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Five-year-old Laurie Patricia Watson of Sherway playground was crowned Miss Panorama '70 (centre) on Monday night at Huron Park Recreation Centre. Runners-up included Kelene Knapp, 7, of Dixie playground (left) and Lori Ann Strete, 7, of Tecumseh playground. The winners were selected from 33 contestants from playgrounds throughout Mississauga. Panorama '70 was presented by playground participants.

## Council asks Darcy why 'city' bid stalled

Mississauga town council wants to know why Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough has placed wraps around the bid for "city" status.

Council decided, Monday, to send the minister a letter asking his reasons for deferring a hearing on the application, after hearing of the move.

The deferral was made public a week ago by Peel County Warden Ivor McMullin after county council asked the minister to give it time to prepare a brief commenting on the "city" application.

### NO NOTICE

Several town councillors were annoyed that no official notice of the deferral had been given by the Municipal Affairs Department to the town.

Town manager Dean Henderson said, however, the notice was sent to consulting solicitor Jack Weir who is handling the application for Mississauga.

Council also, at the request of Reeve Chic Murray and Councillor Jack Kehoe

agreed to ask Mr. McKeough in a separate letter, when a hearing will be set into the town's application to take over Streetsville.

Reeve Murray said Mr. McKeough had some time ago promised him and Mayor Robert Speck to set a hearing date into the application soon.

Streetsville, too, has an application for the annexation of nearly 10,000 acres of Mississauga and Oakville in an attempt to widen its boundaries.

Mississauga town council also agreed, Monday, to acknowledge the setting up of a Peel technical committee to discuss regional government at staff level.

### DEBATE

"No politicians" was the word from council and, Friday, following a hectic debate and a close vote, county council agreed to establish the committee along staff lines.

Mr. McKeough has already said, if Peel and

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## Found 'pot' plants police charge youth

STREETSVILLE — Police have charged a 17-year-old youth on three charges under the Narcotics Control Act and one charge of possessing a restricted drug after they found marijuana plants growing in the youth's back-yard garden.

Streetsville Police Chief, Don Fletcher and Constables Bob Clarke and Bob Smyth found 11 plants ranging in height from two feet to four feet when they raided the youth's home on Joymar Dr.

Prior to the charges being laid, Chief Fletcher and Constable Clarke had climbed a back fence, torn several leaves from the plants, and had them analyzed by the Dominion Analyst as cannabis marijuana.

They then called the youth and arranged to buy some marijuana saying they were going to a party.

When they arrived at the youth's door they were met with a smile and a bag of marijuana.

The youth was promptly arrested and charged



Luxurious marijuana growth seized by Streetsville police.

and the plants confiscated.

Allan Baxter, 17 of 44 Joymar Dr., Streetsville was charged by police in connection with the seizure and is due to appear in Brampton County Court House Sept. 17.

## Streetsville will help in battle against Bell Telephone rates hike

By JIM ROBINSON  
STREETSVILLE — Town Council unanimously passed a resolution to make a financial donation to help fight planned rate increases by Bell Canada Ltd.

In a letter sent jointly by the Ontario Municipal Association and the Association of Ontario Mayors and Reeves, five reasons were given for

fighting Bell's six percent increase:

\* Bell's profits are substantial and steadily rising. Net income rose from \$39 million in 1958, to \$68 million in 1963, and \$114 million in 1969.

\* The Canadian Transport Commission ruled, less than a year ago, that Bell was not entitled to any increase in general rates, but allowed increases in

long distance and certain service charges in an amount estimated to increase Bell's revenue by \$27.5 million annually.

\* The postal disruption has brought substantial added revenue to Bell in the form of long distance calls.

\* Bell Canada, in 10 of the last 12 years, exceeded its maximum permissible level of earnings as set by the Board of Transport Commissioners and the Canadian Transport Commission.

\* It is estimated that Bell's gross revenue, without any general rate increase, will rise by at least \$100,000,000 (or 12 percent) this year. This is due to the increase in number of services, amalgamation of exchange areas and additional revenues from long distance and service charges.

### LAWYER

The joint letter also said they had enlisted the services of Ottawa lawyer, Lovell Carroll, Q.C., and asked Streetsville to help back the estimated \$12,000 to \$15,000 in legal fees.

The letter asked for a levy of one-half cent per capita, or in Streetsville's case, \$31.

This motion of financial support was quickly passed with Streetsville's own ob-

jections to the Bell increase to be included.

Prior to Monday's council meeting, deputy-reeve, Bob Weylie said that Streetsville was being "discriminated against" by the rate increase.

"We are objecting to the rate increase until Bell can justify the increase to us.

"We feel that for the increased cost there should be more areas we can call toll free, especially Malton.

"For example, we currently are in area 11D. The present rate is \$6.95 per

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### 'NO AXE TO GRIND'

## Veterans deny discrimination

The Army, Navy and Air Force denied last week charges printed in the Aug. 12 issue of The News alleging that it is discriminatory against Italian-Canadians in renting its hall in Lakeview.

"That's utterly ridiculous," Ross Gamble, treasurer for the club, said Saturday. "We don't have any axe to grind with any nationality."

The charges of discrimination were made by Victor DeMenna, 28 of Oakville who claims he has person-

ally collected evidence showing the hall charges more for renting the hall to Italian-Canadians than Canadians.

An electrician who works in Port Credit, Mr. DeMenna said he knows of Italian-Canadians who have been charged up to \$350 to rent the hall for a day and Canadians who have been charged between \$125-150 for the same facilities.

Mr. DeMenna plans to be married at the hall on Saturday, Sept. 19 and has made a \$50 deposit.

The hall is located at 765 3rd St., Lakeview, Mississauga.

In denying Mr. DeMenna's charges, Mr. Gamble added: "Our rental policies are very clear. We're not out to cut anyone's throat." Furthermore, he said, there are 20-30 Italian members of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Club.

The matter is being investigated by the Ontario Human Rights Commission, which Mr. DeMenna claims possesses evidence further supporting his allegations.

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