



1976 CORDOBA burst into flames yesterday (Tuesday) while parked on Main St. The vehicle had apparently just been parked when the fire started. Firefighters had a problem getting under the hood to find the flames as the hood release cable had been burned, leaving no way to get to the problem. A crowbar eventually pried it loose.

## Four fire alarms so far this month

So far, February has been a busy month for Acton volunteer firefighters. Last Thursday, the crew was summoned to a truck accident at 6.15 a.m. on Highway 25 north of the Fifth Sideroad. They had to cut a man loose from the cab of a truck. The next day, the men extinguished a chimney fire on Cobblehill Rd. Deputy fire

chief Bern Van Fleet emphasized the importance of keeping a chimney clean, especially when burning wood in a fire place. Excess soot attaches itself inside the structure, and catches on fire.

February 5 saw the firefighters going to a McDonald Ave. home, where a fire started when the owner was

thawing some frozen water pipes. Damage was minimal Mr. Van Fleet said.

Extensive damage resulted after a car fire yesterday (Tuesday), on Main St., near Knox Ave. Mr. Van Fleet said the owner had parked the vehicle and when he looked out of a nearby window, the fire truck was out front. Upon investigation, Mr. Van Fleet said, the man discovered it was his car on fire.

Firefighters had a hard time getting the hood open to fight the flames. Mr. Van Fleet said, as the hood release cable had burned, making the inside handle useless. The hood had to be pried open with a crowbar before the blaze could be extinguished. None of the interior of the car was damaged. Mr. Van Fleet said the cause of the fire is unknown at press time.

A small cabin on the Fourth Line, between 17 Sideroad and 22 Sideroad was gutted Saturday night around 11 p.m.

Georgetown firemen, sheathed in ice, fought the blaze, but could not contain the fire started by an overheated stove.

Bud Louth, owner of the cabin, was not there at the time of the fire. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

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## Provincial inducement

# Halton could lose \$4,000,000

Provincial grants totalling between \$3,558,078 and \$4,000,000 are available to Halton Region, according to regional treasurer Don Farmer and Chairman Ric Morrow.

To take advantage of those grants the region must revamp the county road system to include many miles of roads in Oakville and Burlington, move towards a uniform philosophy on water rates and finally implement a user charge to cover cost of sewage.

Throughout a two-hour press conference Monday afternoon, Morrow emphasized that what is being proposed is not equalized assessment.

He said the \$4,000,000 was an inducement offered by the province to encourage the region to take a more regional posture. Similar grants were made available to other regions. If Halton doesn't take advantage of the grants by the end of this year, the offer expires.

Morrow said he will bypass committees with the proposal and present the material directly to council when it meets Wednesday.

He acknowledged the proposal will be controversial and it is bound to be violently opposed by some.

He said no one had clearly and concisely explained the grants in the past four years.

"I don't want anyone to come to me when it is too late and say, why didn't you tell us this? I get real emotional about it. We're talking about \$4,000,000—\$4,000,000, that's a lot of bread."

Both Farmer and Morrow indicated that under this system councillors from one municipality would be less apt to turn to another and say you are paying for the project, so if you want it we'll vote for it.

That basically is the way sewer and water projects are approved now. Under the new program if it were adopted the cost would be applied across the region and councillors will be less apt to vote

for a project in a different municipality unless they were absolutely certain it is necessary.

"Sewer and water are regional responsibilities, not local. Local councillors can bring local input but I have to think that if the region as a whole is paying, the region as a whole should decide. If the need in one area is perceived to be greater than somewhere

else, that's where the work will be done," Farmer said. Morrow said the county road system is grossly unfair and terribly inequitable. Roads in the south should be brought into the regional roads systems, bringing cost reductions to the south and increases to the north, according to the chairman.

Farmer said the province would come up with \$955,260 in grants to offset the impact of moving towards uniform water rates. The money would go to soften increases that otherwise would be dramatic.

According to figures Farmer presented, Acton would be the major beneficiary of the scheme. By the end of 1980 Farmer projects the cost of water to be \$1.72 per 1,000 gallons under the present policy but 80 cents per thousand under the proposed policy.

In some other areas the rates would be lower as well in 1980 under the proposed system. Burlington would pay 60 cents instead of 59 per thousand; Georgetown would pay 70 cents instead of 88; Milton would pay 60 cents instead of 90 and Oakville would pay 70 cents instead of 75 cents per thousand.

## Where B.I.A. money goes to be discussed

The joint meeting of the Business Association and Business Improvement Area Wednesday, Feb. 15 will feature dinner, a speaker, and elections for both groups.

But one of the main things, says B.A. president Alma Swetman, is that those who attend will find out how their money is going to be spent this coming year.

The B.I.A. will be implementing its program of improvements for the downtown area. All business people in the district will be contributing.

Executives of both groups hope for a good attendance at the meeting in the Dominion Hotel next week.

## Seniors told not eligible

A couple of senior citizens have been informed they are ineligible for the new senior citizens' housing. Councillor Les Doby says he is very concerned about the situation and is pursuing it.

The list of applicants has been reviewed and some have been rejected on the basis of a point system.

In one case, the applicant owns a cottage. "This shouldn't in my view prevent them from being eligible," Mr. Doby declared. "They put a little away for their retirement and this is what happens. It discourages the incentive to save."

There will be 54 units in the senior citizen complex on Elizabeth Dr. More than that number have applied.

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## For mayor

# \$1,000 increase but \$1,500 cut?

Mayor Tom Hill may have \$1,000 added to his \$12,100 salary, but if so will lose a \$1,500 expense account. Halton Hills council decided, Monday night to let committee have another chance to come up with an answer. Earlier committee had recommended the mayor

submit vouchers to collect his expenses, up to a maximum of \$1,500 a year. This move was to replace a flat \$1,500 allowance, which was taxable.

Councillor Roy Booth suggested the \$1,000 salary increase, rather than the vouchers since the treasurer claimed it would be a nightmare for the bookkeeping department and the mayor.

Both pointed out it would save the taxpayer \$500, and save a lot of work for the treasury department.

Asked how he arrived at the \$1,000 figure, Booth said the inclusion of the \$1,000 in the mayor's salary would mean it would come under the one-third tax fee regulation for all members of council. He said cutting the \$500 off the amount would come out about the same when the tax is considered.

Finance chairman Russ Miller said the treasurer felt it could be handled either way.

## May seek youth grant

A project proposal was presented to the members of the Halton Hills sub-committee of the Youth Services Network when they met in the Acton Y last Thursday. The proposal includes application for a Young Canada Works Grant, with long-term funding from the community. The proposal envisages youth workers in both Acton and Georgetown with drop-in centres and other types of youth work.

It also reports on Youth Assisting Youth, a preventative program that has been operating in other communities.

An application for a grant would have to be in by June. There will be further discussion on the proposals.

Youth services co-ordinator Peter Gillespie chaired the meeting.

The annual meeting of the Youth Services will be held in General Wolfe school on Feb. 22. Ann Pickering and Marilyn Serjeantson will be nominated for the board of directors. Other board members from Halton Hills will also attend.

Youth Resources handbooks are now available. Mr. Gillespie reported.

## Town ad criticized

The Ontario Human Rights Commission is not happy with an ad placed by the town of Halton Hills for a clerk-administrator.

Mayor Tom Hill told council Monday night, he received a letter criticizing the town for asking for age and marital status.

## Permits hit 4 year low

The value of building permits issued in January hit a four year low. The total was \$59,100, compared to \$643,047 a year ago January.

Only one house permit, valued at \$38,000, was issued last month, along with five alteration and three sign permits.

## Delay "Y" lease for police views

Halton Hills council held up third reading of the by-law to lease "Y" building in Acton, Monday night, to make sure the Halton Police Commission is satisfied with the space the town plans to sublet to them.

Councillor Roy Booth said a new member of the police commission said he felt there should be more space.

Mayor Tom Hill said the rest of police commission is satisfied, and urged the passing of the by-law right away.

Councillor Pat McKenzie

said the new member should be talking to the police commission not to councillors.

Councillor Russ Miller claimed the only problem for the town is housing summer recreation department staff.

McKenzie asked if a room should be left vacant for nine months to accommodate summer staff for three months.

The mayor pointed out the town was paying the full \$360 a month themselves and would be until the police move in.

## New phone books soon

Distribution of some 224,146 copies of the 1978 telephone directory for the regional municipality of Waterloo, Guelph and surrounding territory will begin the week of February 6, W. C. Salmon, manager, says. Delivery of the books by Directory Distributing Associates Ltd. will be on a staggered basis throughout the area, and, barring bad weather, should be completed by February 21.

Acton customers will receive 4,010 books this year. One book will be delivered to each residence customer. A customer who wishes additional copies, up to the number of telephone sets in the home, may request them at the time of delivery.

Mr. Salmon suggested that upon receipt of the new directory, which this year features pictures of nine of Ontario's wild flowers, the first thing to do is to write in the emergency numbers in the spaces provided on the inside front cover of the book and make necessary changes to your frequently called telephone number list.

## \$1,150 in collision

A two-car collision on 22nd Sideroad resulted in a total of \$1,150 in damage to the vehicles last Wednesday morning.

Halton Regional Police estimate there was \$1,000 in property damage to the auto driven by Alan Hussey of 108 Kingham Rd., Acton.

The balance of the damage figure is on the vehicle driven by Ross Van Patter of R.R. 1 Georgetown, according to police.

Both vehicles were east-bound at the time of the mishap.

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