

Lifestyle

Wednesday Aug. 15, 1990

Community Notebook

Book Bash: The 'Read It! Read It!' summer reading program at Milton Public Library will wrap up today (Wednesday) with a party at 2 p.m. Participants must pre-register for the final event of this book club that featured a frog theme this year. Tomorrow (Thursday) the last of the summer's special events for kids will be a performance by the Purple Dragon Puppet Theatre. The group will perform *Many Moons* at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$1 and are limited in number.

Sailboard Regatta: Sailboarders of all levels of ability will have a chance to win some prizes Sunday during the annual Whitecap Sailboard Regatta at Kelso Conservation Area. This fun race will be divided into categories based on the ability and number of participants. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. There's a skippers' meeting at 10 a.m. and the first race is at 11 a.m. To find out more about the August 19 event call 878-6870.

Light Show: The ever popular Summer Night Show is returning to Halton Radial Railway Museum this weekend. The vintage streetcars will travel the tracks after dark, giving riders a view through a different light. The cars and the museum buildings are decorated with lights for the occasion. The show runs from 7-10 p.m. Saturday Aug. 18. For details call (519) 856-9802.

Festival for Corn: The annual Family Corn Festival at the Ontario Agricultural Museum will start cooking at 10 a.m. Sunday Aug. 19 and continue until 5 p.m. Corn-on-the-cob will be cooked the old fashioned way with the help of a steam engine. The day will also feature toe-tapping music and demonstrations by square dancers.

Natural Treats: Learn and taste what the forest can provide in the form of edible wilds. A hike that will result in some tasty treats will depart from the conservation centre at Crawford Lake at 1 p.m. Sunday Aug. 19.

Seniors Drop-In: Scheduled drop-in activities at the Milton Senior Citizens Recreation Centre run every weekday except Tuesday at the Legion on Charles Street. Activities include table tennis and shuffleboard Monday afternoon; bridge and table tennis Wednesday morning and in the afternoon there's cribbage, billiards and darts; Thursday afternoon there's leathercraft from 1 to 4; Friday morning bingo runs from 10 to noon and in the afternoon there's euchre. For more information about the club's activities call 875-1681.

From Square One: There's no age limited and no special skills are needed to take part in modern square dancing. The Milton Scotch Block Squares will introduce new dancers to the recreation beginning Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 8 p.m. at Martin Street School. Singles are welcome. Lessons are held weekly. For information contact Edith and Mac Elliot at 878-9394 or Tony and Sandra Bashford at 1-416-826-3513.

Cold Turkey: A short course on kicking the smoking habit is available from Sept. 24-28 at Milton District Hospital 7:30 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$10 with the remainder covered by the Christmas Seals. To register call 632-8499.

All aboard!

Take evening ride at railway museum

By KAREN SMITH

All aboard! The Halton County Radial Railway will host its second Summer Night Show of the season Saturday.

At the life-size working museum, an antique electric rail car built in 1893 will take visitors for scenic rides through a mile-long area of the Niagara Escarpment.

And the experience is guaranteed to be a unique one, says Joan Johns, curator of the Guelph Line museum.

"It is an unusual experience to ride in a lighted car through the darkness later in the evening," she says.

The railway, a project of volunteers from the Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association, features many classic radial cars, electric street cars, and work cars.

The youngest vehicle is 30 years old while most cars are aged more than 60 years and still rolling strong.

Visitors to the Summer Night Show are invited to bring picnic baskets and take advantage of the museum's gift shop and snack bar.

The gift shop offers a selection of railway nostalgia including books, prints, crafts and artifacts. Bulk ice cream is delivered by street car.

Saved from the wrecker's hammer, the museum's Rockwood Station displays classic form, says Ms Johns. The turn-of-the-century station was relocated from its original site in Rockwood.

A vehicle storage area holds many on-going restoration projects. Volunteer craftsmen and artisans refurbish and rebuild additions to the collection using time-honoured methods and materials.

While the museum's aim is to restore the vehicles to their original operating site, great attention is paid to detail and authenticity to ensure historical accuracy, says Ms Johns.

The Summer Night Show Saturday runs from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission rates are \$3 for adults, \$2.25 for students and \$1.75 for children and senior citizens. Tickets are good for unlimited evening rides.

The museum is located near Rockwood, 16 kilometres north of Highway 401, exit 312. Regular hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is open everyday during August; and Saturday, Sunday and holidays until the end of October.

Founded in 1953, the Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association is a non-profit educational organization. It is dedicated to preserving early forms of transportation.

Region looks out for special children

Halton Region provides integration services in a variety of preschool settings for children aged 2-5 years with special needs.

Services are based on the philosophy that all children are capable of learning and acquiring the skills essential to basic growth and development.

Parents, teachers and professionals work together to assist children with special needs to develop to their potential.

A child may be placed within a licensed child care program. Every effort is made to place each child in a setting within his or her neighbourhood, or in accordance with parental preference.

To qualify for enrollment in integration services, children must be assessed as having six month delays in two developmental areas or more.

Each child's program is prepared by a resource teacher who works closely with parents and child care teachers to meet the child's specific needs.

The Ministry of Community and Social Services funds 87 per cent of integration services, and parents pay the remaining 13 per cent of the fee.

Further assistance may be available depending on financial eligibility as completed by a representative of the Region.

Referrals may be accepted for integration services from any member of the community including parent/family, doctors, public health nurses and community agencies.

For information, write: Halton Region, Children's Services Division, Box 7000, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville, L6J 6E1, or call 878-8113.

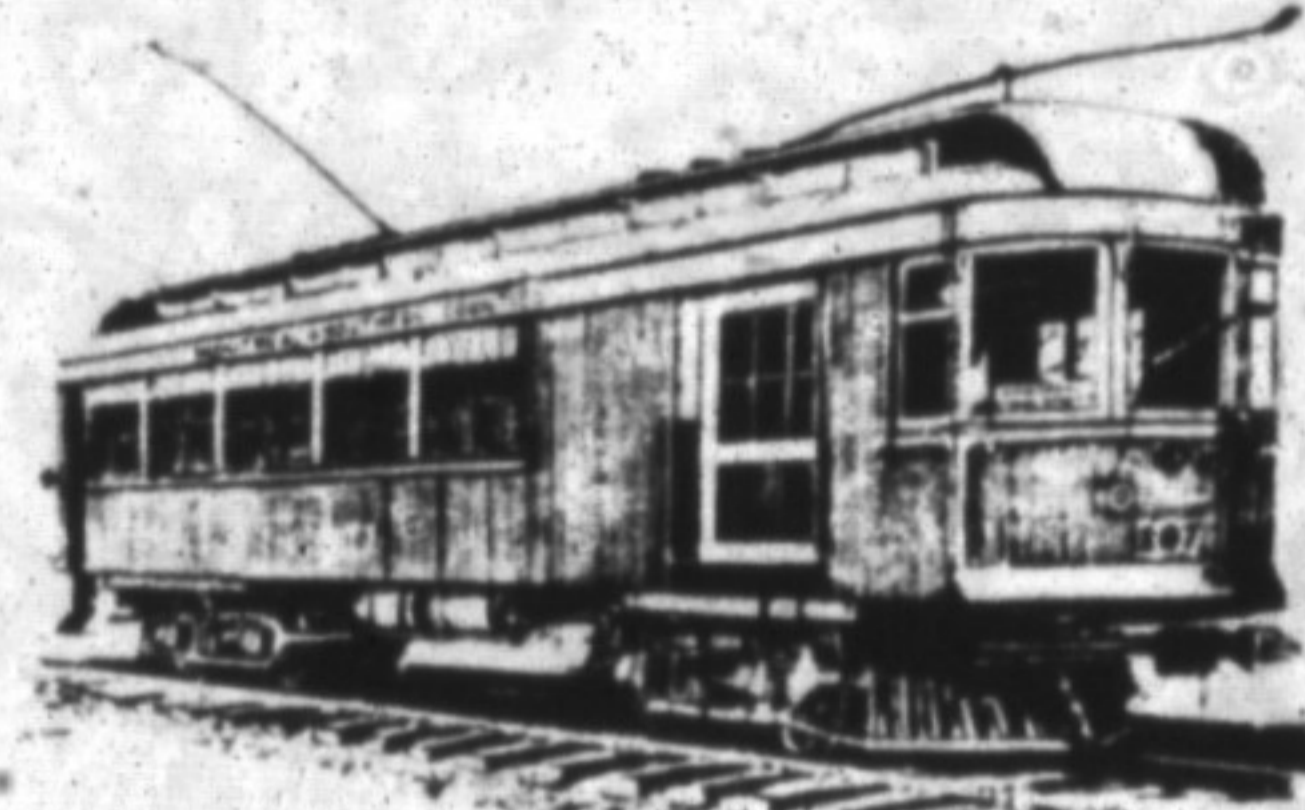


Photo by JOHN WARREN

Milton's athletic Village Constable, Larry Masson, ran quite competitively at the International Police Olympics in Edmonton recently.

Village constable puts Milton on the map

By KAREN SMITH

Milton's village constable represented the town and the region well at the International Police Olympics in Edmonton recently.

Halton Regional Police Constable Larry Masson, 39, finished fourth in the finals of the 1,500-metre race and fifth in the 10,000-metre run at the police games held from July 30 to Aug. 4.

The event, exclusive to police force members, was attended by about 4,000 amateur athletes from more than 20 different countries.

"I really enjoyed the experience," said Cst. Masson. "I'm pleased with my results."

He also took part in the Ontario version of the police games last June in Ottawa where he won a gold medal in the 5,000-metre race and a silver in the 15,000-metre run at the Ottawa event.

"It's like the olympics, except it's just cops," said the amateur athlete.

Running on the track at the Edmonton games was a new experience for Cst. Masson who runs frequently for enjoyment and to keep in shape. In the past, he has participated in several road races and marathons.

Only one other Halton Regional Police Force member attended the games, he says. Glen Lawson, an escort officer, won the silver medal in the 800-metre race. Overall, about 200 Canadians took part.

The Olympics will be held next in Washington D.C. and Cst. Masson hopes to attend with a team from the Halton Regional Police Force.

The first International Police Olympics was held in the early 1980s, he adds.

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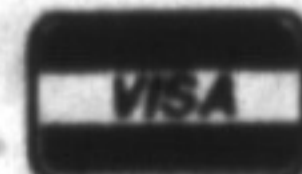
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