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## Residents form Association

# To fight Speyside quarry

About 80 irate residents of the Speyside area gathered at the Speyside school Friday night to discuss the proposed quarry site in that area.

The purpose of the meeting was to show the people living in the area the damage and inconvenience the quarry will cause. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Dale and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sheldon have studied the project extensively. In the past two years and decided to call upon other concerned

citizens and ask for their help in the battle with the company.

"I don't want to see a quarry go in there," Jim Sheldon said. "And I assume you do not." With that he went on to explain the situation they are all in.

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acres of land between the tenth Sideroad to the 15 Sideroad, and Highway 25 to Esquesing-Nassagaweya townline. Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Dale hope to talk the Ontario government into buying this land from the company.

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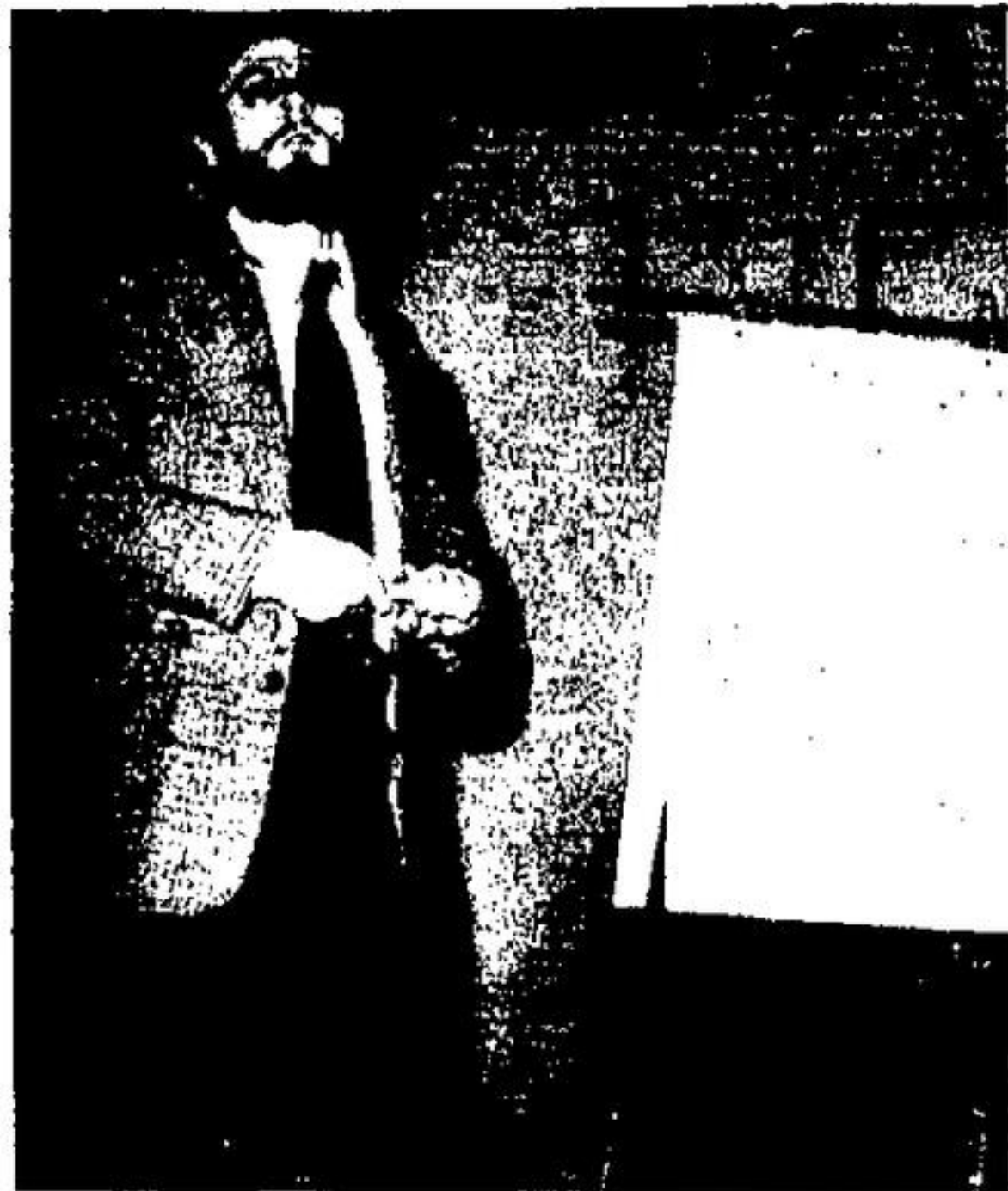
according to Wilson Dale, the watershed would be damaged, thus affecting nearby wells.

Jan Jennings, a representative of Consolidated Sand and Gravel Ltd., told the angry group that any damages done to their property, including their wells, would be repaired

or replaced by his company. The fact that the wildlife would be driven away from the area because of the loud noise and the many trucks travelling in the area was also one of Dale's arguments.

Dynamiting and crushing of gravel would go on almost 24 hours a day. These operations would be carried out

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WILSON DALE of the 15th sideroad was the catalyst in the forming of the Speyside Area Ratepayers Association.

## Will be fair to both fairs

Although Acton Agricultural Society had requested a council grant months ago, the matter is still not resolved.

Finance and personnel committee Tuesday decided to get more information on both Acton and Georgetown

fairs before reaching a decision. Members agreed they should be "fair" to the both fairs.

Last year Acton fair was given a \$500 grant from Acton council and \$200 from Esquesing council. No figure was shown in the Halton Hills budget.

Georgetown Agricultural Society did not make a request for a 1974 grant, although last year they received \$300 from Georgetown council and \$200 from Esquesing.

Value  
Councillor Harry Levy pointed out Georgetown fair actually received far more than that "in kind". He estimated the value of park preparation and clean-up by town men at \$3,000.

In Acton, the fair board members are in charge of the clean-up. They made use of a Halton Hills garbage packer and hired the high school Outers club to help.

## Snowmobile Clubs will help patrol areas

Representatives from the Acton and Georgetown Snowmobile Clubs appeared at the Halton Hills Works Committee meeting last night, Oct. 15, to ask the committee for permission to travel on rural area roads when necessary.

The Georgetown club now have some written and some verbal permission to travel on land totalling 400 acres in Esquesing township.

However, in some cases it is necessary to travel on the roads to avoid trespassing on unauthorized property.

Most of their land is comprised of the eighth and part of the seventh concession and four and five concessions. This area is mainly around Silvercreek and Limehouse.

On lake  
The Acton club also has the permission of willing farmers in the area. Crewson Corners

and Blue Springs areas are the main snowmobiling spots for the club. However, if the lake in that area is not frozen solid enough to travel on, this group also has to use the road.

There is no law or by-law at the present time giving road privileges.

Aid police  
It was agreed upon by both clubs' representatives and the committee that the two official groups help police in catching law-breaking trespassers. Both clubs now have such an agreement with local police and have been aiding them in previous years.

If a member of the Acton club is fined he has to pay the fine, plus contribute double whatever it is to a club kitty.

The matter has been set aside until local police can be consulted.

## Boiler delays pool opening

Casual visitors to the school swimming pool would gather that everything's in shape and ready to go. Boiler problems are still there however, according to Lion Art Gordon. He suggests that November dates should now be considered.

The project chairman says that most things have been stamped with the approval of the Department of Health but, until all wrinkles have been completely ironed out

and the pool proves itself for two or three weeks after swimming begins, the proposed public open house will not be organized.

Speculation  
"It'll take those few weeks to know for sure things are running properly," says Mr. Gordon. He is expecting to get more information on what plans are in the making for the public event at the next Lions Club meeting to be held this week.

## Lines to be painted to designate lanes

The problem at the sharp curve in the road on Queen Street, will hopefully be cleared up soon.

Works Committee last night, Oct. 14, is looking into the painting of lines on the road to designate the lanes. There will be one lane in each direction, with wide paved

shoulders. This will be similar to the new lines in Norval.

Cpl. Bob Arbour of the Acton OPP felt making four lane traffic would only cause speeding problems.

Councillor J. Hurst was concerned about the residents of the section entering and leaving their driveways.

## Hurst gets bouquet

Councillor Joe Hurst never promised council a rose garden, but he did a tremendous job on the tea garden at the International Plowing Match, according to Councillor Len Cox as he commended Hurst for his work at the Halton Hills tent and trailer.

"He was always there and never seemed to falter along the way," said Cox. "He did a marvellous job for the town, and deserves a hearty vote of thanks from council."

Mostly Hurst claimed a large share of the credit was due Councillor Russ Miller, and everybody else who pitched in.

The remarks were made following a report from Hurst where he said 10,200 cups of coffee were served during the five day Plowing Match, with the town staying well within its \$1500 budget for the tent, trailer and coffee.

He said there might be a small extra expense for the floral decoration which was damaged when the tent came down Sunday.



ROLLER DERBY DAYS were revived by teachers Shirley Menifee and Paula Curran on Friday at the high school. They participated along with most students in popular Greaser Day. More inside on the Youth Page.

## Walkathon on Saturday

More details are announced this week on the Y's sponsored UNICEF walkathon Saturday.

Plans have been set for a bus provided by the Tyler bus lines to leave from the YMCA at 7:30 a.m. with provision for M.Z. Bennett pupils to be picked up at the Becker plaza.

The walk will begin from a point five miles north of Hillsburg to proceed south through Hillsburg, across Highway 24 to Ballinfad, west to Third Line and south to the walk's end at M.Z. Bennett school.

Rests  
Rest stops have been set at

Hillsburg public school with others at corners of Highway 24 and Seventh Line and at Ballinfad.

Andy King, principal of Hillsburg school, has agreed to let walkers use washroom facilities at the school. Mr. Rossi, owner of Ann's restaurant located at Highway 24 and Seventh Line has given the same permission.

Instructions are that pupils must bring yellow sponsor sheet for bus transportation. People interested in assisting in the walkathon are requested to phone Y's man Ed Leatherland at 853-2608. Mr. Leatherland is chairman of the project.

## Council in deep water on pool staff hiring

Halton Hills council got into deep water on the question of hiring a swimming pool supervisor and aquatics supervisor.

The immediate need for a pool supervisor at the almost completed Acton swimming pool was not disputed, but the question of an aquatics supervisor took two hours of discussion.

An administration committee recommendation urged the advertising for the aquatics supervisor immediately with the job to start in January, while a finance committee recommendation was to wait the position to be advertised in January, and the job to start when the Georgetown pool was ready.

Councillor Pat McKenzie questioned the need for an aquatics supervisor. He asked if there was to be two pool supervisors and an aquatics supervisor. "If so, I don't know how the people are going to pay for recreation, the way things are going."

Councillor Roy Booth said there would be only one pool supervisor located in Acton, while the one aquatics supervisor would supervise Georgetown pool and run the swimming program for both indoor pools and outdoor pool.

Councillor Ernie Sykes said Booth had said the opposite the previous night. "You said there would be two pool supervisors and an overall aquatic supervisor."

Booth apologized if he had left that impression, but said he had checked and now could definitely state there would be one pool supervisor and one aquatics supervisor.

Councillor Mike Armstrong suggested the motion be changed to hiring a pool supervisor for each pool. "We don't want to get into the fire chief situation," he warned.

Councillor Les Dubsy said he didn't want people "being programmed to death." He said there could be so many restrictions no-one would enjoy themselves.

After a long debate, council decided to go with the finance committee's recommend-

ation not to advertise for an aquatics supervisor until January.

The position has been advertised previously, but according to Booth, the Recreation Director found no suitable applicants.

A switch in opinion by Halton Hills council, Tuesday night of last week, first reduced the \$20,000 cash payment in lieu of five per cent parkland to be paid by Acton Legion, to \$16,500, then wiped out both ideas, and okayed an appraisal of the land.

The 29 single family lots, bounded by Mill Street, Cameron Street and Fairy Lake, are owned by the Branch 197, Acton Legion,

## Discuss poor record

Trustees from the Halton Board of Education and Secondary school principals will hold a closed door session Oct. 15 to discuss poor attendance records in the region's secondary schools.

The board expressed concern about the lack of attendance at classes in most of the region's secondary schools.

Board Chairman Bill Priestner said the in-camera session would make for more frank and honest discussion.

## Press barred for Collison report

Halton Hills administration committee decided to hear recreation department head Doug Collison's report in response to a brief given to council last week by the Acton citizens' committee in camera. Collison submitted the report on October 10 and the meeting was last night.

The councillors and Collison came to the conclusion that the press should be barred from the meeting while the report was given and discussed because personalities were involved.

The Acton group had

complained to council that they were being ignored and were not involved by Collison in Acton recreation activities planning.

Ice Tuesday?

There could be ice in the arena by next Tuesday - if the weather stays cold.

It's expected that the new plastic boards should all be installed by Wednesday (today). Ice-making equipment will be turned on as soon as the work is done.

Warm weather, however, could change things



PLAYING FIREMAN during the open house at the fire hall Saturday are Brian Canary, Clark Oakley and Billy Hills, all of Kingham Road. Lloyd McIntyre hands out pamphlets to the boys. The open house was part of fire prevention week in Halton.

# Legion land appraisal before cash settlement

whose new building adjoins the property.

Councillors Joe Hurst and Pat McKenzie sponsored the motion to reduce the amount to \$16,500, contending it was raw, unserviced land.

Hurst said he agreed council should set the amount, not the applicant, so he said he had added 50 per cent to the \$11,000 figure suggested first by the Legion.

Recreation  
"This is a special application," said Hurst. He claimed the Legion will be developing the land around as recreation land, which will be available to Legion members and their families. "In Acton that's a lot of people," he added.

Hurst claimed the reduced cash payment would be reflected in the cost of the homes. "I don't think Halton Hills would suffer at \$16,500, not even at \$11,000."

Hurst urged special consideration be given this case, and said he hoped the "less mercenary members of council would endorse his motion."

Councillor Roy Booth warned council they would be setting a policy where anyone who wants to develop land could go to a service club and ask them to take it over. "I don't mean to imply this is true in this case," he added.

McKenzie claimed developers give five per cent of raw land for park land, and stated \$20,000 was too much. He said the 50 per cent added by Hurst to the Legion's figure was generous.

Formula  
Councillor Ernie Sykes repeated his stand of the previous night, calling for an established formula to arrive at a fair figure. He said neither of the figures were justified by any formula, and advocated an appraisal be made of the land and then the five per cent amount decided.

Acting Mayor Em Hyde admitted in normal circumstances the amount was too low, but reminded council the Legion was a service club.

Hurst pointed out the recreation land would be a large park, without sports activities. "Just a place to relax and walk by the lake "a great asset to the town."

Mickey Mouse  
Councillor Harry Levy said

the method of arriving at a figure had been described as "Mickey Mouse," the night before, but contended this method was "more Mickey Mouse." He said it was irresponsible, and he could not support either the \$20,000 or \$16,500 figure.

McKenzie asked how Georgetown arrived at a figure when cash was being paid in lieu of parkland.

Morrow said he thought it was appraised, but warned an appraisal would cost more than the difference between the two figures.

The Hurst-McKenzie amendment reducing the amount from \$16,500 worried by a vote margin, but two

minutes later another amendment delaying any cash settlement until an appraisal was made passed, also by a one vote margin.

One councillor switched their vote from one motion to the next.

## Council to be planning body

After months of prompting by Councillor Les Dubsy, Halton Hills council decided to take over planning matters, a function previously handled by the administration committee.

All along, Dubsy, backed by Councillor Ric Morrow, maintained planning matters should be discussed in front of the whole council so all members knew of any proposals for development.

Dubsy had pointed out the question had to come to committee of the whole after the administration committee anyway, and so was a repetition.

Tuesday night council decided committee of the whole would sit as the planning committee, every other Tuesday.

Mayor Tom Hill who was away during the meeting, said he agreed with the decision. "It takes it out of the jurisdiction of three or four members," he commented. He said it cuts out one step of the red tape, and speeds things up a bit.



DENISE BOLTON likes her new job! For more pictures and story turn inside today's paper.

## Chambers unite?

Possible future amalgamation of Acton and Georgetown Chambers of Commerce was discussed at a joint meeting of the executives in Georgetown. Acton president Betty Eastwood, said various aspects of a possible merger were debated and apparently looked on favorably by the Acton group.

The meeting was well attended and the members from each town spent a very pleasant evening together, she said.