



WATCHING FROM a distance are Angelo Albano, president of AHS student council, John Andersen, who donated the pig and Mrs. Janice Shultz who won the 220 pound animal in the Lions' Club pool fund draw. The Acton high school students' council sold tickets for the draw recently.

Region seeks administrator

After five months of operation, Halton Regional Council has decided a chief administrator is needed to pull various regional departments together and co-ordinate the operation of the region.

Council had almost unanimously rejected that request from Chairman Allan Masson in January. Since then however, there has been sufficient evidence to convince the council that an administrator or co-ordinator is necessary.

Much of the debate at Wednesday's council meeting was directed at Masson's inability to fulfill the dual role as politician-administrator.

"Dictator"

Oakville Councillor Gordon Brown spoke strongly in opposition to the hiring of an administrator. He said he could see the administrator becoming a dictator and council simply rubber stamping matters put before it.

Brown attacked Masson for not taking a more active role in the co-ordinating and administrative work that had to be done.

He claimed Masson had described his position as being responsible for social and public relations functions. He noted the budget for the chairman's office was about \$50,000 and to add more was unthinkable.

Council should rule on his job and decide whether he should be a working chairman or a "political gladiator," he said.

Many specialists

Councillor MacLean Anderson of Oakville said it was necessary to have a generalist and a person well equipped as an administrator to handle the co-ordination of departments.

Anderson claimed the region now had a team of top notch specialists in their own field and those specialists were more interested in their own pecking order than co-ordination. "You have to expect this from strong people," he said.

Halton Hills Councillor Rick Morrow said some politicians were good administrators and others were not. The region should not have to rely on having a chairman who also is a good administrator.

Councillors Bill Mason, Jack Haffis, Ted Halfe and Carl Erikson were among those who said they had changed their minds since the last time that question had been put.

Little support here

Only two of the eight councillors from Milton and Halton Hills supported the hiring of the chief administrator. Milton Coun-

Hard to be heard

The transition to regional government has been trying, to say the least. Even the makeshift council chamber at the rented office building in Burlington has posed problems.

Because of the setup and poor acoustics, councillors have difficulty seeing and hearing the speaker. But even the worst of times aren't without humor.

During a meeting Wednesday, Councillor Bill Mason interrupted a speech by Acton Councillor Pat McKenzie. "Could the speaker repeat that, we can't hear down here," he said.

"Pardon?" McKenzie replied.

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Liberals name a candidate

Eric Cunningham, a 25-year-old advertising consultant will carry the liberal banner in Halton-Wentworth in the July 8 Federal election.

Cunningham is a political science graduate from the University of Western Ontario.

Septic tanks are allowed

Halton Regional Planning Committee will recommend council endorse the passing of a proposed amendment to the Georgetown Official Plan.

The amendment would allow about 22 lots in the area of Ann St., Maple Ave. at the westerly limit, and the bottom part of River Dr. to be serviced by septic tank systems.

Halton Hills Planning Director Mario Venditti explained water services were already available. He noted the lots couldn't readily be serviced by town services.



NOISY MUFFLERS, rules on drinking and drugs were questions asked by Acton high school students on Thursday morning when a group of safety officers from No. three district of OPP detachment Burlington headquarters talked as a panel. They gave information on police work in general and pointed out how all-round co-operation could benefit everyone.

Newsroom gets help 7,477 pets needed



Corie Maxwell has joined the Acton Free Press news staff for the summer. She has recently completed her first year of radio and television arts at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

Corie wrote a school news column for the Free Press while attending Acton high school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Maxwell of R.R. 1, Acton.

Corie will be at the Free Press office on weekends, so don't hesitate to call if you hear any newsworthy item!

The Halton clinics of the last two weeks were, by any estimate, a roaring success. A record 7,477 cats and dogs got their needles, compared to 3,980 when clinics were run here in 1969.

The greatest response, naturally came from the urban centres of the county. From Burlington there were 2,537 animals; 1,994 from Oakville; 1,099 from Georgetown; 738 in Milton; 585 in Acton; 186 in Nassagaweya; and 158 from Horley.

The Health of Animals Unit of provincial agriculture ministry and the Halton County Health Unit were both pleased with the turnout and grateful for the volunteer helpers who administered the traffic at each clinic.

Marcus Rus drowns in old quarry pit

Nine-year-old Marcus Rus drowned Saturday afternoon when he fell from a raft he and his 12-year-old brother Ron and a friend Ralph Borchman, 10 were playing on.

The boys were playing on the two acre pond in an old quarry pit on the Eighth Line near Steeles Ave. in Halton Hills.

Marcus was a non-swimmer and disappeared under water almost immediately after falling in. Halton Hills Fire Department dragged for the body for several hours but were unable to find it.

Sports complex at Bronte Park

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BENEFIT DANCE

The Acton Citizens Band will hold a Benefit Dance on Friday, May 31, at the Acton Citizens Band Music Centre, 85 Wallace Street, in Acton. There will be dancing from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. to Bob and Corey. For tickets or information call 877-2095.

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Peter McCusker, first year Sheridan College journalism student, is working at the Acton Free Press as photographer and darkroom technician for the summer months.

Living in Guelph he enjoys drum corps and writing.

Homes south of industries

The homes proposed for 12.4 acres of land by Paul Nielsen and Gino Civiero would be located immediately north of the railroad track of Main St. N. extending up to the existing industrial park. Last week's headline may have given the impression the homes were proposed for inside the industrial park itself. Actually they are in the area south of the industrial park, which is also zoned industrial.

The proposal was presented to the general administration committee of Halton Hills last week.

Go users increasing

Go Transit Authority reports rising numbers using the new service. During the first week of operation, the train carried 1456 passengers, the second week transported 1595.

An incomplete survey of the third week's operation indicates more than 1700 used the GU train. Georgetown accounts for 23 per cent paying passengers using the service.

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