



THE MCKENZIE-SMITH CHOIR hopes their music festival entry Wednesday will be an "owling success". The choir's mascot is this large stuffed owl. Terry-Lynn McStravick, Monica Musselle, Kim Weir, Donna Webster and

Karrie Curran are ready to follow conductor Dave Mashinter's musical instructions. The North Halton festival will be held at M. Z. Bennett school next Wednesday and the public is welcome.

Will try to hustle Senior Citizen apts.

Councillor Pat McKenzie wants a fire lit under town staff so an agreement between Halton Hills and Ontario Housing Corporation regarding senior citizens housing development can be reached as soon as possible. He told council Monday town staff was given the job of having an agreement drawn up last fall but nothing has materialised as yet. McKenzie said Ontario Housing officials say they can't do anything until the development agreement with the town is worked out and after that's done nothing concrete will be done for about three months. New clerk-administrator Ken Richardson said he expected something to come to council very soon noting the delay was caused partly because some serious policy decisions will have to be made by council. Councillor Les Duby said the town must get moving on the senior citizens housing complex. He noted at a recent conference of Ontario municipalities he and Russ Miller attended it was sug-

gested admission criteria for senior citizens housing be changed. He said some people in Acton who thought they qualified for the housing have now been told they don't qualify. Councillor Walter Biehn said nobody has been told officially they don't qualify since the project isn't complete yet. Miller, Duby and Mayor Tom Hill all said people have been told they don't qualify because they don't have proper financial requirements. Councillor Peter Marks said he didn't want things to appear too gloom and doom. He said council wasn't

suggesting the project won't be completed this fall as expected. He said the town is dealing with it expeditiously and has received no word the late fall occupancy target date has been set back. "Don't suggest it won't open until 1980 when we don't know that will happen."

Music festival held at M.Z. Bennett May 24

The North Halton Music festival will be hosted by M.Z. Bennett school next Wednesday, May 24. Competing schools will visit M.Z. for the day beginning at 9 a.m. This year marks 50 years for the festival. All participants will be given a pin in recognition of the special year. M.Z. principal, Doug Magwood extended an invitation to parents and other members of the community who wish to attend this annual event.



KEN CHAPPEL, 196 Churchill Road South, received a special award from Georgetown Optimist president Clarence Baker for driving Frank Toth to Guelph for hospitalization on a bad winter night. It happened the night of January 26, the worst storm in memory, and Mr. Chappel drove through zero visibility weather. The victim had to be transported in Mr. Chappel's van since ambulances weren't operating because of the severity of the weather.

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Police park off Mill St. now

Policemen are no longer parking their private cars on Mill Street Halton Hills council was told Monday. Mayor Tom Hill told council police chief Ken Skerrett who assured him officers would be told to park in municipal church lots instead of on the street. The town had received numerous complaints about policemen parking their private vehicles on Mill Street, not receiving tickets and also trying to keep

people from parking behind the Y building. Hill also reported police aren't happy about the town's decision to give police only two reserved parking spaces in front of the station. He said police claim they were promised three and the town is breaking its lease. Deputy-clerk Delmar French said it isn't in the lease that police receive three parking lots but was in the by-law authorizing renting of the building and in

a parking by-law which was never passed. Councillor Pat McKenzie said the town may be breaking its previous agreement with police but not

"seriously". He said merchants report police are no longer parking their private cars on Mill Street.

Well iron not excessive

The amount of iron in water from the new well in the park is not excessive, results of tests have shown. However, the well is not yet supplying town water.

The telemetry in the new pump house is not complete, but when this work is done the well will again be feeding into the town system.

Tests had been taken to determine the amount of iron in the water. These tests have shown that the level of iron has dropped considerably and is expected to remain stable at a level below that approved

by the Ministry of the Environment.

The level was much higher when the water was first used, probably as a result of its sitting for over a year before being used. Following extensive pumping of the water from the well into Fairy Lake, the level of iron has dropped. It's now .25 milligrams per litre. The Ministry recommends no more iron than .3 milligrams per litre.

"We don't anticipate any problems when the well is in operation," says the region water department officials.



WE GREW accustomed to her face... Laura Wiles was well-known to many when she and her brother Harold were Mill St. merchants. The long-time resident observed her 85th birthday Tuesday at Acton Seniors Residence. Wiles' bus depot and candy store also included a restaurant years ago.

Rural roads need help

Something needs to be done about roads in Esqueving, according to Councillor George Maltby.

Monday, he told Halton Hills council the town just keeps spending money on projects to beautify the urban areas with things like curbs and gutters. At the same time there are roads in the rural area where residents have to practically drive "tractors to get home", Maltby declared.

He noted rural residents have been told there is no money for gravel for some roads but there's lots of money to spend in Georgetown and Acton.

Mayor Tom Hill sarcastically congratulated Maltby

on one of the "best political speeches I've heard in days."

Councillor Pat McKenzie noted the town has a priority list for road reconstruction and one of these years all the money might be spent in Esqueving.

"Don't count on that," Hill chipped in.

Roads in Esqueving were in much better shape before regional government and Halton Hills "and it burns my fanny."

Optimists Underway

The charter executive of the first Optimist club in Acton was elected last night (Tuesday) at a meeting in the Station Hotel. Pictures and story next week.



DEAN FINK, principal of Acton high school for the past three years, has been promoted to the position of east area superintendent for the Halton Board of Education.

Dean Fink promoted to area superintendent

Acton high school principal Dean Fink has been made east area superintendent by the Halton Board of Education.

The decision came last Thursday at the regular board meeting. Mr. Fink will be working out of Oakville, and will be working with principals in both elementary and secondary schools. He starts his new job in August.

Mr. Fink explained he had mixed feelings about leaving the school. "I look forward to the challenge of a new position and working with

new people," he said. He will, however, miss the staff and students of the Acton school. "I have good friends here, and it is sad to leave."

The promotion will station him closer to home. For the past three years, Mr. Fink has been commuting from Hamilton. When he starts his new job in August, he will work out of Oakville.

The quality of education is much higher now than when Mr. Fink went to school, he pointed out. He explained subjects he was taught in

No repair

The town works and engineering departments have no word on repairs at the town hall.

A keystone fell from the front of the building two weeks ago, leaving loosening brickwork. Snow fencing was put up around the building.

The defect had been reported in the Town Hall Restoration committee engineering report, and council notified at that time. Committee members had expected repairs would be made by the town then.

Milton garbage ban at Georgetown dump

Halton Hills wants only Milton garbage in the Georgetown dump.

Monday Halton Hills council passed a resolution advising Milton to take its garbage to the Oakville and Burlington dumps in the future.

Council noted there is a landfill crisis looming in Georgetown and Halton and the local dump is expected to close this July. Recently, the region announced it was no longer accepting in-ert material at the Georgetown

dump. Georgetown now has a garbage separation program working quite well on a voluntary basis, it was pointed out at the meeting.

Mayor Tom Hill said Milton should never have been allowed to bring its garbage to Georgetown in the first place. Councillor Roy Booth observed nobody could possibly object to Halton Hills garbage being dumped in the Georgetown dump but Milton garbage is another story. He noted no effort is being made

in Milton on garbage separation and all the people there do is fight any dump being located in their area. Booth observed Halton Hills garbage collection costs will rise drastically when the dump is closed and refuse must be trucked to the south. Milton costs are about the same to take garbage to Oakville as it is to send it to Georgetown. Council hopes by cutting Milton off the Georgetown dump can be kept open longer.

Planner favors reduced NEC

Government plans to reduce the area under the control of the Niagara Escarpment Commission by 60 per cent have met with favorable response from Regional Planning Director Ed Cumming.

The province backed down from its original plan that covered an extensive swath of land the full length of the escarpment.

The government announced plans to reduce the area covered after heavy pressure was brought to bear but before Liberal MPP for Grey Bob McKesock had an opportunity to present his private member's bill. The McKesock bill would have cut the area to the escarpment itself and a 330 foot strip on either side of the escarpment.

Mr. Cumming said the region had recommended a smaller strip than what the commission had recommended initially. He said the reduction would make it a lot

easier for the region and commission to come to agreement.

He said the reductions in the Halton area may not be as great or dramatic as some other areas along the escarpment.

Cumming noted that in some areas like Hamilton the escarpment goes right through the urban area but in Halton it is in rural areas for the better part.

He said the staff is reviewing submissions from the public concerning comments on the NEC and would be reviewing those comments during a meeting with NEC chairman Ivor McMullin and NEC staffers May 30.

"I'd like to see a simple plan—one with two zoning areas allowing uses that are shown in our official plan with some overlay for stricter control if necessary," Cumming said. He explained that his

department had actually shown a broader strip in a couple of spots in order to protect environmentally sensitive areas.

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed expressed some concern about the government pledge to reduce the area by 60 per cent.

"What concerns me is there is nothing specified and it does nothing for those left in the control area."

"McKessock's bill had some things which I think were valid. His bill would have provided the right of appeal to the OMB for the landowner and it would have forced the government to declare its intent and proceed with the purchase of the land."

"The government has left the landowner carrying the can. They said we want to buy your land, but we don't have the money right now and in the meantime—you can't do anything with it."



GEORGE GARTON JR., left, David Fuller and Yves Savard all braved the rain, fog and mud as they hike the 20 mile Explorers hike. The boys competed against Scouts from Georgetown,

Limehouse and Norval for the annual Explorers award. Acton Scouts pictured above honored their troop by taking third place.

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