



DECORATIVE SHINGLES ON a townhouse belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Colin Brackenridge were eaten up by fire which left the family of four homeless. Firefighters used Scott Air Packs to breath through the heavy smoke, as they fought the flames.

Rate increases April 1 for GO

GO Transit fares will be increasing for trips between Acton and downtown Toronto and the Islington subway station as of April 1, according to GO spokesman

Tom Henry. Mr. Henry explained that at present, fares to downtown Toronto are \$2.50. This would increase 14 per cent, to \$2.85. Fares to Islington, now \$2,

will see a 20 per cent hike to \$2.40.

The increases are a gradual shift to encourage commuters to purchase monthly passes, the spokesman said. He noted that a book of ten tickets, now costing \$23.80 would only be hiked to \$24.75. Monthly "flash cards", with unlimited use during the calendar month will cost customers \$86, a decrease of \$2, for the present \$88.

The flash card, Mr. Henry said, is good for any points between Acton and Toronto, for as often during the month as the rider wants to use it. It cannot, however, be used past the point in which it was purchased for (i.e., Acton to downtown Toronto)

Town, Escarpment Commission to meet

Halton Hills along with 51 other municipalities will be asked to comment on the Niagara Escarpment Commission's preliminary proposals during the next four months.

Halton Hills planning board chairman and Niagara Escarpment Commission member Roy Booth said last Tuesday that council will be invited to meet with the commission at its Guelph Street offices.

Copies of the preliminary proposals were given to each councillor so they could prepare for the meeting. Booth described the preliminary proposals as being "not as bad as first thought but definitely a once in a lifetime thing."

He said it is the first project of its type ever done and is of great interest to the United States as a tool for controlling

land use. Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson asked how much the preliminary proposals cost to produce and Booth responded saying he doesn't even think in terms that costly.

He noted study of land use on the Escarpment had been going on since 1967 and added the unique maps which have been produced are worth the money even if the rest of the document is thrown out.

Serjeantson said the study sounds like it was "awfully expensive."

Councillor Peter Marks joked the commission paid for the study with a credit card from the Canadian Mint.

The Niagara Escarpment Commission's preliminary proposals can be viewed by the public at both the Halton Hills administration building on Trafalgar Road and at the commission offices

Van brushes rural bridge

A van travelling north on the 4th Line brushed both sides of a narrow bridge Saturday morning.

Halton Regional Police estimate damage to the vehicle driven by Charles George Book, of R.R. 4 Acton, to be \$2,000.

The bridge is about a half mile south of the Given Road. Police state the van first struck the east guard rail, then the west side.

Ask control

Halton Region Treasurer Don Farmer estimates the region can save \$25,000 by taking over the operation of three pollution control plants in the region, now operated by the Ministry of the Environment.

In a report signed by Farmer, he indicates bulk purchases of chemicals as well as significant reductions.



SMOKE BILLOWED FROM the windows of a Kington Rd. townhouse Saturday morning. Owners Mr. and Mrs. Colin Brackenridge and family escaped with only minor injuries. In spite of fire fighting efforts, the home was completely destroyed with \$50,000 damage estimated.

Acton reps at convention

Over 1,400 delegates attended the 60th annual meeting of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association (O.M.E.A.) which began Sunday, February 26 at Toronto's Royal York Hotel.

Acton commission chairman Wilf McEachern, vice chairman Bob MacArthur and superintendent Doug Mason attended from here. Representing more than 340 municipal electric utilities throughout Ontario, members of the Association support a reduction in the frequency of Ontario Energy Board hearings and a reallocation of hearing costs to the Ministry of Energy requiring such a hearing or review, while continuing to press for assurance that the cost of power to large use customers in the Power District is no less than that paid by large use customers of municipal utilities.

Answer soon

The town hopes to have an answer soon from Queen's Park regarding capacity of the expanded Georgetown sewage plant soon so development can be hopefully taken off the back burner.

A meeting was held Friday between Halton Hills and Ministry of Environment officials and the recently appointed Minister George McCauley. A town spokesman said the meeting is confidential but the town should have an answer from the province in the next two weeks.

Flows at the plant both before and after the expansion have been higher than they should have been. The plant capacity was expanded from two million gallons a day to 3 million gallons a day.

However flow figures late last year indicated at times flows were close to three million gallons and generally two million to 2.5 million gallons a day.

Have pupils pray for unity - Hinton

Acton-Esqueving Trustee Bert Hinton thinks Halton students should be praying for Canadian unity.

Thursday he informed Halton Board of Education he will ask trustees on March 9 to find out about a prayer for Canadian unity program being conducted by a school board in Eastern Ontario. He wants Halton to contact the Hastings-Prince Edward Separate school board to obtain a copy of the prayer for Canadian unity said once a week by approximately 4,000 students in that board's schools.

No pool sign

The pool advisory committee which governs the Acton Lions pool has dropped considerations concerning the placing of a sign on the front of McKenzie-Smith Middle School after the principal, Gary Dawkins, advised he did not want another sign on the building.

The decision was made at a recent meeting of the committee, which includes representatives from the Lions Club and the

recreation department and Halton Hills council.

Also discussed at the meeting were the saunas, which have been repaired, and a cash booth which has been built at the entrance to the pool to make traffic flow in and out of the pool easier. The booth blocks vision into the pool so it was decided parents would be allowed on the deck three times per session to watch.



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Accident in parking lot

A collision occurred in a parking lot on Frederick Street last Thursday, February 23. Involved were drivers James E. Vickery 120 Wynford Place, Acton, and Raymond Repta, 26 Wilson St., Guelph. Damage to the Vickery vehicle is estimated at \$300. Damage to the left front of the Repta vehicle is estimated at \$30.

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