



INDEPENDENT truckers are posted at the entrance to Indusmin Quarries as part of a province-wide demand for increased wages. Other trucks continue to haul from Indusmin despite "Road Closed" signs.

Morrow knocks "rip-off" budget

Although councillor Ric Morrow wrote works committee criticizing capital works plans in their proposed budget, the works committee Monday easily agreed to stand by their recommendations.

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Commented councillor Mike Armstrong: Georgetown is not being shortchanged. We've got to do it on need.

Mr. Morrow's letter follows in full.

To the Mayor and Members of Council:

Gentlemen: For some time now we have been attempting to prepare budgets for Halton Hills, and in doing so we have always made strong reference to the budgets of the former municipalities in 1973. There has always been a concerted effort to do that which is fair. I believe that the proposed capital works projects follow none of these principles and is grossly unfair to the residents of former Georgetown. Explanation is as follows:

Total Major Capital Works
1. Sargeant Road storm sewers (Georgetown), \$120,000; 2. Stewarttown Road, \$7,200; 3. Acton Boulevard (Acton), \$26,000; 4. Eighth Line, \$93,000; 5. Ninth Line, \$56,000.

6. Church Street storm sewers (Acton), \$25,200; 7. Guelph Street, (Georgetown), \$44,000.

8. Wellington Street storm sewers (Acton), \$82,000; 9. Fifth Line, \$66,000; 10. Sixth Line, \$15,000.

When we consider that former Georgetown pays approximately 55 percent of the bill and will receive less than 30 percent of the work and even much less when we consider that the \$44,000 for Guelph Street is 90 percent paid for by the Province; then I submit that this budget is a

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Drop population limits to speed up housing

Two representatives of the Ministry of Housing dropped a bombshell at the general administration committee of Halton Hills, Monday night, when Peter Martin said in an effort to speed up housing construction, the population limits cited in the Toronto Centred Region Plan would be removed.

In direct opposition to recent trends, Mr. Martin also said some overloading of sewage plants would be allowed as long as the municipality was committed to a new plant. He also said there would be limited acceptance of septic tanks, and modified criteria for flood plain lands.

He said the aim of the Housing Task Force was to make more housing available without throwing a burden on existing taxpayers, and cited a \$450-\$600 provincial grant per unit to stabilize local taxes.

Mr. Martin said interest-free loans would be available for sewers, water and roads, with repayment starting four years after completion. A big bone of contention by both builders and council, the delay in decisions, was tackled by the Task Force. Mr. Martin said a 60 day time limit for decisions should be the goal. He claimed this would speed up housing and help reduce costs.

Touching on another sensitive subject, the Ministry of Housing representative said there would be a modified freeway feasibility study. "If a public commitment has been made, the subject would not be reopened."

He said the province has to accept more responsibility for financing, and speed up its

own interdepartmental approvals. Mr. Martin said the local municipality should set their own housing targets, directed to the average man, with specific prices for specific incomes.

He said the deadline for municipal and regional commitments on a proposed develop-

ment should be 60 days. "In the past it has dragged on weeks and months," he admitted.

Councillor Ric Morrow jumped in immediately after Mr. Martin concluded, saying, "I understand there is a hooker in the \$450-\$600 grant, doesn't the municipality have to state they will not raise lot levies?"

Mr. Martin said he believes lot levies are only passed on to the owner, and said they would prefer to see them frozen, but stressed the grants were unconditional.

"What municipalities said the \$450-\$600 are enough?" demanded Morrow.

Martin said lot levies are hard to figure out, but he quoted the Ottawa area as being satisfied.

Returning to the attack, Morrow charged the province was now throwing the Toronto Centred Region plan out the window. "Are we a slow growth or a high growth area, we have to know," demanded Morrow.

Morrow said the town's own five year plan was thrown out by the Toronto Centred Region Plan.

Chairman Roy Booth said "Now you tell us the Toronto Centred Region Plan is not in effect, after it threw ours out. Who's going to dictate to us next?"

Booth hastened to add "I realize you are just the fall guy who is getting all the flak, but it is so frustrating."

Mr. Martin said the Toronto Centred Region Plan was a

major well-intentioned plan to be used as a guideline, but it did not take the need for housing into consideration. He emphasized there would be a re-evaluation, but the "Toronto Centred Region Plan is not out the window."

Councillor Dick Howitt said he was now completely confused, and said Mr. Martin was not entirely levelling when he said the Toronto Centred Region Plan only concerned population figures. "Our whole Esquimaux Official Plan was based on the Toronto Centred Plan, it even says so in the preamble." He said it was not nebulous, and

Tennis courts given go ahead

Acton tennis buffs could be wielding racquets on their own courts very soon if Monday's recommendation from the administration committee of Halton Hills is adhered to.

Tenders for tennis courts in Acton came in ranging up to \$10,000. The lowest bidder was Northern Paving and Construction of Guelph and the committee recommended the go ahead with their \$4,875 bid.

According to recreation director Doug Collison, the courts will be beside the arena with washroom facilities available when the arena is in use. "There will be special arrangements in the case of tournaments," said the director.

At Monday's meeting Doug Collison pointed out there was enough money left in the \$11,500 set aside by the former town of Acton for the courts, to complete the fencing, posts and line painting.

Works committee meets here Sat.

The works committee of Halton Hills will meet Saturday morning in Acton to look over three problems. They'll go to the shore of Fairy Lake behind the Vadeika, Turner, Schroeder and Bray properties to discuss the agreement for leasing a strip of land around the land.

They'll go to the cemetery to tour the perimeter of the cemetery property surrounded by Kingham Hills Estates, to consider the developers' proposal for lowering the grade, and possible alternatives.

And they'll look over John Vandenbrink's drainage problems. Decision to meet here was made during discussions at the committee meeting Monday night.



BLOND HAired Jason Henderson likes flowers, especially the ones he found in the planters that have been recently placed on the Main Street. The funds for the planters were supplied by the Acton Development Commission. Ted Tyler Jr., and his family are the people to thank for planting the flowers and positioning them on the street.

Medical centre in tradition

The property which has housed more doctors in Acton than any other is getting set for six more. The beautiful old home at the corner of Mill and Frederick is being torn down for new premises for Acton Medical Group.

Dr. Brian Moore, Dr. David van der Bent, Dr. W. T. Pun and hopefully one more will have offices in the new building. There will be two dentists downstairs, Dr. Bob Steen and another who is expected.

The building will also house a dispensary, laboratory and X-ray department with a large parking lot off Bower Ave.

Four months It is expected construction will start in a month with completion in four months.

The medical group has owned the property for the past five years with this intention. Acton's first settler, the Adams family, surveyed

their property into lots and Dr. Shook built a cottage on one corner of the block before the 1850's. He later built a house at the back of the present lot and he planted the trees on the property.

After other occupants moved Dr. McGarvin bought the property but a disastrous fire destroyed his home and office. Dr. Lowry was just completing his medical course and was practicing with Dr. McGarvin. He was a gold medalist and lost all his belongings including that medal.

A contract was let at once to build the fine new building which is now being razed. Eli Snyder, the contractor, took great pride in the work. This must have been about 1880. Dr. McGarvin sold his practice. The next doctor who occupied the premises were Dr. Lucius Auld and Dr. Springer at short intervals. Dr. J.F. Uren then took up residence here, often assisted by his brother-in-law Dr. J.N.E. Brown.

Dr. John MacDonald was Dr. Uren's successor here before he moved to the Dr. Gray residence. The Ryder family lived many years in the house more recently. The information comes from Acton's Early Days, pages 25 to 28.

To reconsider cemetery swatch

Saturday morning the works committee will again tour the boundaries of Fairview cemetery which about Kingham Hills subdivision to view the steep grades.

At their regular meeting two weeks ago Ray Wahl, representing Kingham Hills, had asked the right to bring equipment into cemetery property to lower the grades. When works committee met later at the site, all voted in favor other than councillor Len Cox who then - as now - is "adamant" about keeping the developer off cemetery property.

Due to impending objections the matter was deferred from the full council agenda last week.

Again this week It appeared Monday again on works committee agenda, with Bert Hinton there to object and engineer Ray Wahl there to review his request.

Engineer Peter Morris told the committee Mr. Wahl had redrawn his grades and decreased most of the slopes.

Objection Mr. Hinton presented a letter from the Acton Chamber of Commerce strongly objecting to the proposed regrading of cemetery land which would do much to destroy the natural beauty of the area. "Encroachment on the swamp land will also seriously affect the wildlife and bird population of this community. This swampland is the last remaining natural habitat for birds in this area."

"It is our conviction that through terracing and perhaps raising the first floor levels of these homes to above street level this problem could be easily overcome."

Slopes of the grades, ranging from 3 to 1 to 2 to 1, fences, and the nature of trees that would be lost were debated. It was revealed at one point intrusion into the cemetery property could reach 40 feet.

Retaining walls and reverse split level houses were suggested.

"Tragic" Mr. Hinton explained he was involved when the land was bought and he was very concerned about the intrusion in the cemetery. "You can

confront a developer if he's doing something against the good of the town," he said. He referred to possible changes in grades.

He suggested approval of the province might be necessary before encroaching on cemetery property.

He relayed the C. of C. concern the cut swatch on cemetery land might become a "motorcycle rat race". He was especially concerned where fill is already eroding into the swamp area of the cemetery.

It would be extremely tragic to destroy the swamp, Mr. Hinton insisted. "I'd do anything to keep him away from ruining that swamp at

the east side of the cemetery."

Stays firm Councillor Joe Hurst kept to his stand that the regrading of cemetery property would be an improvement. He would eliminate the possibility of future problems 10 to 15 years from now. He didn't think all the big maples would have to be cut, and said the developer was willing to plant more.

Mr. Hyde agreed he wouldn't want the cemetery

Boat is \$1200

A misunderstanding was cleared up at administration committee of Halton Hills council Monday night, when Recreation Director Collison said the boat, motor and trailer proposed for Fairy Lake was only \$1,200 not \$2,600 as council understood last week.

Collison said the \$2,600 included all the expenses of the Acton swim program, and the wading pool.

Councillor Les Duby commented, "You can imagine the flak I got when people thought we would pay \$2,600 for a boat."

The committee recommended the boat, motor and trailer be bought with the cost not to exceed \$1,200. The remaining expenditures will come out of the normal recreation budget.

Wife charged in bizarre case

Dancing teacher Mrs. Rywa Wertman, 44, of Warwick Ave., Toronto, Monday was charged with non-capital murder in connection with the beating and burning death of her estranged husband May 8.

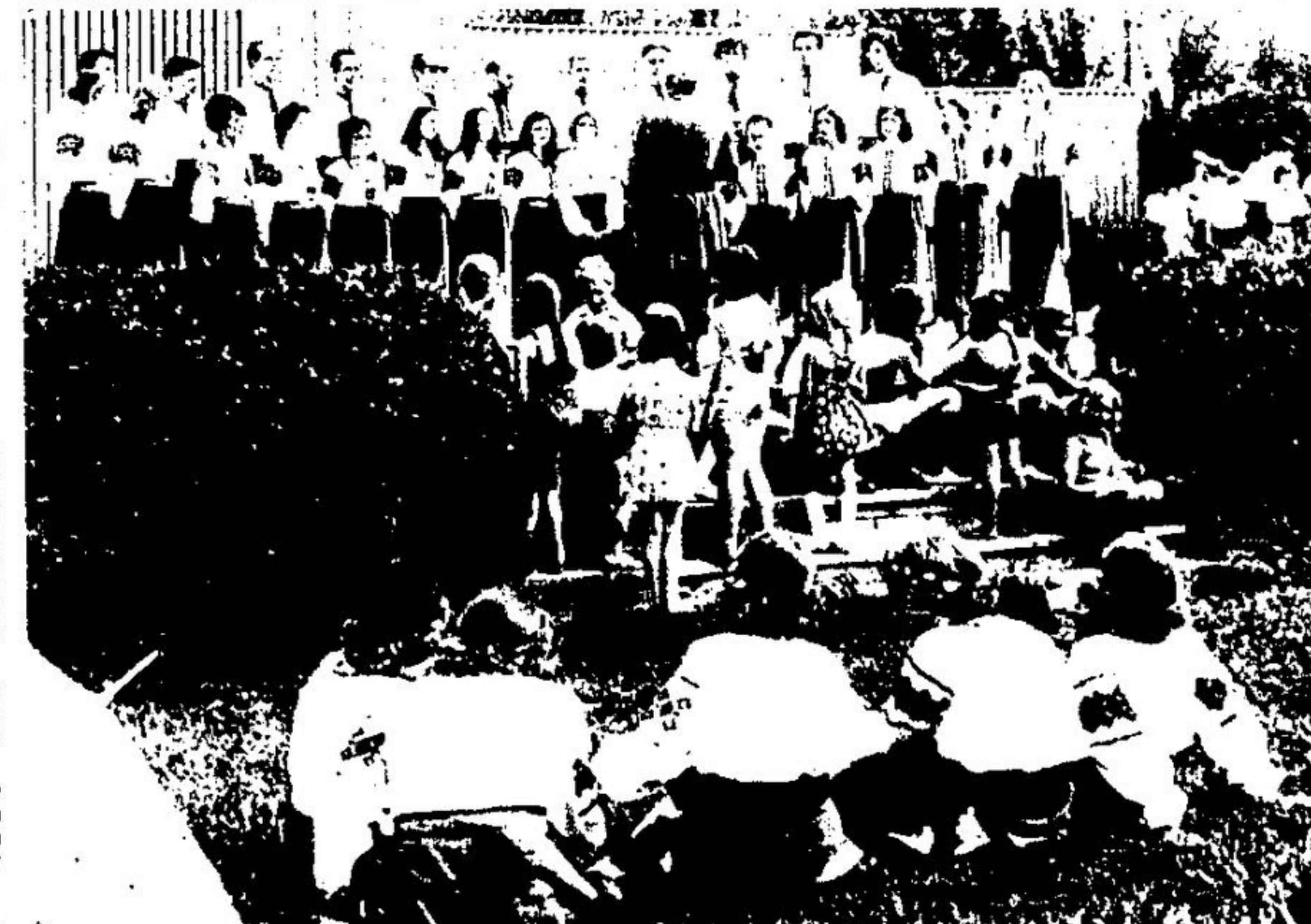
That weekend Manfred Baron, 23, of R. R. 2, Acton had been charged with non-capital murder in connection with the death. This charge has not been changed this week since the second charge was laid.

Both are in jail in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Wertman had been separated for 18 months, according to police. Both had

spent some time in German concentration camps in Poland during the war.

Search farm Isaac Wertman was reported missing May 8 in Toronto and his Wilson Ave. neighbors reported seeing a man beaten and a station wagon leaving the parking lot. On May 18 police recovered human flesh from a shallow hole at the Baron farm just east of Acton. Police also seized an oil drum in which they believed the body had been burned.

Police previously referred to the case as bizarre and gruesome.



THE ETOBICOKE choir was one of the many that participated in the cultural presentation at the opening of Camp Weselka at the Ukrainian camp and refreshments. See inside for story and pictures on the fourth line Sunday. All groups wore traditional Ukrainian dress. Beside the Ukrainian cultural show, there was a church service, sports and refreshments. See inside for story and pictures.

Truckers on strike

Independent truckers, who are on strike through parts of Ontario, have been stationed at Indusmin Quarry since Monday, June 3. Other truckers are continuing to haul crushed stone and police are keeping close watch on the situation there. There have been numerous complaints of nails on the roads in the vicinity.

The members of the Ontario Haulers Association, who are independent truckers, have put up signs saying roads at the quarry are closed, but cars and trucks pass through. They are asking more wages.

"Your support achieves justice," the strikers' signs say, as they picket Indusmin gate.