

Call for Tenders

Halton Hills works committee gave approval Monday for tenders to be called on three items used each year in the town.

Sidewalk plowing debated

Sidewalk snow clearing, a contentious issue with Halton Hills councillors and residents this winter, was the subject of a behind closed doors meeting of Halton Hills works committee Monday.

Sidewalk snow plowing has been discussed several times this winter by the committee and council.

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Stone's Country Corner

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Nestled among mature maples at the end of a long treed lane. This vernacular two storey home sits stately on a hill overlooking gentle rolling countryside, and featuring: centre hall with beautiful winding staircase, formal living room, separate dining room, family room, den and 7 bedrooms. Original wainscoting and wood trim throughout this lovely home which has been in the same family since 1877. Situated on 4 acres on Trafalgar Road between Georgetown and 401. Asking \$141,000.

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Atmospheric Country home, located on very scenic acreage with spring fed pond and mature maples. Beautifully kept with original wood trim and pine floors, featuring 5 bedrooms, 2 full baths, separate dining room, large early Canadian kitchen, garage and 4 box stall stable. Very reasonably priced.

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Several parcels of land ranging from 10 to 70 acres, some very scenic with mature bush, ponds and creeks. Excellent for that Country Home or Hobby Farm. Good terms.

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100 ACRE FARM

With fairly good buildings and at least 65 per cent of the land workable. Cash buyer. Spring closing preferred.

STONE HOUSE

On small or large acreage for Toronto Executive. House must be structurally sound. Client willing to restore if needed. Price not to exceed \$200,000.

For further information on these properties please call Inge Winther 878-5131 or res. 853-1990.

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Report from Queen's Park



By Julian Reed
M.P.P. (Halton-Burlington)

The general public and media seem to place less emphasis on the provincial government than activities at the federal and municipal level, yet under the British North American Act, the province has responsibility for many areas which affect us all in our daily lives - health, education, highways, labour, agriculture, property and civil rights, and the administration of justice, to name but a few. The municipalities are also under the jurisdiction of the provincial government.

Twentieth Century government influence has penetrated into many areas previously considered the concern of the private sector, the individual, and although the administrative or executive side of government has increased enormously, until recently the legislative aspects changed very little since Confederation. Former Premier John Robarts had a very businesslike approach to government, and he initiated many changes - longer sessions of the Legislature, provision for the important and special needs of opposition parties, for instance.

By the 1970s the administrative legislative imbalance had reached the point where some people considered the Ontario Legislature little more than a rubber-stamp for decisions already made by the Cabinet or the bureaucracy - a situation aggravated by the strong majority of the Conservative Party after the 1971 election.

In June, 1972, the Camp Commission on the Legislature was appointed, which subsequently expressed concern for the "decline of the Legislature as an institution of unchallenged strength and independence", and the belief that the revitalization of the Legislature would be possible only if action could be taken to alleviate to some degree "the constituency syndrome—the belief that the priority role of the Member is to look after his "case load" rather than to be, in terms of

As the Camp Commission points out, "it is difficult - almost impossible - to draw a line between the role of the constituency representative and regional spokesman and legislator and committee man and the Member as partisan", and if "spokesman in some cases seems too strong a term, he is certainly a listener and a reporter or conduit in all these situations." Of course, to be an Opposition Member does not mean that one automatically opposes government proposed legislation.

Nevertheless, while in the Legislature the Government seeks to exploit its achievements, defending its policies and administration, it is the Opposition's responsibility to put forward constructive criticism, probing and investigating Government proposals, and putting forward alternatives.

Opposition Parties appoint Members to criticize the specific Ministries of Government - sometimes called a "Shadow Cabinet" - and the function of these Opposition Critics is to prepare and express a continuing critique of the Government at every opportunity, especially in the Legislature, directly to the various Ministries and through the media. This is not merely a matter of party politics or gamesmanship; it is a direct responsibility, for a government is frequently only as responsible and responsive as its Opposition forces it to be.

Over the years, Standing and Select Committees of the Legislature have handled an increasing amount of legislative work, and MPPs spend many hours serving on these Committees. Standing Committees relate very closely to the day-to-day work of the Legislature, while Select Committees are appointed to investigate and study specific subjects, such as the Utilization of Educational Facilities, Company Law, Consumer Credit, etc. At this time, a Select Committee is

enquiring into Hydro's proposed bulk power rates. The Camp Commission expressed the opinion that "major steps are necessary in order to free the Member for more time and attention to be given to legislative duties", and "it seems clear from views expressed on the executive side that sessions are going to lengthen rather than shorten—that there will be more not less committee work". The implementation of the various recommendations of the Commission, including the establishment of the Constituency Offices, are certainly a step in the right direction.

Tough times

Stringent fiscal restraints introduced by the provincial government could have the effect of eliminating some people on welfare who don't really need to be there according to Regional Chairman Allan Masson.

Masson told a press conference that the region's Social and Family Services Department would be the most directly and seriously affected by the proposed restraints.

He noted that so much of what that department does is by provincial statute that it makes it tough to cut anything from the program.

Council approved increased fees for homemaker services of 25 per cent recently even after being advised that provincial grants for the department would not increase by any more than 5.5 per cent.

remarking on the welfare state we live in Masson suggested, "I don't mind helping the guy who is flat out but you wonder sometimes how many are flat out. The restraints will make case workers look at cases much more carefully. Yes I think it is a good thing."



BROWNIES FILE into the United church Sunday afternoon for the Scout and Guide week church service.

At Glen Eden

'Short circuit' blamed

A short circuit in an electrical control box has been blamed by government investigators for a ski tow accident 10 days ago at Glen Eden Ski Area in which a 12-year-old Oakville girl was seriously injured.

Gordon Smith, director of the Elevating Devices Branch, Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, said Monday in a telephone interview from Toronto that the short circuit cut power to a plug outlet hooked up to the safety gate.

Accordingly, he said, when the rope across the safety gate was penetrated by the skier, the rope pulled out the plug as it was supposed to, but the rope tow kept on going.

He said the ministry last week ordered the Halton Region Conservation Authority (HRCA) to double check all electrical circuitry on ski tows at Glen Eden.

Mr. Gordon said all the electrical work tested was functioning properly, and

Glen Eden was told it could operate as usual. The HRCA, however, has shut down the practice hill rope tow, where the accident occurred for the balance of the season. The north practice hill slopes gently down towards the lake at Kelso Conservation Area.

Sweater caught

Young Sheri Allan's sweater became caught as she rode up the rope tow, and when she couldn't get off she passed through the faulty safety gate and was dragged into a wooden shed which houses three large pulleys.

The 12-year-old fell to the ground on her way out of the shed when a tow operator managed to reach the main control box in the shed and cut all power.

The young girl suffered a fractured right forearm, scalp lacerations, severe rope burns and cuts and bruises. She was kept in Milton District Hospital for several days.

Mr. Warwick said last week a safety gate had never failed at Glen Eden since skiing began in 1963.

It also worked for the government investigators when they arrived several hours after the mid-morning incident.

Two cars were involved in a minor collision in the Speyside school parking lot Monday.

Scout-Guide week is February 15 to February 22.

Church Services

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA TRINITY CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Chas. Beaton B.A. B.D. Dr. George Elliott M.A., Ph.D. Director of Music
Sunday, Feb. 15, 1976
10:00 a.m.—Worship Service Sunday Church School and Nursery.
Everyone most welcome

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A. B.D. Minister Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master
Sunday, Feb. 15, 1976
10:10 a.m.—Minister's Confirmation Class for Teenagers.
10:45 a.m.—Session meeting.
11:00 a.m.—Church School for Beginners, Kindergarten and Grades 1 to 7.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship and Reception of New Members. Sermon Theme: "Global Problems are At The Heart of Our Humanity and Faith."
For free transportation to and from church service, please call 853-2339 or 856-4608.
Everyone most welcome

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
PAOC 33 Churchill Rd. N. Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor 853-2715
Sunday, Feb. 15, 1976
10:00 a.m.—Morning School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship (Evangelist L. Barber and musical party from Alabama will minister).
7:00 p.m.—Evening, Evangelistic (Evangelist Barber and musical group)
Evangelist Lloyd Barber from Alabama, U.S.A. with his "Word of Truth" Singing Group

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
80 Mill Street East. Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Das Sydney B.Sc., M. Div. Pastor's Phone—853-1835
Friday 7:00 p.m.—Choir Practice Saturday
2:00 p.m. Sleigh ride with Georgetown Baptist Christian Fellowship, followed by potluck at Acton church.
Sunday, Feb. 15, 1976
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Fellowship at the home of the Har-rap's.

BETH EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Sunday, Feb. 15, 1976
Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Pre-school Sunday School during the morning service. Sunday School during the afternoon service.
You are welcome
Church of the "Back to God Hour" heard over these stations: Hamilton C.K.O.C. 7:00 a.m. dial 1150, St. Catharines, C.H.S.C. 8:30 a.m. dial 1220, Toronto, C.H.I.N.-FM 8:00 a.m. dial 101 M.H.Z., Toronto, C.K.F.H. 11:30 a.m. dial 1430.

SATURDAY RALLIES—Feb. 14th—10:30 A.M. & 7:15 P.M. Evangelist Barber and his singing group will minister SUNDAY, Feb. 15th—11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—SINGING... PRAYER FOR THE SICK... ANOINTED PREACHING. Come and enjoy this outstanding ministry. —also—
Tuesday thru Fri.—Feb. 17th-20th at 8 p.m.
Tomorrow night—Thursday, Feb. 12th—6:45 p.m. Choir Practice, 8 p.m. Orchestra Practice.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
177 Maple Ave., Georgetown (A Fellowship Baptist Church)
Sunday, Feb. 15, 1976
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
6:30 p.m.—Evening Fellowship Thought—Peace rules the day when Christ rules the mind.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR
1872—Anglican—1976
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Dr. Rev. Leonard Ewing Rector Director of Music Mrs. Frank Oakes
Thursday, Feb. 12 7:30 p.m.—Holy Eucharist
Sunday, Feb. 15, 1976
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m.—Sung Eucharist
10:30 a.m.—Church School and Nursery.
Tuesday, Feb. 17 4:15 p.m.—Confirmation Class.
7:00 p.m.—Deanery Council meeting.
Everyone is Welcome

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Churchill Rd. N. Minister The Rev. J. L. McFadden B.A., B.D. and Mrs. Eleanor McFadden, B.A. Box 731, Guelph, Phone 821-3215
Sunday, Feb. 15, 1976
11:00 a.m.—Worship and Church School. The Church on the Hill is an interdenominational congregation, ministering to the needs of the community.
All Welcome

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