



Study return to hall boards

Dissatisfaction with the operation of Stewarttown and Hornby Halls, spurred Councillor Russ Miller, backed by Councillor Pat Patterson, to suggest the halls be turned back to being operated by hall boards, as they were before regional government was established.

Halton Hills finance committee went as far as recommending a study of the methods of operating the halls, but did not endorse the suggestion by Miller and Patterson.

Patterson maintained groups had been locked out of Stewarttown hall, after having a permit to rent it. He said the condition of Stewarttown hall is a disgrace.

He said Hornby hall park would be open right now, instead of padlocked, if it

were still being run by the people, in the area. "We're just messing around with bureaucracy."

He maintained the Ballinafad hall, operated by the people of the area, is in beautiful condition and has been renovated by the people themselves.

Councillor Peter Morris suggested there should be someone to call if the doors happen to be locked.

Recreation Director Glen Gray claimed when he is sick or out of town there is no one in charge. He said the two coordinators are out covering programs. "It isn't their responsibility, and I don't feel it's mine either."

"In that case I think Patterson's idea is great," commented Morris.

Councillor Roy Booth asked if Norval people look after their hall themselves.

Patterson replied they do all the cleaning up after events, but a man designated by the recreation department lives nearby who has the key.

Councillor Walter Blehn suggested as a stop-gap measure the caretaker's name and phone number be posted at all halls.

Councillor Peter Marks wondered if it is possible to return the halls to their hall boards, under Bill 151 which set up regional government.

Gray commented it probably could be done if the town wants to do it.

Marks commented the committee should ask the recreation director to prepare a report on returning the power to the people.

The recommendation read to prepare a report on the best method of operating all rural community halls.



HORSES ALERT and ready to go, Kathy Hurst and Karen Hatch wait the trailmaster's signal for Sunday's Rockwood Trail Riders pleasure ride and barbecue. The horses' names are Lotta Loot and Aristocat.

Crop club Judges oats, barley

By Ruth Anne Wilson

The first regular meeting of the Halton 4-H Field Crop Club was held on Monday, April 17 at the Agricultural Office, Milton.

The meeting was opened with the election of officers. Results were: President, Glenn McClure, vice-president, Bob Allison, secretary, David Robinson, and press reporter, Ruth Anne Wilson.

The leaders this year are John Nurse, Kaj Hansen and Cecil Patterson. The leaders outlined the year's program and new suggestions are being considered as new ideas.

Slides were shown of forage and weeds by John Nurse. Members judged two classes of oats and barley and gave one set of reasons.

IT'S TIME TO TEND your gardens, and Frances McGonigal is busy indeed as she loosens the soil around the roots of an evergreen in the front of her McDonald Blvd. yard.

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