

# Halton Hills

Recreation and Parks

## News and Views

**By Glen Gray**  
Commencing this week, staff from your Recreation and Parks Department will be presenting a variety of thoughts, comments, questions and statements for your information, reaction and opinion.

This space will also attempt to better acquaint you with the staff working within this Department and the Recreation Facilities and programs available to you and your families.

As identified in the Department's annual community brochures circulated via the mail to all homes in Halton Hills in early September, the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department has been busy putting into effect the plan for bringing its services close to the citizens it serves. Our first step has now been achieved—our administration and staff have been decentralized into two major areas: principally, Wards 1 and 2, and Wards 3 and 4. Area offices are now in full operation for fall and winter recreation activities. We encourage you to contact your Ward area office for information as well as for your comments and suggestions. As with any change, there will no doubt be a few 'bugs' to be ironed out. Please bear with us!

While most programs will be operated on an area or ward basis through the community schools, centres and facilities, some programs and co-ordinating services will be operated on a town-wide basis through the main Recreation and Parks Department office in Georgetown.

Recreation and Parks Department staff members are: Glen Gray, director of Recreation and Parks; Pat Sheehan, Recreation Facilities superintendent; Mrs. Irene Little, secretary; Mrs. Chris Rivett, secretary.

Arena managers: Harold Townsley, Acton; Doug Vivian, Georgetown Memorial; Don Gosling, Gordon Alcott.

Recreation co-ordinators are: Miss Karen King; Miss Anne Pickering.

Pool supervisors are: Vic Stoddart, Georgetown; Miss Elizabeth Binsfeld, Acton.

This week, an introduction to Glen Gray, Director of Recreation and Parks for the Town of Halton Hills.

Glen arrived in our community in the fall of 1973 after having enjoyed working experiences with municipal

recreation departments and YM YWCA's in Hamilton, Etobicoke, and Stoney Creek.

During his tenure here, Glen has resided in Georgetown and presently in Acton, in an attempt to better determine some of the feelings within the communities forming parts of our municipality.

During his leisure, Glen spends his time snow and water skiing and enjoys 'pounding a broom' at the local curling club.

Admitting that there are a number of problems with our new community that have yet to be resolved; Glen, however, feels that patience, understanding and two-way input will serve to help iron out some of these problem areas.



**GLEN GRAY** is director of parks and recreation for the Town of Halton Hills.

The Recreation and Parks staff are preparing a busy and active season of winter and spring activities and look forward to your involvement and participation.

Please remember that we are here to serve YOU, the citizens of Halton Hills. Let us do our job, give us a call — do drop in.

Next column: A look at 'What is the purpose of a Recreation and Parks Department and how can it benefit me?'

For further information and suggestions regarding this column, contact Miss Anne Pickering, Recreation Co-ordinator at 877-5185.



**NORTH SIMCOE** team won the Junior Farmer winter games curling championship at Acton curling club Saturday, and members of the team chat (above) with some of their Halton hosts. Front row left to right are Doug Langman of Orillia, Lynn Martin of Elmvale, Bobbi Thompson of Acton, back row Ed Bird, R. R. 2, Georgetown; Frances McLean, R. R. 5, Georgetown, Norm McKay, Orillia and Bonnie Ritchie, Elmvale. North Simcoe defeated Halton in the match.

## Teachers busy at workshops

Halton's elementary school teachers were busy Monday attending over 20 workshops dealing with various aspects of education for their annual professional activity day. Ten of the workshops were held in North Halton.

There was an all day workshop at Centennial School, Georgetown, dealing with emergency first aid which was particularly important since the board recently announced at least two people in each school must have first aid training.

Workshops were held in the morning and afternoon at the Ontario Agricultural Museum and Halton Museum, Milton, to acquaint teachers with museum exhibits and activities in preparation for class field trips there.

There was an afternoon workshop at Martin St. school, Milton dealing with how to organize a camping trip for students. Exchange of idea sessions dealing with kindergarten and language arts studies were held at W.I. Dick School, Milton. Teachers at the two W.I. Dick afternoon workshops outlined programs they have each used successfully in the classrooms.

In the morning there was a workshop dealing with school bus safety at Martin Street School along with a session at Robert Baldwin at which

teachers pooled their ideas on teaching math. Teachers also learned how to appraise children's work better at a workshop at Baldwin.

There was also a day-long workshop for Milton area resource teachers held at Baldwin.

Other workshops held at Halton schools, Sheridan College and in Toronto, dealt with nutrition in schools, the teachers' and students changing roles, skating programs, team handball, student motivation, creativity in education, learning disabilities, rhythmic, sports medicine, making the best use of parent volunteers, drama in learning, and organizing trips to Bronte Creek Provincial Park and Mountsberg Wildlife Centre.

Some workshops were open to the public. The press was invited to all.

There are nine professional development days each year and four were held this year before school started in September. There will be another four at the end of June. The only professional development day organized by the teachers is the one held Monday. The board runs this.

The teachers say a recent survey of Halton taxpayers shows most support the idea of professional development days but would like to know more about what happens on those days.

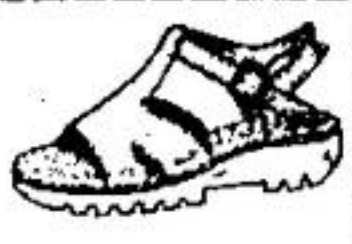
## Named president Laurentian Univ.

Dr. Henry B.M. Best of Moffat has been appointed President of Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ont. effective July 1, 1977. It has been announced by the Board of Governors.


The appointment was recommended by the members of the Search Committee. He will succeed Dr. Edward J. Monahan who was appointed July 1, 1972 for a five year term. Dr. Monahan will become executive vice-chairman of the Council of Ontario Universities.

Dr. Best was born in Toronto. He obtained the Bachelor's degree in Arts from the University of Toronto, la Maîtrise es Arts and le Doctorat en Histoire from l'Université Laval. In 1964, he joined the staff of York University as Research Associate to the President, and lecturer in Canadian History. He was for three years Director of Student Services, was a member of several committees, and is presently a member of the Executive Committee of the Senate of York University. Dr. Best is Associate Professor of History and Joint Co-ordinator of Canadian Studies at Atkinson College. During all of his stay at York University, he has been specifically involved in organizing and conducting the programme of Canadian Studies.

Since 1965, Dr. Best has been a regular commentator in French and English on political and cultural affairs on both radio and television in Toronto and Montreal. He served as Chairman of the Universities' Centennial Committee of the Government of Ontario. He was Chairman of the Governing Council of the Ontario College of Art, President of the Conseil d'Administration of la Chasse-Galerie, President of the Canadian Conference on Scottish Studies, and is Course Director for the New Horizons Programme.

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## Urge fourth committee

Halton Regional Council will consider a recommendation to revert back from a three committee system to having four committees, when council sits today.

Members of the Administration Committee agreed that under the current structure it is difficult for the committee to develop proper contacts with department heads and difficult to understand the programs and problems the staff are involved with.

The proposal if approved will see the structure revert back to its original status in 1974. Council moved to the three committee structure for a number of reasons.

At that time most councillors were reluctant to serve on the community service committees generally considered to be more powerful. It was with that in mind that the Community Service and the Administration Committees were lumped together. But now that appears an unworkable situation.

Former chairman David Coons said that with all of the duties the chairman had to handle, there was just no time to get around and see people at the Manor, The Children's Aid Society or the Health Unit.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett agreed. "Some department heads are getting short shifted. We see Joe (Medical officer of Health J. H. Chamberlain) for 20 minutes once every two weeks and then it is 'goodbye Joe' for another two weeks. This must affect the morale of the staff. It was a mistake to remove the fourth committee."

Regional Chairman Ric Morrow was concerned that there might still be a reluctance by members to sit on that committee.

A motion to form the committee was amended to ensure that councillors sitting

on the new committee would not lose their vote on the committee they now sit on. Mr. Morrow felt that was important. Before the amendment was moved he had pleaded with councillors not to tie his hands behind his back.

Councillor Walter Mulkeich said failure to set up the fourth committee would indicate that council didn't feel that the community service type programs are as important as public works or physical planning.

## Building inspectors

Chief Building Inspector Doug Sargent and inspectors Neil Frawley and Wendell Steinhousen will be going to a seminar later this month dealing with "Energy Conservation in Houses."

The seminars on February 21 and 22 at Bristol Place Hotel, Toronto, will deal with aspects of energy conservation including insulation committee approved Mr. Frawley and Mr. Steinhousen's attendance at the February 21 session and Mr. Sargent's attendance at the February 22 seminar.

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