

## 1974...in the news

• The Town of Halton Hills becomes official on January 1, 1974, amalgamating Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing Township under regional government.

• Thirteen-year-old Bill Fendley had a narrow escape after plunging through the ice on the Credit River, as he was checking the thickness for a hockey game. Nearby resident Gary Challoner threw him an electrical cord and hauled him to safety.

• Canada's largest chocolate bar manufacturer, William Neilson Limited, purchased the former General Fireproofing building at Guelph St. and Sinclair Ave.

• After weeks of heated debate, Halton Hills Council decided to stay with two District Chiefs rather than hire one.

• Following mild weather, the Credit River went on a midnight rampage, triggering flooding throughout Glen Williams, filling basements and family rooms with ice and water.

• The Solandt Commission recommended that the new hydro power corridor should cross the Niagara Escarpment at Limehouse, traveling south to Milton. The corridor will cut a 720-foot swath through Halton Hills.



Tackling the Credit River in the Crazy Boat Race



Mayor Tom Hill presides over the inaugural Town of Halton Hills council meeting

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• Halton Hills Town council approved the construction of a new arena, swimming pool at the high school and an extension on the library, despite budget slashes.

• An early morning blaze gutted the upper floors of the Terra Cotta Inn, forcing three guests and an employee to flee in night attire. Damage to the newly restored inn ranges from \$250,000 to \$400,000.

• Norval residents vowed to keep the school site, after it was closed as a school by the Board of Education.

• First time political aspirant Dr. Frank Philbrook returned Halton to the federal Liberals in a swing to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, knocking Conservative Terry O'Connor from the seat he wrestled from them in 1972. Philbrook won with almost a 2,000-vote margin.

• A new municipal complex for Halton Hills could be built if a suitable site could be found. Town council has been discussing the complex informally and are keeping an eye open for a location.

• Council grabbed the firm bid of \$800,000, submitted by Whitley Construction Ltd., to build a 1,000-seat arena.



Ontario Premier Bill Davis at GO train's inaugural run in Georgetown



Above: What's a coffee house without a little 'jam'.

Left: New librarian Betsy Cornwell  
Below: Gas prices soar to a range between 63-70 cents a litre



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