

News Digest

Council gets feet wet

Halton Hills council have been in office four months but are still getting their feet wet. During the heavy rains water is coming into the municipal building on the Seventh Line, Councillor Ern Hyde said during the last storm the water was running across the floor. Council voted to spend \$655 to have Dominion Caulking Co. caulk the leaks around the building.

Four new town trucks

Four more trucks will be added to Halton Hills' equipment as soon as deliveries come through. Halton Hills council okayed the purchase of two 1/2-ton pick-ups from North Halton Motor Sales at a cost of \$3,468 each, one four-ton International and one six-ton International from Halton Truck Sales, Milton, at cost of \$19,658 and \$20,344 respectively. All were the lowest tenders submitted.

Disputes Solandt's contentions

Councillor Don Gordon of Milton has written a brief which disputes the need and the location of both the Milton and Halton substations proposed by the Solandt Commission report. He calls for the return to Ontario Hydro's original middle route which would have avoided urban Milton and passed through the north-west corner of former Nassagaweya township. Milton council endorsed Gordon's brief. Earlier Milton council claimed Milton would be "the most persecuted and unplanned community in Ontario" if Hydro allows the Solandt recommendations.

1,000 board first GO Trains

An estimated 1,000 passengers boarded the first GO-Transit run Monday morning riding free of charge, a wrinkle designed to stimulate travel on the Georgetown to Union Station run. Transit left the Georgetown station promptly at 6:55 a.m., 7:25 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. The return trips arrive back in Georgetown at 5:40 p.m., 6:05 p.m. and 6:35 p.m. The run from union station to Georgetown takes 55 minutes. A considerable number of the commuters boarded at the Georgetown station but because the first run was free there was no accurate count of passengers. GO Train officials will release figures later this week. Fare from Georgetown to union station is \$1.55, 10 ride tickets \$12.90 and a month's fare is \$49.00. Rates vary for other stops which include Brampton, Bramalea, Malton, Weston and Bloor St.

Two collisions — charges

Acton O.P.P. investigated two collisions during the past week. Last Friday afternoon at the corner of Mill and Willow a car driven by Norma Pringle, R.R. 1, Acton, was in collision with a parked car owned by Paul Kotsopoulos. The Pringle car had estimated \$200 damage and the Kotsopoulos car \$50.

Inventor hopes for acceptance

Simple inventions have the best chance for success, and a former Acton man has joined the ranks of business hopefuls. James Backwell of 250 Frederick St., Apt. 404, Kitchener, is presently very hopeful of success for his Upsi-Daisy step stool which should be a boon to short people in geared-to-tall kitchens. Mr. Backwell went to school in Acton and he has friends here still. The family moved to Oshawa and from there he went to Kitchener in 1947. He is now 66. Mr. Backwell is a glass cutter by trade and he stands five feet 4 1/2 inches tall. He has always had trouble reaching high kitchen cupboard shelves without the help of a chair or step stool. Both take up space. And over the years he has read of similar complaints from many other short people. Why not invent something that can be used when needed for those high shelves and folded when not in use? he asked himself about 18 months ago. The result is his Upsi-Daisy step stool, which is hinged together in three sections and can be folded and tucked away in an upright position with the aid of a magnet against the bottom of the kitchen cupboard. The features of his invention are covered by patent applications now pending in Canada and the United States. A prospectus has been sent to about 80 companies here and in the States for manufacturing rights. The Raymond Lee organization of New York is handling details. This company specializes in the development and introduction of inventions. After Mr. Backwell thought long enough about the problem, it only took him one day to make the prototype. He expects the step stool would sell for \$5 or \$6. Mr. Backwell promises to let his friends in Acton know if his invention becomes a success, and the royalties start rolling in!

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TAKING A REST from hauling cookies are four members of the First Acton Guides, Lynn Kearley, Julie Parsons, Michele Seaton and Judy MacDonald. Saturday was Cookie Day in town and the response was good.

Cookie day in Acton success

Cookie day in Acton last Saturday was a blitz when over 1,440 boxes of girl guide cookies were distributed throughout the town and outer areas of Acton by the combined efforts of four units of young girls—two brownie packs and two guide companies. Organized by District Commissioner Marjorie Strongtharm and Brown Owl Pat Van der Eyken, 70 uniformed girls bombarded the town from 9 a.m. until 12:30 noon and managed to sell more cookies than ever recorded. "We purchased 120 cartons," said Commissioner Strongtharm, and last year's purchase was only 100 cartons with 12 boxes in each one. "With the growth of population we felt we could sell more," she said and the girls managed to work their way from door to door right through the town. Group leaders said they were extremely pleased with the reception received by the girls from the town people.



Refreshments Funds raised by the cookie drive go back to the local groups with a portion sent to headquarters. Money kept by the guides and brownies is used for the benefit of the girls for such things as equipment and craft materials depending on the needs of the particular group. After the selling escapade the girls gathered at the scout hall where scout and guide mothers provided freshie and donuts for the hungry youngsters.

Last Tuesday afternoon at Main and Guelph two cars, driven by Harold McEachern, R.R. 4, Rockwood and Kenneth Jordan, 246 Peel St., were in collision. Estimated damage was a minimum of \$20 to the McEachern car and \$100 to the Jordan car.

A local man, police report, was charged with public mischief after he falsely reported a hit and run accident. He appears in court May 22. Volkswagen was stolen from behind Acton Medical Centre last Wednesday. It was recovered by Milton O.P.P. in a ditch on the third concession of Esqueving. The incident is still under investigation.

Sunday theft of a coat, valued at \$90 was reported from the Legion. A local person attending the dance discovered the theft. Two charges of dangerous driving were laid following incidents at the high school. Out-of-town drivers were charged. There were six liquor seizures and three impaired drivers on the police books during the week.

CUSTOMERS AT THE IGA these days will find several innovations which have been planned specifically for their food buying efficiency. New shelves with stock re-arranged, a cigarette bar at the front of the store and, on the outside, a face-lift with a new paint job. Clerk, Jane Taillefer is seen waiting on customers at the bar counter which also serves as a bottle return centre.

No connection Travellers hoping to travel to Georgetown to take the GO Train will have to depend on their own facilities. According to a spokesman at the Gray Coach bus terminal in Guelph there have been no arrangements made as yet for connecting services. A connecting bus service had been considered running from Guelph through Rockwood and Acton to Georgetown.

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Spring sweeper hits the dust

A tractor blasting great jets of smoke on town streets last week turned out to be nothing more than the trusty street cleaner hitting the dust. Residents viewing the scene thought at first of calling the local fire brigade but, as the machine moved on and the atmosphere cleared, the image of the street cleaning vehicle and its scrubbing brushes came to the fore as it slowly swept down another few blocks stirring more dust as it moved along.

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Toyota Community Calendar
What's doing in North Halton area
BAZAAR
Attend the Mother's Day Bazaar at Robert Little School on May 11, from 2-4 p.m. Proceeds will go towards the Graduating class trip to Ottawa. Everyone is welcome.
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The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills
Temporary help TRAFFIC COUNTING
The Council of the Town of Halton Hills, in co-operation with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications of the Province of Ontario, is examining all local roads and streets in the Municipality for the purpose of developing a logical long-range improvement programme.
The determination of traffic volumes on the Town Roads is an essential part of the Study, and is based on actual counts at selected locations. Because of the large mileage of roads in Halton Hills, a number of locations will be counted manually. The assistance of part-time help to cover these locations is sought. Details are as follows:
Period of Time Required—Approximately 10 hours in total. 8 hours for counting, 1 hour for instruction, and 1 hour to compensate for travelling time.
Date—Thursday, May 9, 1974 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Instruction will be given on Tuesday morning, May 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the Council Chambers of the Halton Hills Municipal Offices. (Formerly Esqueving Offices)
Requirements of Applicants—A driver's license and an insured vehicle to travel to the count location.
Compensation—Thirty dollars (\$30.00) will be provided as compensation for the work involved.
This work could be interesting for retired or semi-retired persons, housewives, ladies' church groups or others who have time available on the dates specified. Many volunteer groups have successfully raised money for their organization in this manner.
Persons interested in applying should contact the office of the Town Engineer. Applications will be selected according to receipt of application.
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