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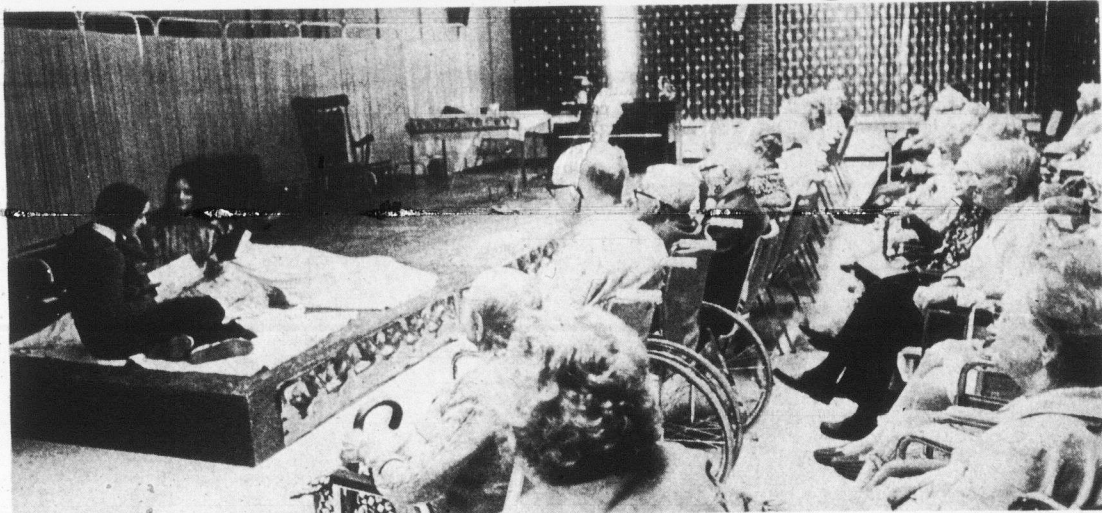
Kids at Mississauga Hospital were delighted when Santa came bearing gifts this weekend.

...from the Yule season...



No it's not the Andrews sisters. A lovely Port Credit foursome performed at the high school's annual Christmas party last week.

... in Mississauga



Sheridan Villa residents were also treated to a concert last week as students of St. Christopher's performed for seniors.

Pedestrian, bike paths eyed for golf course

Public pedestrian and bicycle paths through Mississauga and Credit Valley golf clubs may be possible if a trade-off materializes.

The two golf clubs have met with Credit Valley Conservation Authority and indicate they are willing to explore the possibility of giving permanent easements to the authority for erosion-control work in return for long-term leases to allow the golf courses to continue to operate.

In a letter to the authority, the Mississauga club's vice-president, Kenneth Howie, referred to what he termed "rather disastrous flooding" on the courses this year the sections of the courses in the Credit River flood plain.

The May 16 flood covered some holes on both properties and forced an extensive cleanup by the Mississauga club before this summer's Canadian Open.

"We are prepared to consider sharing the cost with the municipality of remedial work with respect to local flooding problems," Howie said.

The authority has passed a motion to have its staff explore the financial implications of any agreement with the clubs.

Ward I councillor Harold

Kennedy of Mississauga expressed some concern about the idea. He said the authority could be criticized for entering into an agreement with the "well-to-do" golf clubs when people in his ward were losing 10 feet of property to erosion on the Cooksville and Cawthra creeks and corrective measures hadn't yet been taken.

Councillor Hazel McCallion called the proposal an "excellent idea," however, she hoped the authority would not have to do mandatory work on the golf club lands in the first year of the agreement, but consider the work in light of the overall erosion-control program.

"I think it's wonderful that they're agreeing that some

of their property should be opened up," she said.

Authority general manager Harry Watson indicated any bike paths or walkways could be planned so as not to interfere with golf play and to protect the public from flying golf balls.

Artist dies

Adrian Dingle, a Mississauga artist died Sunday in a Toronto hospital.

Dingle, 63, died of complications following an earlier operation for cancer. He had lived in Mississauga with his wife Patricia since 1949.

At a recent show at the Roberts Gallery, most of his paintings were sold within minutes.

\$563,000 for 1975 Conservation authority budget rises 28.1%

By JOHN STEWART

An estimated tax levy of \$563,000 on member municipalities has been approved by Credit Valley Conservation Authority. This is an increase of 28.1 per cent over last year's figure.

The authority has approved the estimated expenditure by an 11-3 vote.

Mississauga's levy, which is based on a figure of 23.8 cents per \$1,000 of equalized assessment, will increase 28.8 per cent.

Mississauga by far the largest municipality in the Credit River watershed, will pay almost \$400,000 of the \$563,325.

Mississauga councillor Hazel McCallion, an authority member, said she felt there was a growing

proved by the province and the authority, the only alternative a municipality has if it feels its levy is unfair is an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Parker said the appeal could only be based on inability to pay.

Parker said the authority had attempted to raise its budget over the years, but had basically operated "on a shoestring" when the province stationed one man here who did most of the work.

"We have a supposedly going concern here. We can't keep it going without money," he said. "We either have to fish or get off the pier."

The three authority members who voted against the budget said they felt their newly-elected councils should not be committed to increased expenditures without any chance to comment.

William Weber of the village of Erin said he couldn't obligate a new council to the 46.7 per cent increase in the levy. "My job is to go back and sell them, not to shove it down their throats". He said the increase represented a seventh of a mill in his municipality.

CVCA's total budget for 1975 is estimated to be \$4,597,256, of which the

authority's share is almost \$2 million. The rest is paid by the province. Here's a budget breakdown: administration, \$329,000; acquisition and development of conservation areas, \$619,500; acquisition of Niagara Escarpment land, \$600,000; Lake Ontario waterfront, including \$1 million for special land acquisition, \$1,858,000; water control, \$2,841,000; and for conservation services and sundry capital, \$48,300.

Revenues include a surplus of \$152,000 from 1974; \$57,000 from conservation areas; a \$50,000 grant from the Nature Conservancy of Canada; and the levy from member municipalities.

ratepayers of Peel that the authority should take a more active and aggressive role.

She said development problems in Mississauga were partially due to the lack of authority staff. This problem is now being rectified.

"Problems have been allowed to occur in Mississauga where the authority has been severely criticized for not doing a good enough job," she said.

The authority, with a professional engineer now on staff, should do a better job of reviewing subdivision agreements — for instance, to avoid situations such as the one in the Cooksville Creek where "six to eight basements are in the middle of the creek," Mrs. McCallion said.

She also said she was "appalled" at the municipalities' lack of knowledge of authority regulations.

The proposed budget which is based on estimated assessment figures, has been submitted to the provincial Conservation Authorities Branch, but no reply has been received.

Authority vice-chairman Robert Parker said the budget was being dealt with earlier than normal this year because municipalities had asked for advance warning on how much their levy is to be.

"There are sizeable increases and they should know about it," Parker said. "We should operate in a more business-like manner."

In past, the authority has not received its levy from some municipalities until very late in the year, causing extra interest charges on money which has to be borrowed.

Once the budget is ap-

Amendments to the Condominium Act have received second reading in the Ontario legislature.

The act clarifies the rights and responsibilities of contractors, directors and owners.

In speaking to the bill, Peel South MPP Doug Kennedy said he had received complaints from several condominium owners, dealing mainly with construction deficiencies, and registration and administration problems.

Kennedy said he had received support for the bill from several condominium owners.

In addition, he said the minister of consumer and commercial relations had assured him that even with the changes the act is not inflexible and, if there is a need, further amendments will be proposed.

"Though slow to gain acceptance," Kennedy said, segment of the housing "condominiums have now picture in Mississauga."

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