



KEVIN GALLOWAY EXPRESSES the feelings of many children as they look out the window on a rainy summer day. Needless to say local farmers would not be in the same frame of mind. Kevin was photographed Tuesday by Jennifer Rowe.

Polio clinics now underway

Polio immunization clinics are set up for this week and next to handle a steady demand, according to Halton Health Unit director of nursing Dorothy Craig.

There was a clinic Tuesday at the Health Unit offices in Milton and another is planned for Milton on Wednesday, August 16.

Georgetown's first clinic is today, Wednesday, August 9, with a second one planned for Tuesday, August 15. These clinics are in the Health Unit offices.

This morning (Wednesday) a call to the health unit revealed today's clinic is completely filled with appointments.

In Acton, the clinic will be at the Community Services Centre in the Y on Friday, August 18.

The clinics will be open from 9 a.m. until 7:30 each evening.

If possible, the nurses in charge would like to have appointments made in advance. For appointments, people are asked to phone the Health Unit offices in Milton for the Milton clinics, and the offices in Georgetown for the Georgetown and Acton clinics. Phone numbers are 878-7245

for Milton, 877-2238 for Georgetown.

Ms. Craig says that her staff will take people without appointments if they can, but pre-arranged times would be preferable.

If there are too many for these clinics, more will be arranged, she said Tuesday. So far the calls have been "steady", she says.

Despite the holiday period, there is adequate staff to handle the clinics, she said.

"We will keep the clinics up

as long as there is a demand."

Ms. Craig made an appeal for people to keep their family medical records up-to-date. She says the staff is "swamped" with calls from people who wish to know when they were last immunized.

Children receive regular booster shots at school, including high school, every five years. These are for diphtheria, tetanus and polio. A note goes home each time this is done, she explains. She strongly recommends that each family

keep track of these shots themselves.

Public clinics were last set up here in 1932 or 1963, when oral vaccine was administered. This time the dose is by injection.

Several confirmed cases of polio in Ontario the past week have created the concern.

In Acton, both medical centres are referring callers to the Georgetown health unit, for appointments at the clinics if they wish. Immunization is also handled at the medical centres.



SUSAN THIBODEAU will represent the Acton fall fair at the C.N.E. Sweetheart of the Fairs competition next Tuesday and Wednesday. Susan was chosen as Miss Acton Fall Fair last September and is nearing the end of her term. The girls go down Tuesday for judging and interviews and complete the events on Wednesday when Miss C.N.E. is chosen.

Acton East plaza delayed

Despite rumors, a new plaza on Churchhill Rd. is not due to be built soon.

In fact, the proposed plaza would probably require an amendment to the official plan, and therefore a public meeting would be called. There would be notice of the meeting given in this newspaper.

The Acton East shopping plaza is proposed by Jerry Sprackman. He has met with

Acton merchants as well as with planning department people about the project.

Presently a Canadian Tire store, supermarket and bank are suggested for the site. The plaza could be limited to these stores even after rezoning.

Originally the plaza was to be a part of the whole Acton East development, including many homes and even a new

school. This whole proposal was taken out of the official plan by council, the planning department explains. Since then a presentation has been made asking for the plaza alone, with considerably smaller size.

Mr. Sprackman will return to Halton Hills planning department with an updated report and make a further submission, planner Mario Venditti says.

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Halton Hills legal costs \$122,428 but no problem says treasurer

Legal fees have cost Halton Hills over \$120,000 during 1977 and the first five months of this year, but the figure "doesn't mean a great deal," Treasurer Ray King says.

In an interview this week, King revealed the town has spent over half of its 1978 legal fees budget up to the end of May and in 1977 legal fees were \$46,218 over budget.

He noted while much of the legal fees have gone towards paying the firm of Helson, Baines and Steele for representing the town at the many Ontario Municipal Board hearings held in the last year-and-a-half, some of the money is for development agreements, a cost the town recovers.

King said there is \$60,000 in this year's budget for legal fees. Up to the end of May, the last time the town was billed by solicitors, \$36,208.44 had been spent.

Last year the town spent \$86,218 on legal fees with only \$40,000 budgeted.

King explained the amount budgeted doesn't mean much since he simply picks a reasonable figure and puts it in. He noted he and councillors have no idea, when budgeting is done in the first quarter of each year, how

many hearings, development agreements, by-law violation prosecutions and other legal matters will come up during the next three quarters of the year.

He also said it isn't fair to say the town will go over its legal fees budget again this year simply because nearly two-thirds of the budget was used in the first five months.

King explained the timing of expenditures is important. There may not be as many legal matters come up in the last seven months of the year as in the first five. He admitted it is quite "conceivable" legal fees will be

over his budget again this year.

Also the amount spent on legal fees is misleading since a considerable amount is "recoverable". King said he has budgeted this year to recover \$30,000 of the town's legal fees but could not isolate the amount recovered so far since legal fees are part of a total administration fee charged by the town to developers.

He admitted not all legal costs are recoverable, pointing to Ontario Hydro and the library OMB hearings as example.

King pointed out legal fees

are still just a small portion of the town's approximately \$5 million budget and over budgeting in some areas will make up for underbudgeting in others. He added things are proceeding financially this year as he and other staff as well as councillors want.

He said he wasn't overly concerned with the way legal costs are piling up the past two years although he is "concerned about any cost." King feels legal costs are up

these days because of an "isolated situation," namely "Focal Properties' legal battles with the town."

Last year Focal and the town met at an expensive and lengthy three week hearing and another long hearing is expected this November. In addition the solicitors have been to court, though very little so far, regarding Focal's \$27 million law suit against Halton Hills and the region.

T-shirts, buttons promote library

Halton Hills libraries will use modern advertising techniques with slogan imprinted T-shirts and buttons, promoting interest in the libraries.

The library board authorized spending of \$200 on the T-shirts and buttons, but they will recoup the cost by selling them. The T-shirts say "More than Meets the Eye at Libraries", at present.

The local board will buy them from the South Central Regional Library System, who in turn will buy them from the Ontario Regional

Library System, as part of a province wide promotional scheme for libraries.

As part of a continuing effort to keep libraries in the public eye, the board authorized the setting up of booths at both the Acton and Georgetown fall fairs.

Mass on Thursday to mourn Pope Paul

St. Joseph's Catholic church in Acton will have a mass on Thursday to pray for the repose of the soul of the late Pope Paul VI. The Pope died on Sunday and will be buried next Saturday.

A mass will also be held at the Cathedral in Hamilton on Saturday.

The mass will be held at St. Joseph's on Thursday at 8 a.m.

\$4,000 dents

A total of \$4,000 in property damage resulted from a two-car collision on Mill Street West early Sunday morning. One car, driven by Jasmin Leveseur of Burlington, was westbound on Mill Street when the collision took place, state police.

The other vehicle was parked and unattended. It belongs to Lease Rite Corp. of Toronto.

Damage to the parked auto is about \$3,000, according to police, while the balance of the total figure is on the Burlington auto.

\$500 winner

Trevor Hoy, Jeffrey Ave., was last week's lucky winner of \$500 in the Toronto Sun's scrambled words contest. He was phoned Friday and told the good news. He'll be using the surprise sum for holidays, he thinks.



BACKING CAREFULLY between two trees, Mary Lake of Guelph manoeuvres her horse through the intricate obstacles during Sunday's Rockwood Trail Riders Trail Horse Trials. Story and more pictures on Page 10.

Cyclist hurt in crash

A bicyclist suffered slight injuries in a collision with a car in a private drive of a Kingham Road home at about noon Thursday.

Halton Region Police state William Collins, 9 years of age, was hurt and his bike damaged for about \$25 in the mishap.

Police state the auto driven by James Robson of R.R. 1 Limehouse was stopped in the driveway to check traffic when the cyclist approached.

Damage to the auto was nil said police.

Cars collide on Main St.

Two southbound cars collided on Main Street North near St. Alban's Drive Saturday morning.

Halton Regional Police estimate damage to the car driven by Clifford Storey of 127 Bower Ave. to be \$150.

Damage to the auto driven by Sharon-Lee Cann of Meaford is about \$800, state police.

Car strikes a tree

Santo Tonon of 10 Norman Ave. suffered minor injuries when the car he was driving left the 7th Line August 1 at about supper time and struck a tree.

Halton Regional Police estimate damage to the auto to be \$3,000.

Short causes fire

Acton fire chief Mick Holmes estimates \$50 in damages to a car owned by George Lee of 68 Churchhill Rd. S. on Monday.

The fire chief said the cause was a short in the wiring when Mr. Lee started the ignition.

Dog days

The hottest time of the year



ANYONE CAN play in the Acton Industrial Fastball League! Gary Copeland of Vans Welding attempts to retrieve a ball stolen by a spectator Monday. —Blame it on the heat!



MIGHTY CAESAR is a great watch dog—against ants. This part toy dachshund and part chihuahua has eyes bigger than its entire body . . . almost. He's ten weeks old and is expected to grow another few inches. After that however, he is going to have to get use to "short" jokes. He is owned by Did and Emily Price of Willow St.

Blue Ribbon for Free Press

The Acton Free Press has been awarded the Blue Ribbon award in the Canadian Community Newspapers Association competition. The Blue Ribbon means that this newspaper scored 80 per cent or more of the score awarded the first place newspaper in the competition class entered. Classes depend on the circulation figures of the newspaper.

The Blue Ribbon will appear weekly on the editorial page. The Free Press will be awarded a first for sports section and a third for spot news picture at the convention in Vancouver the middle of August.

