



DRAMA CLUB MEMBER Marie Parker blows a bubble and tries to ignore teacher Geoff Samson as he applies yet another layer for makeup. Miss Parker is being prepared for her role as the younger sister in the play *Final Dress Rehearsal*. The club is also offering the play *One Spring Morning*. Both pieces will be presented Thursday at the high school. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. Miss Parker appears in both productions.

Town must expand system

Halton Region's Public Works Department hopes to have a new well in Acton in operation by this summer.

Manager of Maintenance and Operations Jack Corbett said Acton's water supply would be overtaxed at peak periods in the summer if the system wasn't expanded in the near future.

"We have to find water soon to satisfy peak demands and provide adequate flows."

Mr. Corbett said the work itself would involve running a 12 inch water main from the well across the park, along Knox St. and hooking into the existing main.

The job is expected to cost about \$160,000. About 40 per cent of that cost is for the watermain itself and the balance is for the pump and pump-house.

Mr. Corbett said that once the well is in operation it could serve the needs of the town for the next 10 or 15 years.

Special tests have to be taken to be certain that use of the well won't adversely affect the water level in the lake or cause any adverse affect to any upstream users.

Mr. Corbett said there were some legal and technical problems that had to be ironed out before the well could be put into operation.

"There is lots of water here that can be used, if it can be taken. We could if needed sink a second well in about the same spot if

it was needed in about 10 or 15 years, as long as it did not affect the level of the water in the lake."

The well was drilled by Acton Council prior to regional government but has never been hooked up.

As the town expands, the need for water becomes greater. If the system isn't expanded by this summer or early next year, Acton residents could face a water shortage and possibly water rationing.

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Cameron may be 'done properly'

Halton Hills works committee recommended Monday that the town proceed with total reconstruction of Cameron Street, including the installation of storm sewers, curbs and gutters so drainage problems on the street can be solved.

Deputy engineer Ted Ballinger told the committee that it would cost \$18,900 to totally reconstruct the street and bring it up to urban standards.

Two other possible methods of solving the drainage problems were also discussed.

Ballinger reported a sidewalk and curb installation on the east side of the street would cost \$3,900 while it would cost \$4,500 for just

curbs on both sides of Cameron Street.

Excavating Engineer Robert Austin noted total reconstruction of the street would include substantial excavating so front lawns could drain onto the street.

He explained Halton region would have proceeded with resurfacing work on Cameron Street last week if the town had not requested the delay while it plotted its own course of action.

Austin said after the town completes its work on the street the region still intends to do its \$2,700 resurfacing job.

Councillor Ern Hurst pushed to have the project delayed until at least next

year since it wasn't in the budget and noted other projects have been dropped for this year because of budget restraints.

Find money Austin suggested the money might be found under miscellaneous budget funds and noted if full reconstruction was carried out then half the cost would be paid for

by Queen's Park. He added neither of the other two plans would be subsidizable.

Hyde said he doubted the town could afford complete reconstruction this year and wondered if the town could delay the region's paving work until next year.

Austin said some kind of arrangement might be possible to delay the paving

another year and noted the town already has much of the engineering work for the project completed.

He noted the town would be spending only \$5,000 more of its money to do the job properly than it would if it did the cheapest job possible.

Councillor Dick Howitt said since sanitary sewers have already been installed then the town should do the whole street properly and install storm sewers.

Properly Hurst said the town should do the total reconstruction job

so the problem will be solved once and for all.

"After that, if there are still problems then it is the residents' problems to solve," he declared.

Hyde cautioned the committee not to let \$2,700 worth of free asphalt which would go down after the town finishes it work, affect its judgment.

The committee agreed it was a rare opportunity for Halton Hills to be able to make changes to a street before the region finishes the job.

Committee wants info

Halton Hills representatives on the Halton Board of Education are likely to be invited to a future council meeting, following a recommendation by council's finance and personnel committee Monday night.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said he wondered if the trustees would grant council the courtesy of a short visit to explain the huge increase in the board's budget, announced recently. It is estimated the education levy will represent 70c of every tax dollar paid by Halton Hills residents this year.

"I don't mean to criticize their budget, I just want to understand it," McKenzie emphasized.

Councillor Ernie Sykes added that the only way

council can be made aware of what building plans the board has for this area, officially, is to receive a copy of the education budget.

The education portion of the tax dollar is going to be a big concern to local taxpayers, according to Councillor Russ Miller.

Councillor Sykes reminded his colleagues, however, that regionalization of the school board has been advantageous in some ways.

"There's a new high school going up in Acton that this town would not have been able to afford," he said. "Now Halton Hills is only paying 13 per cent of the cost. It becomes affordable."

Councillor McKenzie said he'd like to know how much

the mill rate went down in the years immediately following the change to a regional board and whether the decrease offsets this year's increase.

"Maybe it's our fault," suggested McKenzie. "Perhaps we haven't tried to promote liaison between council and the board."

Recalling his service in Chinguacousy, treasurer Ray King said school board representatives there used to appear before council once a year just for information purposes.

Halton Hills trustees on the board are Tom Watson for Wards 1 (Acton) and 2 (Esquesing) and Ernie Bodnar for Wards 3 and 4 (Georgetown).

No toll to Campbellville

Toll-free calling between Acton and Campbellville will be introduced on October 16, L. G. Denby, Bell manager, announced this week.

The addition of Milton and Guelph to the Acton local calling area in July 1975, along with the Campbellville area this year indicates the growing interdependence of adjacent communities, he said.

Equipment modifications in the Acton and Campbellville switching centres will be completed soon along with the provision of additional lines between the two localities.

Mr. Denby commented that when long distance charges between centres are removed telephone customers talk longer and the number of calls can increase by as much as 1000 per cent. Mr. Denby added that there will be no change in monthly telephone rates for Acton customers.

When the change is completed Acton customers will have free calling to Guelph, Rockwood, Georgetown, Milton and Campbellville.

There are 4,377 connected to the Acton switching centre at present. Last year 396 telephones were added to the local office.

Consider Knox fence

Councillor Joe Hurst wants the town to investigate the possibility of building a post and wire farm fence between the Knox Church parking lot and the old cemetery.

Hurst told Halton Hills works committee Monday night that since the parking lot is used for municipal parking the town should pay the whole cost of the inexpensive fence.

He and engineer Robert Austin will look into the situation further.

Planned reunion now cancelled

The planned reunion of Actonians of the 1900-1925 era has been cancelled, due to lack of response. Organizers Charles Caswell and Bill Coleman of Toronto have sent out letters of explanation to those who did reply to their advertisement and articles in the Free Press.

"The response was not sufficient that we could financially go through with it," Mr. Caswell says. Arrangements had to be made with the Legion here for one of the suggested dates and the men planning the get-together couldn't wait any longer to hear from people.

They said a great number of Actonians had expressed interest in the reunion but had not replied to their letter, saying specifically how many would attend.

They are wondering if it would be possible to hold the reunion some other time.

They had under 20 letters of acceptance, some of them for two or three people.

One of them, Charles Lane, was willing to come back from as far as Buffalo, New York. Others replied from Toronto, Downsview, Georgetown, Rockwood and Acton.

Thoughts of a reunion began when a story and picture appeared in the Free Press about a bottle found in the wall of the former Caswell home here. The mystery of the names in the bottle was soon solved through several lively letters of reminiscences, which were published. Mr. Caswell conceived the idea of meeting old friends and neighbors again, and sent out many letters.

Residents want fence

Halton Hills works committee members will inspect a road allowance at the corner of two Acton residents' properties where Michael Heller and J. Szydowski want to build a fence.

Mr. Heller lives at 190 Mill Street West, and Mr. Szydowski, 67 Storey Drive. The two residents want to pay for the fence themselves so they can keep snowmobilers off their property.

There were problems with snowmobilers on both the private property and town owned property last winter.

The committee praised the idea that some residents wanted to build a fence without sticking Halton Hills with a bill.



WORKING ENTHUSIASTICALLY at shining a car window is Susan Mellor, one of the high school students participating in the car wash Saturday.

Shot wolf

Halton Hills resident Elgin Currie shot a wolf within feet of his barn last week.

The wolf, about 70 pounds, was shot about 6.30 p.m. on Thursday after it attacked a pet dog about 300 feet from the back of the barn.

Mr. Currie said the wolves had been seen off and on all winter in the area of their farm on the Fifth Line of Halton Hills between Five and Ten sideroad.

The wolf hasn't been examined to find out if it had rabies because Mr. Currie was assured wolves couldn't carry the disease. He said about six weeks ago when the wolf attacked their pet dog he phoned the vet to find about the possibility of rabies and was assured the wolf didn't carry the disease.

Dominion Day crackers ignite on 4th of July

This year's edition of the Dominion Day celebrations, which are co-sponsored by the Acton Firefighters and the Rotary Club, will be held on July 4.

The organizing committee met Tuesday and settled on the Sunday date. Celebrations will be limited to a short con-

cert by the Acton Citizens Band and a firefighting demonstration which will be followed by the traditional fireworks display. Throughout the day there will be a fishing derby.

Part of the cost of the fireworks will be covered by the selling of draw tickets.

Volunteers to draw neighbors to Centre

Several townsfolk and organizers took the first step in setting up a volunteer service at the Community Service Centre by attempting to mesh the needs of the town with the volunteers' talents last Wednesday.

Eleven former teachers, nurses, plus a recent graduate in community nutrition exchanged ideas with "professional" people on training, attracting volunteers and the Centre's priorities.

Volunteers were urged to bring along a friend for the Centre's next meeting which is slated for May 26 at the centre starting at 7:30 p.m.

The volunteers joined nine people who have been associated with the Centre since its discussions were first held last year.

One topic discussed by all groups which split up for informal talks on meals-on-wheels. Ideas concerning how to encourage drivers to transport food were exchanged.

It was also felt that the town needed a place where teens could gather, such as a coffee house.

Funds for the Centre also received attention. The Community Service Centre received a grant from the town and another from the region totalling \$7,000 for a year's operation.

The Y's Men also contributed \$500 for the Centre.

The meeting took place in the YMCA building. Several who attended this first volunteers' meeting said that now they know about the Centre, they will try to get neighbors and friends involved.

Right turns Mill—Eastern?

Halton Hills works committee recommended Monday that the police and Ministry of Transportation and Communications be contacted to see what they think of the idea of allowing right hand turns onto Eastern Avenue at the corner of Young and Queen Streets.

Engineer Robert Austin said Eastern Avenue is a one way street and signs were put up prohibiting right hand turns from the Young and Queen Street corner at the request of the police.

The police wanted to enforce the by-law which

doesn't allow the signs and couldn't if no signs were in place.

Austin said he assumed the town can repeal the by-law to permit right hand turns and then amend it to make sure left hand turns continue to be illegal.

Councillor Joe Hurst pointed out that if there was an accident at the railway tracks on Mill Street and right turns aren't allowed onto Eastern Avenue then there is no way for people to get downtown. He added if the Wallace Street by-pass was useable then people could use it to get downtown.



UP, UP AND AWAY goes Mike Rippon's javelin during the high school track and field meet last week. The meet is used as a preliminary for the Halton and Halton-Peel meets later this month.



JIM HIGGINS proudly watched as his four daughters became members of the Acton Legion Monday evening. The girls decided a few months ago to all join when the youngest, Jane, turned 18 years old. Left to right, Fran Gibson, Jane Higgins, Jim Higgins, Charlene Van Oosten and Catherine Tosher.