

# Did others give Region works equipment?

The works committee decided Monday night not to give the region any equipment until they find out what Burlington, Oakville, and Milton are going to do.

The region wants a number of pieces of equipment used of water and sewers work but some members of the committee are worried other municipalities in Halton either won't give up equipment or intend to sell it.

"Before we turn this equipment over I want to know if

Burlington gave theirs to the region," said councillor Ern Hyde.

It was pointed out there was a different procedure used in Oakville and Burlington where the region took over equipment and staff used for water and sewers in the two municipalities.

Town engineer Peter Morris pointed out under legislation used to set up Halton region Halton Hills was only required to give up equipment used exclusively for water

and sewers. The region wants some machinery which is used in other types of work, too.

Committee chairman, Joe Hural stated the town probably shouldn't give away any more than they have to.

Councillor Len Cox said it didn't matter because "the people it is going to help are the same no matter if we use it or the region uses it. Sometimes we talk as if the region is another town and it isn't. We are all in the same boat," Hyde was concerned Halton

Hills might give away equipment they will have to replace later on.

Coxe tried to explain that even if we had to buy equipment later it didn't matter because it is all the same taxpayers' money. "If we give it to them they won't have to rent it. Then we can replace it hit and miss," he pointed out.

Mayor Tom Hill said he would like to know what Burlington, Oakville, and Milton gave them. Money might have changed hands in

the transfer of equipment he said. "I think we better get a report from the region about how it was handled in the other towns," the mayor suggested.

Morris pointed out the region is reluctant to take over water and sewers in Halton Hills until they get the machinery.

"We are reluctant to give them the equipment until we find out what everyone else did," Mayor Hill stated.

Coxe and Councillor Mike

Armstrong returned to the argument that it is all the same people and the same money no matter what is done.

Hural suggested if Halton Hills gives up their equipment free and the other members of the region don't then Halton Hills will still end up paying and won't have anything in return.

They will decide what to do with the equipment after they find out what the other towns will do.

## Love nests . . .

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habits had already happened. She said man had already done that and the recent only writers had contributed.

"Why should the ducks face uncertain feeding grounds on their way south, when they can stay here?" she asked.

She said wildfowl need to be fed in the morning and again at night, and said they can survive as long as they have open water and enough food.

"As I do most of the feeding I know the birds, and I know they're hungry at nights and are waiting for their food," Miss Taylor said she started feeding the birds when she realized they were not being fed regularly. "I've been doing the arena staff work and doing it gladly," she stated.

"I can assure you the elimination of 10 hybrids is not going to affect the feed bill very much," she added.

Miss Taylor claimed it should not have taken four years for the Wildlife Service to find out about the hybrids.

She said the domesticated geese whom she named Peper and Gandy, "Trudeau was swept over the dam in a blizzard," she injected, had been in Fairy Lake since the sanctuary was started. She said they were pets of the whole town.

Miss Taylor emphasized white geese do not cross breed so there was no need of interfering with them. She said she was heartbroken about the whole thing.

Chairman Dick Howitt said the committee agreed with her sentiments but they had to abide by the permit.

Councillor Les Doby said Acton council had little to do with the matter, he said it was handled entirely by the parks and recreation committee. He claimed the Wildlife Service should be advising them what to do.

"We encouraged these birds to be there, and there's no way I'm going to favor wringing their necks. The people who are willing to raise them should have the opportunity," Doby stated.

Morrow reminded the committee it was too late to stop feeding the wildfowl now, and suggested the Wildlife Service be asked to cull out the hybrids. "Before next migratory season we should get more information from the Wildlife Service."

The administration committee recommended the hybrids be removed from the lake, and the wildfowl continue to be fed, except in the migratory season.

Townslay suggested the birds be fed at only one spot on the lake, instead of the present two.

He pointed out there were two areas of open water, one kept open by Beardmore Co. and the other by the birds themselves. He said the one spot was the scene of a fatality a few years ago and

he would like to see it closed. "If we feed the birds at only one point they will go over to the other side."

"Some will have to be driven over," said Miss Taylor. "I won't stand by and see them starve."

"They'll go over, the word gets around," Howitt reassured Miss Taylor.

Doby said there were 300 mallards on the lake some nights.

## Notice: Employers and Employees New Employment Standards Act

Effective January 1, 1975 the new Employment Standards Act covers the existing standards: minimum wage, vacation pay, overtime pay, termination pay, collection of wages and provides for:

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Overtime pay at time and one-half the regular rate for hours in excess of forty-four in a week

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The Equal Benefits provision will be brought into force at a later date

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Pregnancy leave is extended to seventeen weeks for employees with one year's service or more and covers all employees having one or more employees

**Transportation**  
The Act no longer requires an employer to provide transportation for female employees finishing or starting work between the hours of midnight and six o'clock in the forenoon or prohibits females under 18 working after midnight

These are the principal amendments and changes to the Act

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# Building permits top \$10 million

House building lagged in the Georgetown area in 1974, but 322 homes were built in the Acton and Esqueping area. House building, mostly in Acton, totalled \$10,108,137.

Swimming pools continued their booming popularity, with 154 built in 1974, 96 in 1973, and 83 in 1972. The last two years represent Georgetown figures only, but 1974 encompasses the whole of Halton Hills.

During this one year of the

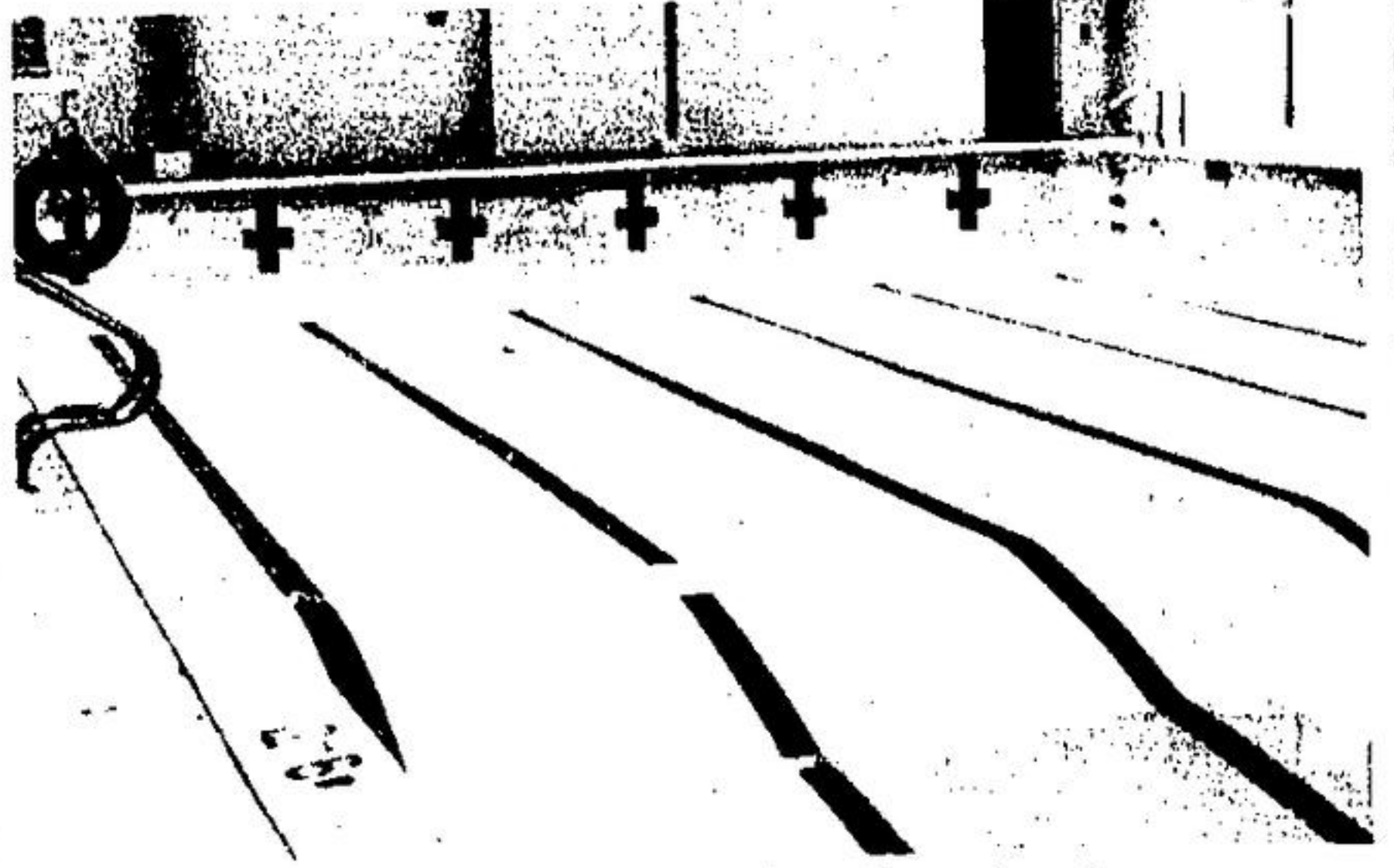
new amalgamated town of Halton Hills, a total of \$15,829,407 in building permits was issued.

Industrial permits accounted for \$1,084,700, and institutional, including the new arena, and swimming pools, accounted for \$2,261,000.

As usual, December building slumped with only \$183,200 in permits issued, and only two house permits taken out.

The town collected \$32,662 in fees during the year. During 1974 the monthly totals were as follows: January \$207,512, February 413,382, March 707,565, April 3,030,231, May 1,998,149, June 849,535, July 2,555,635, August 2,358,705, September 608,119, November 275,680, December 133,200. — TOTAL \$15,829,407.

As the figures make obvious, April until September is the time for building



REPAIRS HAVE been made to the swimming pool and normal programming is expected to begin again by today (Wednesday). The pool was closed for seven days to repair cracks to the finish.

## No parking on Kingham Road

Halton Hills works committee said no to Alteo Construction's request to have on-street parking on Kingham Road. The Acton construction firm made the request last December.

Councillor Len Cox said he was against granting the request because the developers should have built enough and didn't so it was up to them to solve the problem.

"We can't grant this request. If we do we will be flooded with requests like this," said councillor Ern Hyde.

Coxe added the "streets are for driving on not for parking at housing developments."

Mayor Tom Hill agreed the request shouldn't be granted.

## Ackman art on TV

Allan Ackman, a northern Nussagaweya area resident appeared on Allan Spraggett's TV show Monday afternoon with some of his unique paintings. The show deals with psychic phenomena and ESP and discussions centred around the face of U.S. president Gerald Ford and several people in the Watergate incident that were evident in Mr. Ackman's works. The paintings were all done before the Watergate incident came to light.

## Fobert Real Estate shuts down business

Fobert Realty has closed its doors to the public.

Because of the failing real estate market and lack of business, it was decided that the Acton branch was no longer needed and the key was turned on December 27. The branch offices in Milton and Georgetown are not affected.

The employees were all warned in October of a definite slowdown in sales. Helen Atkinson and Dan Timmins opened the Acton office in May of 1974. However, due to lack of sales, they went back to Georgetown a few months ago.

That left Dave Jones, Roy Wright and Mel Stark to hold

the fort with Mrs. Maggie Hall helping as secretary.

Resale houses

Because Fobert Real Estate handles only resale houses, they are not having the advantage of the new subdivision sales. A spokesman for the company, who wishes to remain anonymous, felt this was a partial reason for all real estate taking a downfall. The construction companies are selling the houses themselves, which eliminates the middle man - the real estate agent.

There are only three remaining real estate agencies in Acton. Bramble was bought out by United Trust, who in turn moved out of town.

Sveda Andersen started business a few weeks ago, to be added to the list with G. Alec Johnson and Jack Holmes real estate.

George Gray has an office outside the town.

## Workshop

A three day stay at Notawasaga Inn, during a Community and Social Services workshop will cost the town only \$40 for each of the two recreation program co-ordinators.

## No baby on New Year

There was no New Year's baby from Acton recorded in district hospitals on the first day or two of January. Other babies took the laurels this year.

Channel 6 will rebroadcast the program at 5 p.m. this Sunday and many of Mr. Ackman's friends and acquaintances hope to watch it.

## New Year's quiet collisions minor

Police report only one charge of impaired driving and one liquor seizure over the entire holiday period. There were no problems at all on New Year's Eve, when hundreds of people were out partying.

There have been several complaints of snowmobiles, in particular from the Kingham Rd. area.

On Tuesday, Dec. 31 at the Toronto Dominion parking lot, a car driven by Agnes Swinkels, R.R. 1 Limehouse and a parked car owned by Murray Ringrose, Cambridge were in collision. The Swinkels car had estimated \$25 damage and the Ringrose car \$100.

Friday, Jan. 3 at 12:50 p.m. two cars were in collision on a private parking lot at 12 Mill W. Driver Gloria Melsaac, R.R. 4, Acton, has estimated \$50 damage to the left side of her car and David McMillan, 12 Mill, about \$10 damage to the right rear.

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## Works on tour

Sometime in the next few weeks Halton Hills works committee is going to tour the town to see what kind of work needs to be done and establish priority for 1975. After that they will sit down and decide what works projects can be carried out.

## School tax credit for elderly

The finance committee of Halton Hills recommended all of Halton Hills be eligible for the school tax credit for assistance of elderly persons.

Clerk Doug Pritchard said the service which is actually a deferral of school taxes until the property is sold, had been available to residents of Georgetown and Esqueping but Acton had not participated in the annual program sponsored by the province. The credits cannot exceed \$150 in one year.

Clerk Doug Pritchard said the credit was a lien against the property until it was sold. He knew of no one who had requested its use.

## Halton Hills to host clerks

The finance committee of council recommended Halton Hills bear the cost of a luncheon for 10 municipal administration officers and treasurer from Halton who will meet in the town January 31 as part of circuit meetings.

Money for the lunches, estimated to cost from \$3.50 to \$4 per person, will come from the public relations fund.

## Cars beware

When visiting large centres in small cars these wintry days, beware of street car tracks. The wheels line up perfectly with the greasy tracks and slide straight into the car in front non-stop. Guess whose car gets the damage!

## Collision

A snowmobile, a car and a parked car were involved in a collision Saturday evening, Jan. 4. Snowmobile driver was Donald Brian Franklin, R.R. 4, Acton, car driver James Newberry, Southampton, and owner of the parked car Nettie Field. The Newberry car had estimated \$500 damage and the Field car estimated \$400 damage.

The accident happened at the corner of Churchill Rd. S. and Orville Rd.

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