Proposal

Planning process change

If a change in the planning process suggested by town staff is adopted by Halton Hills planning board, a developer will no longer bring a presentation of a new development to planning board as the first step in the process.

Instead a plan of subdivision would go to the regional planning staff, who would then send it on to the Halton Hills clerk administrator.

Council would be advised there is an application for development, but no details would be known until the plan is circulated to all agencies, their comments returned and a report submitted by the planning staff. At this point a developer could make a

presentation to planning board if so desired. but is not necessary, said the planner. A report from Clerk Administrator Ken

Richardson on the suggested change, claimed the applicants would have to research their projects more thoroughly, and have more detailed engineering plans, than they have at present.

Councillor Roy Booth wondered if developers might feel they have a better chance by making a presentation themselves at the onset of the planning process, as they do now.

Hichardson pointed out there is still the opportunity to appear, but under the proposed procedure the plans may have been revised and may be more acceptable than at the initial stage.

"With the present practice sometimes a development is prejudged without staff reports," he commented.

Councillor Ross Knechtel contended the developer should know the contents of staff reports before planning board meetings, and pointed out they may have thousands of dollars at stake. "Planners are sometimes wrong," he remarked.

Councillor Pete Pomeroy said it might make more sense to him to have the planning department make a simple list of advantages and disadvantages of a proposal and without

comment submit it to the planning board. The clerk administrator replied there would be no need of a planning staff if there professional opinion is not asked. "Any clerk could do what you're suggesting." He said the change in process would not affect the political decisions to be made by elected officials.

"I don't want staff making political decisions," stated the mayor.

Councillor Harry Levy wondered if there would be an unnecessary load on staff, who would spend their time preparing reports and council might not want the development anyway.

Councillor Walter Biehn maintained the public would not know about an intended development in their area as quickly as they do now, and might tend to think something was being put over on them. He said it bothered him to "wash out the first presentation to the public," and claimed there is nothing wrong with public reaction at the beginning. He said he saw no advantage in the suggested change.

Booth suggested information would be kept from councillors longer this way, and hinted they would not be able to see "secret files." lie foresaw problems when staff reports favored and council disagreed. "If an appeal is made to the OMB it would show council has turned it down, but staff reports favor the plan."

A vote on the proposed change was deferred to give planning board members more time to study the suggestions.

The parks in the pro-

The Niagara Escarp- relations, public inment Commission in its to maintain the Escarpment, is recommending the creation of a 116parks Niagara Escarp-

ment Parks System. by the province.

The Commission recthe program.

recommends that the acquisition program include additions to the Bruce Trail as landindicate a willingness to negotiate trail easements or to sell strips of land for the

Commission's Proposed Plan describes System.

Bruce Trail Association, would manage the Trail while only five of them in a professional manner. declared bankruptcy. In The agreement, the

landowner

-Nature Reserve Parks to be preserved in as close to a wilderness

posed system would be

divided into three classif-

state as possible; -Natural Environrecreation

ment Recreation Parks for moderate intensity including camping, trails, hiking, scientific educational uses;

Recreation Parks offering a full range of activities recreation from camping to downhill skiing. The proposed Escarp-

Intensive

ment Parks System would form a sub-system of the provincial parks system with individual parks to be managed by the Ministry of Natural Resources or by conservation authorities.

Renewal stickers for motor vehicle licenses went on sale Saturday, throughout Ontario. Minister and Comsportation munications James Snow

said today. There are no increases in 1980 motor vehicle fees which remain at \$50 for a fourcylinder car, \$45 for a six and \$60 for an eight with an engine displacement of less than 6.5 litres. ()wners of eight-cylinder cars with an engine displacement of more

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New Year

than 6.5 litres, registered after Dec. 1, 1977, will pay \$80. 1980 stickers will be

blue on white in colour. For the first time, trailer owners will pay aone-time fee of \$25 good for the life of the vehicle. They will also receive reflectorized plates. Motorcycle registr-

ation fees remain at \$20. Registration fees for privately-owned passenger cars and motorcycles in the northern half of the province will continue to be \$10.

vehicle registration purposes, Ontario' "northern consists of the territorial districts of Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin, Parry Sound, Rainy River. Sudbury. Thunder Bay. Timiskaming and the portion of Nipissing lying north and west of Algonquin Park.







CARPET CORNER



To the Canadian Legion, Acton; Salvation Army, Guelph; IQDE, Acton and Churchill Church and Choir, Lions Club. . .thanks for a joyful Christmasi

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MAPLEVIEW LODGE

Joan Waldie, Staff and Residents

Parks system proposed

formation and trail

In the Parks System.

the Commission says, the

Bruce Trail would link

parks and natural feat-

ures on the Escarpment.

of the Bruce Trail-320

kilometres (200 miles)-

is on public roads, and

the Trail is no longer

continuous as it was once

before some landowners

refused the Trail passage

through their properties.

Commission Chairman

Ivor McMullin, "is to

reconstruction of the

ın taxes

A total of \$8,400.14 will

be written off Halton

achieve

location".

Trail in a

gradual

suitable

"The challenge" says

Currently, 45 per cent

development.

The proposed 95,844 acre system would be made up of 67,174 acres currently in public ownership in addition to 28,670 acres which the Commission recommends should be purchased

ommends that the province allocate funds over a five year period to complete the acquisition of the parklands and that Wintario be used in part to assist in the funding of The Commission also

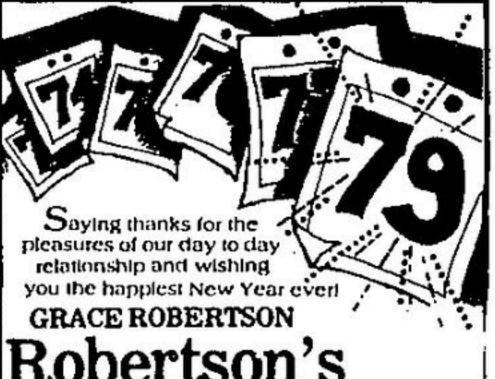
the Bruce Trail as "an essential component" of the proposed Parks to \$4,288.86. agreements in which the

Commission says, should

include provision for litter clean-ups, trail wardens.

Hills tax rolls. The taxes are deemed collectable. The town's share of the tax write-off amounts to \$2,873.42, the region's to \$1,237.86 and the board of education's Thirty-three businesses either ceased

operations or relocated a few cases of tax writeoff error had been made in tax certificates, or assessments had been duplicated.





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Comet Claus play about a futuristic Santa travelling

the galaxy. All the grades took part in the Christ-

guidelines passed

Merry Christmas and

seeking to build in a

section of the region

which had been declared

The OMB in its decision

sald the lack of any en-

vironmental guidelines

at the region had forced

the OMB to accept the

developer's environm-

adopted unanimounsly

The guidelines were

ental assessment.

environmentally sens-

mas concert.

pot luck supper. The paper pickup this month. Happy New Year to all.

Environmental guide-

lines designed to give the

region some leverage in

controlling residential

and industrial develop-

ment have been adopted

The need for guidelines

Planning

recently

Guelon & Laripest Specialty Lighting Store

Multi Bright

Ontario

was brought home to the

the

Municipal Board ruled in

favor of a developer

in total.

Regional

Committee

95 year old Mrs. Mills dies

Beavers had a Christmos

purty last week complete

The Cubs have spent

the last 3 weeks working

un a special Christmas

The Scouts had a night

out swimming and also

attended a District Scout

Fun Night at Joseph

Georgetown. The Fun

Night was organized by

the Limehouse Scout

Group Committee had

but only 8 people showed

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Gibbons School

leaders.

The Limehouse Public their Christmas meeting

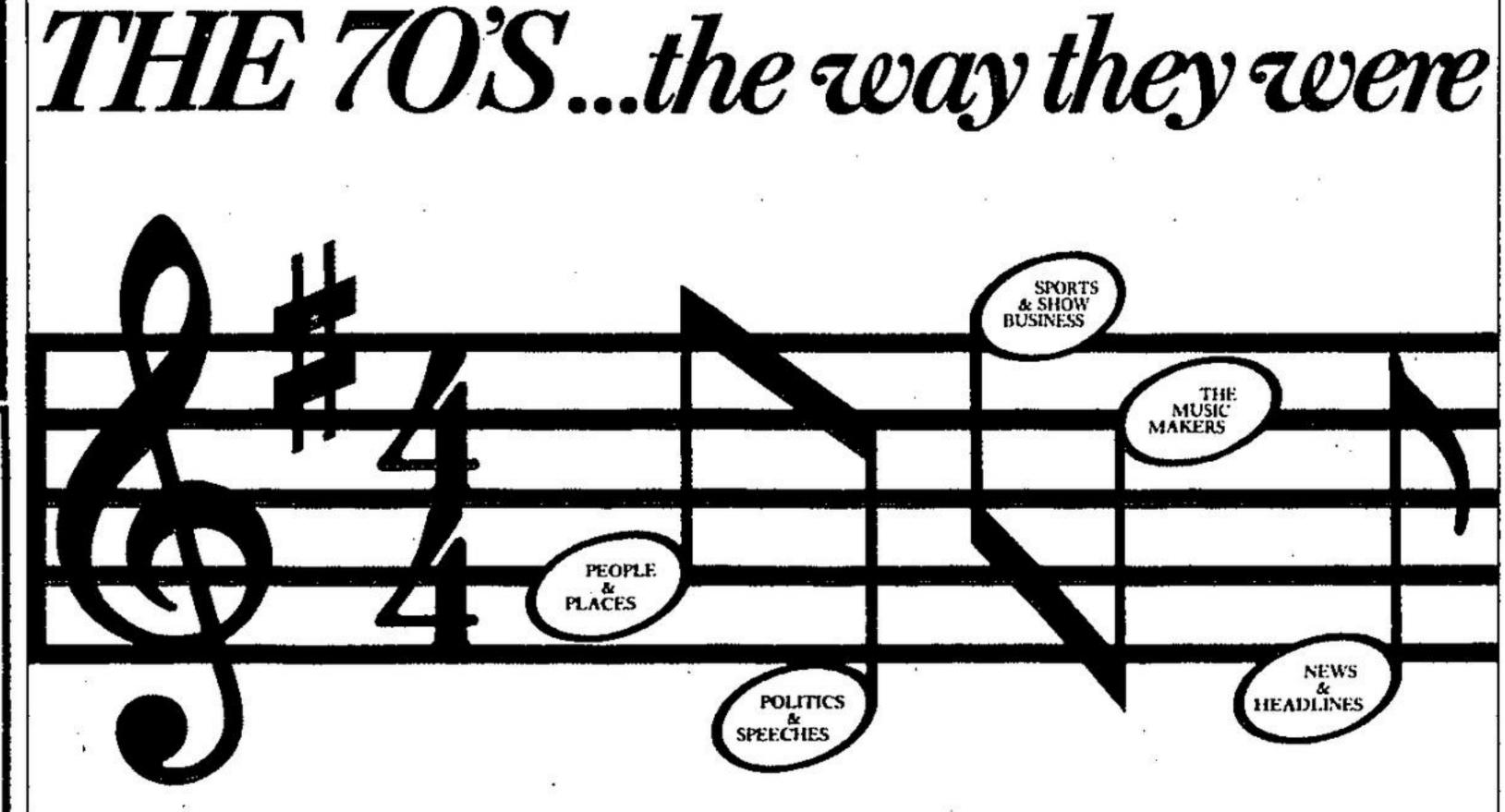
School students held their Dec. 13 in the Hall with a

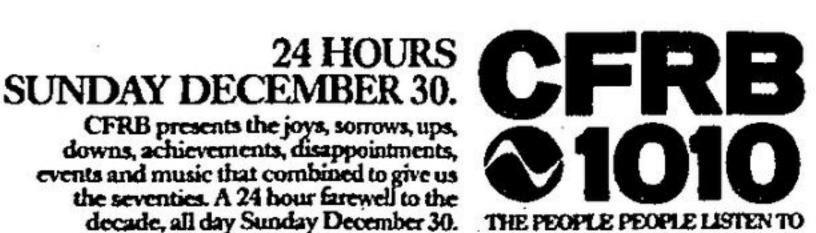
annual Christmas con- social evening following

with Santa Claus.

Hall for the Scouters Club up. There will be no









The Elves and the Shoemaker was the theme of a

skit put on by Speyside grade one and two students

December 18, (bottom). From the past to the future.

grades three and four took the audience with their

Limehouse

by Mrs. A.W. Benton

our dear friend Mrs. W.J.

LePoidevin) aged ninety-

live yearston December

12. We extend sympathy

Rev. P. Barrow, Rev.

Brampton'preached here

on Sunday! At noon the

Sunday School pupils en-

joyed a Christmas party

with games, making

decorations for their

tree, and ended with a sit

cert "Christmas Around

the World," With songs,

recitations. dialogues.

and dances all well acted to a capacity crowd on

We wish to extend Sea-

son's Greetings to all

those associated with the

Georgetown Independent

and Acton Free Press.

and its numerous readers throughout the country-

by Mrs. F. Hannoh

Scouts will be finishing

their tall program this

week with a combined

Christmas campfire in

Limehouse Hall. Each

section is taking part in

the program and there

will be a singsong and

refreshments. This will

complete a fairly busy

Five first year Cubs

attended a District Craft

Workshop where they

Beavers and Cubs.

learned 3 new crafts.

month for them.

Beavers, Cubs and

Monday exceing.

down dinner party.

Due to the illness of

Douglas

Mills :: Gertrude

to the family.

We regret the death of