

Splash Flashes

by Karen Brading

Now that the fall session is underway, Acton Lions Pool staff would like to introduce their new staff members. Cindy Anderson, Craig Gordon, Karen Glenn and Valerie Graham will join the rest of the staff to watch out for the safety of the children.

Ice safety
Now that winter is approaching there are a few things that parents and children should be aware of.

First, heavy rains cause large numbers of puddles in ditches, so keep your eyes open.

Second, the first sign of frozen ice is not always safe. Make sure you measure the ice near shore and educate the children about the hazards.

Third, mark any danger areas or holes with a stick.

Fourth, if a person has fallen through the ice you can help by telling them to pull themselves out and roll away from the danger area. Never stand up. Clear area to prevent further occurrences.

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Resource recovery costly

If Halton Regional Councilors attending a public meeting in Milton Thursday night learned anything about resource recovery, they learned it will be expensive.

The cost of building a garbage reclamation plant in Halton could run as high as \$47,000,000, the meeting was told.

That estimate came from one of the three firms which made presentations Thursday. A combined presentation by Reed Paper of Toronto and

Andco-Torax of Buffalo set the cost at \$47,000,000.

Even with that plant, there would still be a need for a landfill site.

A spokesman for the firm said the proposed plant would deal with 268,000 tons of garbage per year and another 42,000 would have to be buried.

M and T Chemicals of Hamilton said it had opened a plant in Milwaukee in 1974 and the cost then was \$18,000,000. It has the capacity to handle 1,600 tons of waste daily.

That plant separates paper, iron, cardboard, iron and steel. What isn't separated is used to supply electricity.

A presentation by Dominion Bridge Co. of Hamilton said the cost of garbage incineration would be about \$20,000,000 and 500 tons of garbage could be treated daily.

A spokesman for the company said Shell and BP oil refineries have expressed some interest in using the steam that would be generated. The incinerators ap-

parently leave only a sterile ash that can be disposed of in an abandoned quarry.

Halton Regional Council has gone on record as being interested in developing a resource recovery plant in the region.

A staff committee has been meeting with people from private enterprise and the Ministry of the Environment for several months in an effort to explore the entire picture, before reporting back to council.

Milton Mayor Don Gordon

said he was interested in the Dominion Bridge proposition because it was the only one that didn't require landfill.

Outside the meeting, Regional Public Works Chairman Jack Rafits said the only reliable figures were provided by Andco-Torax. Rafits said those figures are up to date. He claimed other figures based on plants built a few years ago couldn't be considered accurate.

Missing person

Only a couple of people pictured last week in the high school group shot are still in town. One of them, Charles Landsborough, has identified one of the people whose name was missing last week as Frances Gibbins. She is seated between Addie Hurst and Annie Martin.

Mr. Landsborough recalls that the Gibbins family did not live in Acton many years. Their home was on Main N., across from the IGA store.

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