



FRANCES FINNIMORE gets a big hug from Santa Claus at the annual Golden Age Christmas banquet sponsored jointly by the Acton Rotary and the Legion, last night (Tuesday). It was a record year with 105 people attending the meal. Cooks say 76 pounds of beef were eaten up by the hungry group.

Halton Hills clerk quits, Pritchard going to B.C.

Halton Hills clerk-administrator Doug Pritchard is leaving for a new job in British Columbia after a little more than seven years in Georgetown and Halton Hills.

At the start of next year Mr. Pritchard will assume the post of city manager in Pentelton, a city of 30,000 people. He will have a staff of 250 people working under him.

Mr. Pritchard came to Georgetown in October 1971 as

administrator and then assumed the same post when Halton Hills was born in January 1974.

Before coming to Georgetown he worked 11 years for the Township of Etobicoke and then went to the Township of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Later he worked for the town of Niagara when it was created as part of the Region of Niagara.

Pritchard's resignation takes effect December 31.



DOUGLAS PRITCHARD

Problem with cars

A recurring problem has "reared its ugly head". Councillor Les Duby told Halton Hills works committee cars are being left for long periods of time on vacant property on Agnes Street.

He said the vehicles shouldn't be left there. Deputy engineer Ted Ballinger said the problem may be a by-law violation and the police may need to be asked to enforce town laws. He said the three hour mid-night to 7 a.m. parking by-law may be the force needed to have the cars removed.

He said he would look into the problem.

Main N. "fine job"

Councillor Pat McKenzie thinks a great job has been done on Main St. North.

Noting there have been many complaints from the public regarding inconveniences caused by the reconstruction, McKenzie said it was time someone stated publicly that a fine job was done. All work is nearly completed.

Land committee grants Alteo's separation

Regional Land Division Committee granted a severance to Alteo Construction Ltd. on some industrial land north of the CNR tracks on Highway 25 in Acton.

The property, with 139 foot front and 143 foot width, is located at 103 Main St. N. There was one objection from a newly moved in family, which the committee decided

to turn down. There were no objections from the town or the region to the separation.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority wanted site plans submitted before building permits could be issued.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Nolan, who live across the street from Acton Auto-

tive, appeared before the committee. Mr. Nolan told the committee he was concerned about having to sell his land if a factory was built near by. Acting committee chairman Des Morrow assured the couple that whatever Alteo built on the land, the company will have to make sure the project fits the zoning by-law.

Discuss fate pump house

A community meeting will be held Wednesday (tonight) in the Robert Little School to discuss the future of the piece of property and building at Main and Kingham. It's the location of the former town pump house.

Possible uses include day care or nursery school, park land if the building were levelled, or the development of housing units.

Representatives of town council, planning department and recreation department will be present.

Grants budget all spent

The town has only \$81.22 left in the grants budget, at the end of November. Grants total \$22,918.78 and the total budget is \$23,000. Grants given out, are:

Georgetown Rotary Club \$100, Kinsmen Bantam Hockey Tournament 415.70, Acton Centennial Atom Hockey Tournament 190.18, Acton Citizens Band 4,860, Acton Community Services

Centre 5,687, Acton Agricultural Society 700, Credit Valley Artists 200, Canadian Mental Health—Ontario 35, Georgetown Block Parents Committee 200, Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group 30, Georgetown Agricultural Society 450, Georgetown Girls Pipe Band 850, Halton Helping Hands 4,092, Halton Agricultural Society 100, Normal Community Group 50,

North Halton Contact Centre 2,500, Optimist Club Bang-O-Hama 25, Royal Canadian Air Cadets 150, St. John Ambulance 100, Ballinafad Hall Board 238.65, Recognition of Persons by Town for their Achievements 335.25, Glen Williams Town Hall 700, University Women's Club of Georgetown 200, North Halton District Council of the Boy Scouts 500, Acton Coffee

House 200.

The public relations budget, set at \$5,000 has \$1,564 left. This budget includes such things as costs of hosting Wintario at \$728, the inaugural dinner at \$625, coffee supplies for the council chambers at \$131, 5000 copies of the municipal directory at \$231, \$500 to the Cobalt Disaster Fund, and various floral tributes.

Little complex interest

There seems to be little interest among Halton Hills councillors in a municipal complex.

Last Tuesday night the first meeting of a special committee which will look at the complex question was called off because of lack of interest among members.

All members of council sit on the special building committee but only six appeared at the first meeting. Chairman Peter Pomeroy, Councillors Roy Booth, Peter Morris, George Maltby, Les Duby and Pat McKenzie were in attendance. Mayor Tom Hill, Councillors Russ Miller, Pat Patterson, Mike Armstrong, Marilyn Serjeantson, Walter Biehn and Peter Marks were all absent.

Pomeroy refused to conduct the meeting because there wasn't a quorum and rejected suggestions that a meeting be held with those present. The next meeting is slated for December 13.

He noted three members of regional council, Hill, Armstrong and Miller, who voted for the regional headquarters weren't on hand to talk about Halton Hills. Pomeroy suggested it must be easier to discuss a complex at the region, away from the watchful eyes of residents.

Pomeroy said the committee will first try to establish if there is really a need for an expanded municipal building.

Last month council met with architect Don Halford and examined plans he drew up in 1976 for an expansion of the Trafalgar Road municipal building which would have cost nearly \$1 million. When residents protested the expansion it was shelved.

The idea of expanding the municipal building in two phases has been discussed this year.

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No turkeys for town

There will be no turkeys for town employees this Christmas if Halton Hills council goes along with a finance-administration committee recommendation.

The recommendation was made Monday night.

Employees will get an unexpected small bonus. They will each receive a small amount in refunds from the Unemployment Insurance Commission. There was an overpayment this year.

Week delivery . . .

(continued from Page 1) Tuesday night. There are truck deliveries to Acton from Georgetown twice a day.

Although some mail comes directly to Acton from Toronto, most of it goes to Georgetown. This commonly causes a day's delay.

Any letter which includes "Halton Hills" in its address would almost certainly go to Georgetown first.

It would be wiser to have mail to Acton include "Acton" only in the address. There would be a better chance of it arriving sooner, the post office advises.

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