

UPS AND DOWNS. . . Vic Bristow, Henry Kroes and Rick Devlin lowered the Heart Fund flag last week, and then Mr. Kroes and Mr. Devlin raised the Red Cross flag. March is Red Cross month

Projects could hike Acton water rates

jump by at least 30 per cent and by as much as 50 per cent, according to a report tabled before regional council Wednesday.

Regional Treasurer Don Farmer said the budget for water services in Acton would have to be increased by about 30 per cent to cover costs already incurred. He explained that the town would have to cover costs for a \$182,720 debenture for a new pumphouse and water service from a site near Fairy Lake.

He forecast rate increases of approximately 50 per cent if that work goes ahead. The annual repayment for the project would cost \$23,341 but the entire water budget in 1976 for the Acton area was \$99,792.

King said there are no funds follow his lead.

Water rates in Acton could available to pay for the pump house. "If it is decided to proceed, financing by means of debenturing would appear the only feasible method."

Public Works Chairman Jack Raftis told reporters that the report wasn't a push for equalized assessment. "We saw a big bill coming and wanted to know where the bucks were coming from. That's all."

Raftis has predicted on a number of occasions that Acton would be the first area to be unable to meet its financial commitments and Milton would be second.

He advocates all Halton communities share the cost of water and sewer projects over the entire region. He claims that would benefit smaller communities but the small communities have Halton Hills Treasurer Ray resisted any temptation to

Dog problem near Speyside

Dogs are causing a problem in the First Line and 17 Side over to the finance adroad area near Speyside ministration committee for according to a letter from investigation. Ruth Rippon to Halton Hills Council.

She said dogs are allowed to Rabid run at large, while their owners are away at work all

She said a dog charged and lunged at her several times, while the owner watched from the front of the house. She said she phoned police

and laid a complaint dogs have chased her cattle. chickens have been killed. She concluded by urging more and better of dogs running at

Council turned the letter

fox shot

Guelph OPP received two complaints in the past week involving rabid animals.

Mrs. Sogoskie of R.R.4, Mrs. Rippon also claimed Fergus, reported her dog had been attacked by a rabid fox. The fox was shot by a neighbour. The dog was found to be infected and had to be disposed of. The incident occurred on March 2.



and Mr. Kroes is in charge of the campaign here with Mr. Devlin treasurer. Vic Bristow headed the Heart Fund drive.

HRP appoint officer

the appointment of a liaison

Alexander Inspector Terrell, a training officer, was appointed during the Police Commission's meeting Thursday at Oakville to work with the Ontario Police com-

The appointment was prompted by a letter from the provincial commission which recommended municipal forces not spend money on new metric equipment until consequences of the change are understood.

Halton Regional Police the new measure. "It's the moved another millimitre to- street where 'we have wards metric conversion with problems, speedometers and such," said the chief.

As far as traffic occurrences are concerned, the chief said: "All we've bought are tape measures for accidents."

Accident

A single truck accident March 3 at 1 a.m. in the village of Rockwood, caused \$4,500 damage and injured the driver.

Daniel Bonus, age 17, driver of the pick-up, was westbound on Main Street in Rockwood when the vehicle left the roadway striking a Police chief Ken Skerrett building at 261 Main Street. told the commission much Bonus was treated for minor police work is measured injury at Guelph General metrically, Identification and Hospital. Two passengers in drug offences are handled in the vehicle were not injured.

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New group seeks role, C. of C. woos

naires were circulated a

meeting to get brief informa-

tion on, among other ques-

tions, what people thought the

association would do.

(Continued from Page 1) a new association, turned, at times into a

defence of the Chamber. Some of the ideas which Mr. Wood said might be taken on by the new association were: a committee to help police actions of members, a committee to gather facts for the B.I.A., a committee to help the B.I.A. make unanimous decisions.

List of events Mr. Nielsen got part way through reading aloud a list of events and meetings undertaken by the Chamber. Mr. Nielsen was a member of the retail section of the Chamber.

Amendment

to cost \$300

amendment will go up from full \$300.

\$250 to \$300, if council accepts

a Halton Hills planning board

The cost at present is \$250

for each amendment to the

each amendment to the

If the application is

refused, the town retains \$50

to cover paper work, and

refunds the remainder. On

occasions, when the costs

exceed \$50, the items are

listed and charged to the

\$300 per each amendment,

the town will retain \$75.

Six hurt

With the increased cost to

During the past week, 22

motor vehicle accidents were

investigated by Guelph

O.P.P. resulting in injury to

recommendation.

Zoning bylaw.

Zoning

Obviously we recognize what the Chamber of Commerce has done, Mr. Wood said from the chair, "But we feel the retail association hasn't served the merchants

"In the past year we've had six meetings, and five were sponsored by the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce," Mr. Nielsen said. "If that's not dlalogue, I don't

John Coniglio left the meeting early with the words: "I can't listen to this nonsense." Elsie Syme also took her leave early.

If the amendments are

Councillor Peter Marks

contended claimed the costs

town is charging. He claimed

Chairman Roy Booth said

must provide these

the town is not in a business.

services. He suggested by

upping fees, the town was

simply accelerating the cost

of property, which would

eventually be paid by the

Marks claimed only about

one per cent of the population

benefits from the amend-

Councillor Les Duby said it

The planner said the

Brampton fee is \$125. He

pointed out the larger costs,

such as a subdivision might

entail would be covered in the

subdivision agreement.

could br onerous for the in-

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know what is."

39 replies According to Mrs. Swetman a "fairly good response" was received. Thirty-nine replies were made, of which two were against the formation of the new association. Some of the people at the meeting,

sent in replies. Fifteen of the questionnaires stated that they'd belong to the Downtown Business Association, but not the Chamber, Mrs. Swetman also told the meeting that more than half of the people interested in forming the new group would still be interested in staying with the Chamber.

Mrs. Swetman said, hadn't

T-D bank manager Bumstead said after nearly an hour and three quarters of talk "I think you'll have to cut out the bickering." He asked if the new organization was Zoning or Official Plan approved, the town keeps the being formed because the merchants couldn't get along with the Chamber.

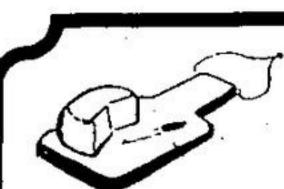
"I'm disappointed to have seen so far an argument bewere much higher than the tween the new organization five departments have to and the Chamber of Com-Official Plan and \$250 for work almost 200 hours on an merce," Mr. Cooper, an

couple of weeks before the

organization might play.

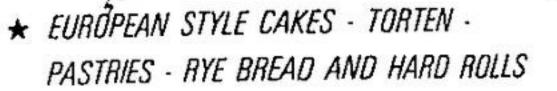
From then on the tone from Before a vote on establish- both sides lightened up, noting the new organization ably with Mrs. Eastwood's could be completed someone invitation to such a smaller suggested that a group be group to attend a Chamber formed from the meeting to meeting to see if the two sides find out what role such an might accommodate each other's interest.





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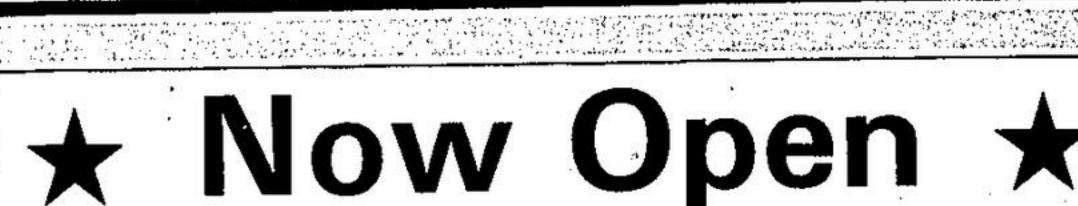
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