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## Council up in arms about dump problem

Halton Hills council is upset about having to truck garbage from Acton to Georgetown now that the ward one dump is closing. Councillors are worried about the Georgetown dump filling up too soon.

At the August 5 council meeting it was decided a stern letter should be sent to

the region "expressing concern and dissatisfaction with the manner in which the regional public works committee is handling garbage disposal."

Council thought the region should know Halton Hills is opposed to garbage being brought to the Georgetown dump from Milton and Acton

and the town suggests the region develop dumps as close to each urban area as possible to cut down on transportation costs. In addition the town wants the region to get to work on solving the problem and save room in the Georgetown dump for Georgetown garbage.

Councillor Len Coxie told council that the region is working on a plan for a dump for North Halton and one for South Halton and he thinks it might be at the Milton Brick yard.

He said the region has told the dump study consulting firm to come up with plans for dumps which don't take up good farm land.

"Costs of transporting garbage are steadily increasing and if this continues in two years we will have to move Georgetown's garbage, too. We have to let the region know we are against this stupidity and it is going to cost us dearly," Councillor Ern Hyde stated.

Councillor Ernie Sykes says he and Coxie have fought region dump plans since the beginning of regionalism and he knows Milton councillors aren't happy about having to truck garbage to Georgetown. He noted the entire council must oppose the region on their dump plans when they hurt North Halton and suggested opposition worked in stopping a dump in Ashgrove and can work again.

## Salesmen leave

So-called "supersalesmen" were foiled by a smart Acton woman Tuesday night, and police suspect they've given up on Acton and gone.

However, Corp. Bob Arbour warns against men selling vinyl siding—or other household repairs.

The men told her the Acton woman they'd redo a old house. They told her of other houses they'd done; they even showed her one. She checked at once—went right to the door—and the contractor was different altogether.

The salesmen quit. Say the police, "Get in touch with us if you're in doubt!"

## Donald Kelly not here

Reports of North Bay escaped murderer Donald Kelly in Acton have been ill-founded, according to Acton Ontario Provincial Police.

A Guelph radio station last Thursday broadcast a story of the man and his orange van sighted between Acton and Guelph, on Hwy. 7. According

to police, a report was sent into them, who in turn relayed the message to the Guelph OPP. Somehow the radio station picked up the message.

A search of the area turned up no clues as to Kelly's presence in the area, or even a motive as to why he would be here.

## Car hits hydro pole

Power was off in a part of town for about 15 minutes Saturday after a car struck a hydro pole. The accident happened at the corner of Eastern and York.

Police explain driver Barbara Burt, 87 Poplar, was forced from the roadway into the ditch by an unknown vehicle. The hydro pole was scraped and the power had to be cut off.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$1000 and to the pole \$50.

## Bike taken

Last Wednesday police investigated the theft of a bike from the high school. The owner is a Lakeview subdivision resident.



HOLIDAYING near Bala recently, Jim James of Acton and sons Greg and Ted got the surprise of their lives, when they encountered a 31 inch rattlesnake. Taking a canoe trip on the Moon River, the James were making a portage around the hydro generating plant when they heard the distinctive rattle of the reptile and turned to find it sunning itself on a path about six feet away. Once Jim saw it and realized what it was, he quickly grabbed a branch, pinned it to the ground and

hammered it to death with a canoe paddle. Jim skinned the snake and brought the skin home as a souvenir of a somewhat frightening experience. Inside the snake's stomach he found two mice, still whole. It was the first time the James have seen a rattlesnake in the woods in many years of holidaying in the Muskoka area. Department of Lands and Forests officials in Bracebridge said it was the first rattlesnake reported to have been seen in the area this summer.

## Seek new group for paper, bottle drives

The Acton High School band held their final newspaper and bottle drive last Saturday.

Over the past seven months the community has kept them well supplied with both items and, as a result, they have raised sufficient money to purchase uniforms. The Ontario Government's Experience '75 Program sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment paid the students a salary and covered their costs for the three summer drives.

The band's director, David Sale, is now looking for a group interested in taking over the monthly collections. Groups could expect to clear at least \$100 per day with good months reaching \$300 to \$400. Any organization interested in continuing to provide this service for the town should contact Mr. Sale at 853-2873 during the last week in August for details.

One unexpected bonus was discovered on the July drive. A child's tractor was found at the bottom of a box of papers. The owner may reclaim it by calling Brenda Kingsmill at 853-0749 and identifying the tractor.

Mr. Sale says he and the band members thank all those from Acton and the surrounding area who supported their program and especially those who donated trucks and their time to make the program a success.

## Power line hearings concluded Thursday

Environmental Hearing Board proceedings ordered by Energy Minister Dennis Timbrell for part of the 500 kV power line from Bradley Junction to Georgetown concluded Thursday in Hillsburgh. The hearings adjourned after Ontario Hydro and the Interested Citizens Group had presented about 10 days of testimony and lawyers for both parties had presented final arguments.

Hearing Board chairman D. S. Caverly said the results of their deliberations would be submitted to Mr. Timbrell

and that it would be up to the Minister to make the findings known. The length of time it will take the board to sift the evidence and reach some findings couldn't be determined he said.

Before sitting down to look at the evidence, the Board plans to tour area farms where the lines will be located. Mr. Caverly said he didn't think it would be necessary for either Hydro or citizens' representatives to be present during the farm tours.

See inside for full report of last week's hearing sessions.



## Miss Acton Fair competes at C.N.E.

Acton Fair Queen, Karen Hillman of R.R. 4, Acton is at the Canadian National Exhibition along with 94 other fair queens competing for the title of Sweetheart of the Fairs.

The two day competition began yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon with interviews with the judges. The girls are staying at Addison Hall at the University of Toronto. Today the girls competed on stage and ten finalists are chosen.

A special luncheon is being held for Karen and other competitors by the CNE Board of Directors in the Queen Elizabeth building at 2.15 today. (Wednesday.)

Prizes to be awarded range from \$1,000 and a two week guest status at the CNE to a round trip for two to British Columbia.

## All is "go" for Sept. 18 election

Speculation turned to reality Monday afternoon when Ontario Premier Bill Davis said he'd lead his Tories into an election battle Thursday, Sept. 18.

In making the announcement the premier said he had felt for several weeks that it was time to go to the people but he felt an earlier writ would have caused undue inconvenience for the electorate.

He noted the Sept. 18 election would allow an early start for the next session. He said an early sitting would be important because this is a critical period in the history of the province.

Inflation issue  
The premier promised a no-nonsense campaign and hinted that inflation would be the key issue. He said in the absence of a federal plan to combat inflation, the job was

being left to the provinces. Davis tossed a verbal dart in the direction of the federal liberals when he suggested the Ontario electorate would ask itself whether it wants "us to govern or whether it wants kissing cousins in Ottawa to govern."

The announcement gives the three parties 37 days to do their campaigning. Davis led the Tories to victory in 1971, claiming 78 seats with the Liberals winning 20 and NDP 19.

By-elections since then cost the government four seats as the Liberals upped their representation to 23 and the NDP to 20.

Liberals lead polls  
Polls published early this year indicated the Ontario Liberals ahead of the Conservatives by three percent. In the new Halton-Burling-

ton riding the Conservatives have named Gary Dawkins of Acton and Bill Johnson is the NDP candidate. The Liberals will hold their nomination meeting Aug. 21.

Novel actor Julian Reid is the only person who has committed himself to seeking the Liberal nomination.

Returning officer  
Roy Coulter of Milton has been named Returning Officer in Halton-Burlington. He has been working on the electoral machinery for several weeks now.

Incumbent Halton West MPP George Kerr will be seeking re-election in the Burlington riding. Jim Snow, who has held the Halton East seat for several years, has decided to run in the new Oakville riding. Both are Conservatives and both have been members of the Davis cabinet for some years.



CARLA WOOD of R.R. 4, Acton entered her mare Blue Misty in Sunday's Trail Horse Trials, sponsored by the Rockwood Trail Riders. Story and more pictures inside.

## Allow all food stores to open Sundays?

The finance committee of Halton Hills council is recommending all food stores in Halton Hills be allowed to stay open Sundays if they desire, in an effort to create a uniform by-law across the town.

The suggestion, surprisingly enough, came from Councillor Ernie Sykes who told the committee Monday that although he personally did not favor the exemption, it might be the only way to be fair to all the food stores in

Halton Hills such as country stores which would be difficult to classify as "convenience" stores.

Councillor Sykes said it would also take the committee off the hook in the matter and leave it up to individual owners to stay open or not. However, he would not sponsor the motion because of his opposition to Sunday store openings, but did feel it would be fodder for the entire council to wrangle with.

The often animated discus-

sion was precipitated by legal advice which recommended that stores exempted from Sunday closing would have to do 70 percent of their business under their classification which in the former town of Georgetown by-law included barber shops, beauty parlors, lumber and implement dealers, garages, service stations, restaurants, drug stores, confectioneries and delicatessens.

Councillor Pat McKenzie pointed out what if the town

used the 70 percent of business measure it could close down many small businesses in Halton Hills which subsist on other items.

Councillor Sykes agreed but noted the problem is many stores which use the term "convenience" stores to describe themselves are really using the term to hide behind the fact they are really small supermarkets. He said convenience stores have not been defined sufficiently to include them in the

by-law and he would like to see it done.

As Councillor Sykes saw it the majority of merchants were in favor of the by-law as it is now, and were not in favor of throwing it open.

Chairman Harry Levy said it was a Georgetown by-law and had bogged down because it now was imperative to consider Acton and Esquewaug where a similar by-law did not exist. He noted that one supermarket in Acton was staying open Sundays

and if the town proceeded with the by-law it would be forced to close.

Councillor McKenzie told the committee that although the one Acton supermarket was open Sundays it was not necessarily with the approval of the rest of the merchants.

Councillor Sykes reminded the committee that the provincial government was working on the problem now and possibly anything they recommended would be re-

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TWO PHONE RATES are being paid by Acton callers starting July 28 for public pay telephones depending on the location of the phone. Outdoor-located public phones remain at 10 cents while indoor public phone rates are increased to 20 cents. At the same time, direct access in an emergency to "0" operator is available without coins from the new single slot Centurion type coin phones at all outdoor locations. Karen Moore of Toronto and Debbie Spielvogel of Bower Ave. make use of the phone off Mill St.