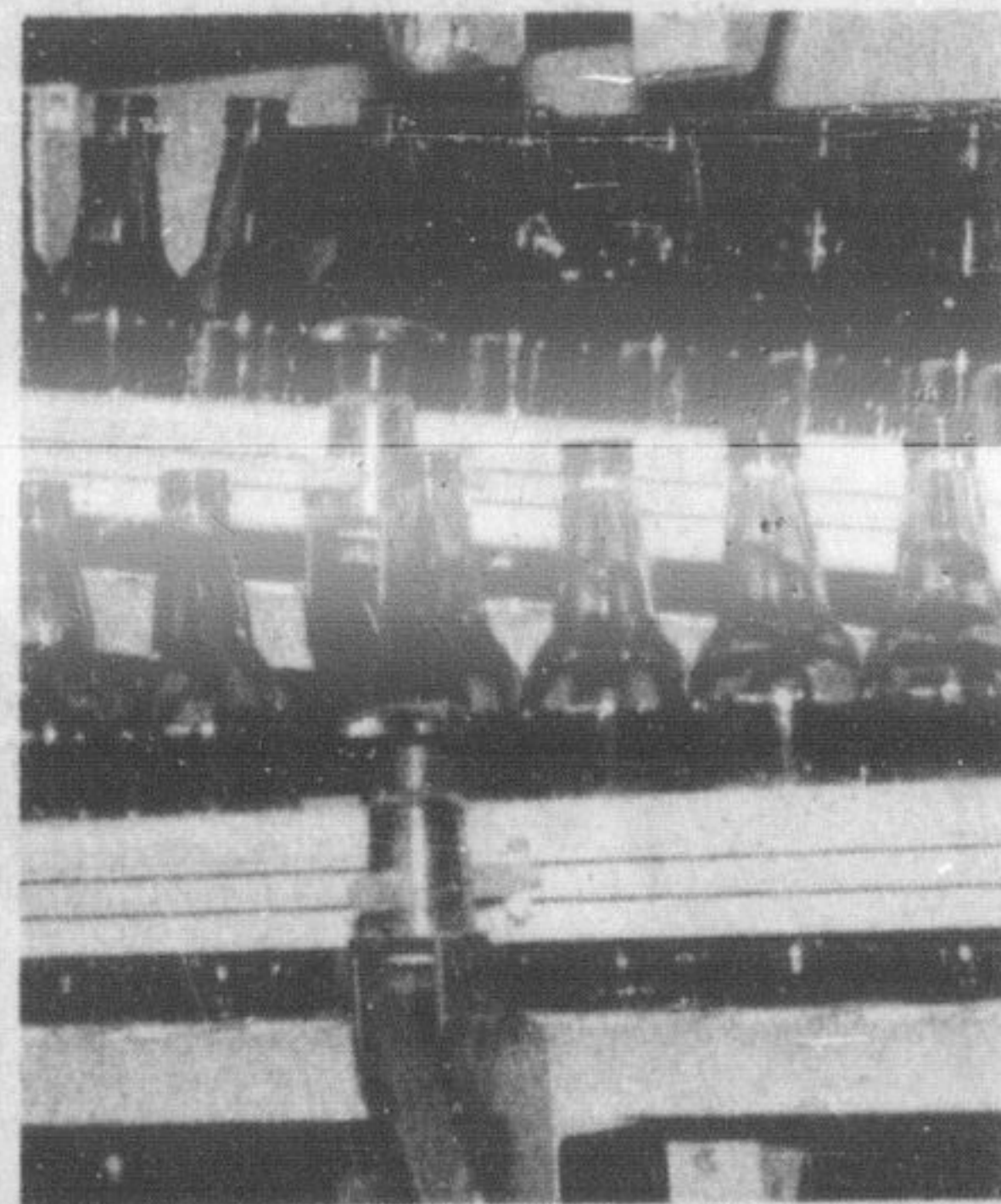
### That's my lucky sign

Taking their chances at the wheel, Pat Butler and Doug Drennan, both 12, wait for the winner to come up during the Milton District Hospital Auxiliary Lawn party Saturday. A clown entertained the crowd and handed out balloons, little children tried their luck at the fish pond, tea was served and food and crafts were for sale. Proceeds from the party will help the Hospital Auxiliary with its work.

## Inside today's Champion

### Marathon a winner

Miltonians put their hearts into the Terry Fox Memorial Run Sunday. Story, photos Pg. 2.



### Plant open house

Consumers Glass treated its Milton plant employees' families to tours and

an open house Saturday, and a big crowd turned out. Pg. 6.

### Lawn party, art show

The hospital was the winner, when Milton District Hospital Auxiliary staged its annual lawn party Saturday. Pg. 9.

### Champions galore

Milton Minor Baseball and Milton Girls' Softball players were rewarded with excellent summer weather for their championship days on the weekend. For a complete rundown of all the events, see the sports section, Pgs. C1 to C5.

### Choir cuts record

There's a new long-playing record on sale in local outlets this week, recorded by Milton's own Choristers choir. Story, photo Pg. C8.

### Plowing the fields

Halton plowmen (and plowgirls) were out competing for prizes in the annual match on the weekend. See Pg. C9.

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