## Recommend no pre-school programs

Stating he was fed up with the federal government starting programs, and creating a need then cutting off the grant and leaving the town holding the bag-Councillor Ric Morrow said he would oppose any taxpayers' money going toward pre-school summer programs.

Morrow emphasized there never has been a pre-school program in either Acton or Georgetown, operated by the recreation department. He said there was a kindercamp, run by the Georgetown "Y", last year.

Councillor Roy Booth said an Opportunities for Youth grant and a Children's Activi-ties Playground grant, both from the federal government had funded such programs in the town. "We were led to believe last week that the town had paid for pre-school programs."

This year Georgetown "Y" requested a \$1,700 grant from the town to subsidize a preschool summer program, which would then cost the parents \$5 instead of last year's fee of \$12.

Booth said the town turned down the same request before, but only from a different

Recreation co-ordinator Glenn Gray told Halton Hills administration committee the students who received federal grants last year were paid \$85 a week, while the town students hired by the recreation department were paid \$65.

Morrow said the 'Y" ran an independent program at no cost to the town last year, "and everybody was happy". He said with no consultation the federal government funded a program in direct competition with the "Y".

He claimed they gave money to high school students, with no proof of qualifications, then pald them higher salaries. "We had a good situation in town, and it was fouled up by the federal government."

He said when the federal government drops the program, the town is expected to

"If Acton wants it, the Acton "Y" should run it, as they do in Georgetown," added Morrow.

Councillor Les Duby said the town was providing so much for the other age levels, he wondered what someone with two pre-schoolers might feel if nothing is provided for

Morrow claimed council voted to repeat the same programs as last year, with the addition of three playgrounds in the former township of Esquesing. He said any new program should be considered at budget time.

The committee recommended the \$1,700 grant to the "Y" be refused, and the whole idea of pre-school programs be considered at budget time.

## Students get raise

Students employed by the town's works department this summer will be getting a nice little raise this year.

It was decided at Halton Hills works committee meeting Monday night that those who are working outside with the works crew will get \$3 an hour while those working with the engineers will receive \$3.25 an hour. A total of 18 students will probably be hired. Last year the town paid stu-dents \$2.77% an hour.

Engineer Peter Morris had suggested the students work-ing outside should get \$3.20 an hour and the engineering students \$3.60 an hour. The committee decided to cut that back to \$3 and \$3,20 an hour respectively for the outside and inside student worker.

The 15 students working with the works crews will work a 40 hour week while the engineers will work 35 hours a

## No accidents

Although driving conditions have been hazardous this past week, the Guelph OPP report no accidents involving Rociwood Eramosa or residents during the period from March 17 to 23. Twentyfive motor vehicle accidents in the Wellington district were investigated, resulting

in injury to 12 persons. During the same period, 124 occurrences of a general nature were reported and investigated by the detachment. Included in this number were three breakand enters and four thefts. There were 26 violations of the liquor laws and five charges laid under the Narcotic Control Act.

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