



**BATTLE OF THE ball** was fought in Acton's Prospect Park Sunday when the first annual Firefighters waterball competition was held. In the ladies' division, Milton team no. 2 won out

over Georgetown, team no. 2, to win first place title, a trophy and \$100 prize, to be donated to Muscular Dystrophy.

## Firefighters battle in waterball contest

Georgetown men and Milton women walked off with first place trophies at the first annual waterball competition held at Prospect Park Acton on Sunday.

The contest was originally scheduled for the Acton Fall Fair the weekend before, but was rained out the Sunday afternoon.

In the game, a steel ball is suspended between two hydro or telephone poles, on a wire. Two teams, using firefighters hoses, spray the ball and try and get it into the opponents' end. The water pressure moves the ball. The ball starts out in the centre of a 100 foot wire. It is 50 feet to each goal.

A time limit is also imposed—three minutes for men and two minutes for women. If neither team has scored in the designated time, the team with the ball farthest from the centre wins. Sixteen teams from Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Rockwood and Hillsburgh fire departments took part. Each team consisted of a nozzleman, a tailman, and two centre people. Some had separate captains, others had the captain working with the team.

In the men's division, Georgetown team no. 1 took first place. Milton men's team no. 2 captured second and Acton men no. 1 team took third.

In the ladies' division, Milton ladies team no. 2 earned the first place trophy and Milton ladies team no. 2 placed second. Georgetown ladies team no. 1 placed third.

The Acton fall fair board donated prize money of \$100 per category to the muscular dystrophy fund in the name of the winning team. Trophies were donated by Thompson Fuels and Ottaway Excavating.

Halton Hills fire prevention officer Larry Brassard said the event was a great success



and it is planned to make it an annual affair. Many people turned out for the competition both on teams and as spectators.

Winning Milton team members are: ladies team no. 2, Gail Coulson, captain and nozzle person, Bonnie Prior, Eileen McDougall, and Sharon Bradley, tail person; ladies' team no. 1, Judy Taziar, captain and nozzle person, Carolyn Marshall, Maryanne Elliott, and Margaret Ryan, tailperson; men's team no. 2, captain and nozzle person, Jim Coulson, Don Marshall, and Pat Ryan, tailperson, (they prefer a three man team.)

Georgetown's winning team members were: men's team no. 1, Bill Weir, captain, nozzle person, Keith Peacock, Bernie Egerton, Ernie Pearce and Ed Pearce, tailperson; ladies' team no. 1, Ronda Barber, nozzle person, Mary Pearce, Bev Hayes, and Marica Peacock, tailperson. Bill Weir was the captain.

Acton winning team members were: men's team no. 1 Ed McGilloway, captain, Dobbie Frizzell, nozzle person, Grant Withers, Bruce Fowler, tailperson.

Other Acton competitors were: men's team no. 2, Herb Dodds, captain, Larry Frizzell, nozzle person, Leo Synnott, John Dunn and Jim Thornhill, tailperson; men's team no. 3, Phil McCristall, captain, D. Shannon, nozzle person, John McNabb, Randy Ridley, and Ted Curtis, tailperson; ladies' team no. 1, Rhona Thornhill, nozzle person, Janet Marshall, Marg Dunn, and Janice Withers, tailperson, captain

Jim Thornhill; and women's team no. 2, Debbie Thornhill, nozzle person, Ann Ridley, Connie McCristall and Doreen McIntyre tailperson, captain, Larry Frizzell.

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## Signs of winter worry writer

by Doris Fines  
Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Howard were Mr. and Mrs. George Howard of Elgin, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Howard of Cooksville.

A warm welcome is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller who have just recently moved into the neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Miller come from Etobicoke, and are getting settled in their home at the Third Line corner.

What are the signs of a hard winter? I hope I'm wrong in what I am thinking. Have you noticed the seeds on the cedars. They hang there by the hundreds, making the trees look so brown. Just take a good look the next chance you get. I think I will wait for further signs before making my predictions on this winter's weather.

Speaking of weather, I need not mention how pleased I was to see the sun once more. We wanted rain. We got rain, rain, rain!  
The fall 4-H Homemaking projects are again getting underway. This time it is

## Volunteer painters for countryside home

Countryside, the residence for adult retarded citizens, is looking for volunteers who can offer elbow grease and

some painting time next Saturday. Painting of the residence, near Hornby, got started last

Saturday, and North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded president Edith Hillman said she hopes the job can be completed this weekend.

Countryside is on the east side of Trafalgar Road, just north of Steeles Avenue. For three years it has been the home of about 15 adults.



The Fair is always a source of a good chuckle—not from clowns or variety acts, but from just plain people watching. Friday morning in the poultry building, Day One of the fair, was saved from chaos by an elderly Kitchener gentleman trying to find his cages without benefit of good eyesight.

Looking for your own pre-tagged cages and determining whether the squawking bird in your hand is an 'A', 'B', 'C', or 'D' (signifying age and sex) is usually a little tension-producing, especially if several other people are running the same route.

I had six of Pat's fantail pigeons and two belonging to a friend to cage. First they had to have their tails preened and laced—an intertwining of the feathers to produce a good-looking upright tail. Most of the birds were only three months old and not only didn't have much tail, but were busily molting out what they had. So I was wandering around the building swearing under my breath as I vainly plaited the tail of the bird in my hand.

Fortunately, aforementioned gentleman was also there filling cage after cage with every kind of bird. He had a pickup truck resembling a pagoda, so loaded with carrying boxes it was. As most of his birds were in different categories, he also had to wander around looking for his tags, hampered by his failing eyesight.

He wasn't alone though. His long-suffering son was with him. However, as is usual in filial relationships, he wouldn't always believe what his son told him and many arguments ensued.

I, surreptitiously, tiptoed after them, casually arranging my pigeons but actually eavesdropping on their conversation and chuckling under my wing.

The young of the species? Another, rather relieved smile, came from watching young mothers hauling two or three small children around, yanking them from under the feet of the Carlsberg horses or dragging them out of the sheep. Boy, was I glad I could give mine five bucks and tell them to get lost.

Pony mothers had my utmost sympathy—those trying to deal with over-excited tense daughters throwing minor tantrums in the hitching ring because something or other was wrong with the course. One friend of mine had two daughters entered in the gymkhana classes while she was also dragging round her yearling daughter. Boy, do I remember those days!

Most of these mothers, friends of mine, would draw weary hand over brow uttering that they'd be glad when "all this was over" while I smiled sympathetically, hying myself off to another ring and hoped my kids would stay lost till five o'clock.

There's a lot to be said for growing older—so do the kids.

Accessories. The Final Touch. The girls make a hat, purse or shawl, also a scarf, and take a look at shoes, gloves and jewelry. The Mimosa group are holding meetings Monday nights at the home of the leader Mrs. James Taylor, with Mrs. Norman Goring assisting. Seven girls have already joined, with Kathy Adams president. They would welcome any girls 12 years or older who wish to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken spent a week at the home of their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hutchison and family at Elgin. Joan was suffering from a slight concussion and her parents were on hand to help out. We are pleased to hear she is feeling better.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pankratz who entertained a few friends on Saturday evening Sept. 16, to help them celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary.

Orientation night for the Ospringle Cubs is Wed. Sept. 27, from 7 to 8 p.m., in the Ospringle school gym. Any boys wishing to join will be welcome.

A workshop on The New Curriculum for Junior Language Arts was held at Ospringle school on Wednesday. The junior teachers of all the Erin area family of schools attended. The workshop was conducted by Jean Stevens, the junior consultant for Wellington County.

The bus patrols of Ospringle school attended a Safety Patrol Seminar at Ross R. MacKay school in Hillsburgh. The students received instruction on fire safety, first aid, and how to function as an effective safety patrol. OPP Constable Kidd was in charge of the seminar. Other instructors were an ambulance driver, and firemen Dave Sherratt and Fred Cox who were there with the township fire engine.

The association raises 20 per cent of its funds for operations, but the budget does not permit the hiring of professional painters. Mrs. Hillman said. The balance of the budget comes from government.

The Flowers of Hope appeal is one method the association raises its 20 per cent.

**Vandals strike**  
Two juveniles are suspected in connection with vandalism at Brookville School, on the Guelph Line, last week.

Several articles were stolen and others, such as the public address system, an xylophone, two tambourines and a dictionary, were damaged.

**Permits**  
The Town of Halton Hills issued seven building permits for the Acton area during August 1978, with a total value of \$93,090.

One commercial, addition, alteration, renovations permit was issued at a value of \$80,000. Two residential garage permits were circulated at a value of \$6,390, and four residential repair, addition, alteration permits were issued at \$6,700.

## Graduate at Milton

42 local volunteer firefighters received their certificates for completing a course at the Milton fire hall.

There were 12 graduates from Halton Hills. They included: Jim Payne, Craig Marchington, Bill Barber, Rick Appleyard, Peter Hayes, Bill Cunningham, Bernie Egerton, Randy Ridley, Larry Frizzell, John McNabb, Chris Tennant and Dave Shannon.

The course is basically a condensed version of what is taught at the Ontario Fire College, but also includes some of the most up-to-date techniques on rescue work and extinguishing a fire.

For many of those participating in the Halton Regional Firefighting School, the course served as a refresher, but it also introduced new methods that could spell the crucial difference between saving or losing a life.

According to Norm Atkins, instructor and advisor from the Fire Marshal's office in Toronto, the 40-hour session was well received by the 42 men who took part from all over Halton region.

**FUTURE firefighter**, 2-year-old Bryce Marshall and father Brent, president of the Acton Fall Fair board and firefighter, watch the first annual waterball contest Sunday at the park. The fair board put up the prize money for the event.

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