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Council objects to listing pits...

(Continued from B 4)
 He explained at pre-council meeting with residents, representatives Harborow wondered why the only wayside pits listed out of 24 were the three in Halton Hills, and pointed out all the others are commercial licensed pits.
 He emphasized nothing had been said about possible water depletion, except the contractor is liable for any damage and is covered by insurance, and further no environmental impact study had been carried out.
 Harborow stated, "We felt we could support the contract if it was the last contract to be issued on the Spitzer, Pilutti and Odorico pits, but the MTC would not commit themselves to delist the pits, simply to study it."
 He said the MTC did commit themselves to no reopening of the Spitzer pit, and said there would be little material left in

the others, but would not say they would delist them.
 He concluded by pointing out if the MTC overrules council and is not prepared to make commitments on future operations, they will seek an opinion on their authority to do so.
 Dale Gunter, of the geotechnical division of the MTC, pointed out Bot Construction may not take the full amount of the contract from a Sixth Line pit. "We feel the full amount would about clean out the source, but I caution you we have to study the pit after Bot is finished."
 Councillor Russ Miller, a member of the council committee on the pits, said he felt if council refused outright they could lose the advantages of controlling pit operations on their own conditions. "I am upset that the only wayside pits out of 24 listed are in Halton Hills." He said he had hoped to negotiate but in light of the residents' strong opposition, he was not prepared to make any recommendation.
 Miller said the Odorico pit was the real stumbling block, and pointed out rehabilitation has started on the north end. "The MTC said only the southerly portion, which is 1,000 feet away from any home would be mined."
 Miller stated if the southerly part of the Odorico pit is not listed another wayside pit could suddenly appear somewhere else in the town.
 Gunter of the MTC said council had been asked for comments, and what conditions they wanted. "We listen we don't ride roughshod over the communities." He emphasized the resource use there to be used. "It's nuts to use high grade

aggregate from commercial pits, when lower grade aggregate is usable and cheaper. And the land can still be used after it's out."
 Councillor George Malby, another member of the council appointed pit committee, said the MTC had made verbal commitment, including the leaving out of the Spitzer and Pilutti pits and using only the southern end of the Odorico pit, now in return for council's listing of the Vincent, Cohoon and Odorico pits. "If we say now, we have to release them from their conditions."
 Councillor Roy Booth contended there must be other wayside pits within the 25 mile radius of the job.
 Gunter retorted by asking him to tell them where they are, since the MTC does not know of them.
 Mayor Pete Pomeroy said the latest information he had which he admitted was hearsay since he had not seen the report, stated there had been no detrimental effect on wells.
 Gunter said, "To use council's own words, I feel I've been led down the garden path. I thought we had an agreement with the council committee, after we made certain concessions for the betterment of the area."
 The mayor said the committee talked about delisting the Pilutti pit, but only have the promise of a study. Continuing he said the ground water study is not here, neither is the information on total tonnage. He said negotiations are not finished.

Eden Mills

New Year's dance 'Real neat time'

by Mrs. W. MacDougall
 Over the holiday season, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jennings entertained all of their family, including Mr. and Mrs. J. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jennings all from Acton.
 Recently, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jennings visited some former school mates, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Squires at Oakwood, and spent the weekend with Edith's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goode in Oshawa.
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rinehart spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Blacklock in Burlington.
 The Gilbertson ladies enjoyed New Year's dinner at the home of Mrs. Herb Gilbertson and Shirley, in Guelph; and another one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stevenson, Stoney Creek.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chamberlain and Mr.

attended the New Year's Eve dance sponsored by the community club had a real neat time, good music, good food and good friends.
 The Knox "Alert" Evening Group held their Christmas Pot Luck Supper in the Dr. A.C. Stewart Memorial Hall. After a bountiful supper, the group gathered together for the meeting, which the president opened with the Call to Worship and a welcome to guests and members, especially the two who had returned from Toronto for this special meeting.
 Babe Roszell opened the program with a solo "There's a Song in the Air" followed by a carol. Elsie Loucks and Babe continued the program with Christmas readings, scripture and more carols.
 Grubbe and accompanied by Karen Pitt on the guitar, sang a number of choruses, after which everyone enjoyed a short film about the Christmas story to the Baby's Birth.
 Tracey Haggart and Patricia Pierce said Grace before the tasty

January 16 at which time Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jennings will show pictures of their trip to Australia. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting.
 The Friendly Seniors had their first meeting of the year on Wednesday afternoon with 16 members present. Their next meeting will be on
 Lillian Berry and Marjorie Hall, and a lucky number contest was won by Elsie Loucks, Beth Smith and Mrs. Robertson.
 Marjorie Hall played for carol singing and with best wishes for a Merry Christmas, the last meeting of 1979 was closed with the repeating of the Mizpah Benediction.
 lunch, which was provided by the Sunday School and the A.C.W. ladies and a period of fellowship was enjoyed
 by all those present. The "Three Wise Men" presented gifts of candy and fruit to the children as they left for home.

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Epiphany party at St. Alban's

Following the 10:30 Eucharist Sunday, the congregation of St. Alban's Anglican Church was led into the parish hall by the Three Wise Men for the annual Epiphany Party.
 The children of the Sunday School, under the leadership of Terry

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Acting Mayors

Each Acton and Esqueving councillor in Halton Hills will serve one month in 1980, until council's term ends in November, as Acting Mayor.
 The Acting Mayor assists Mayor Peter Pomeroy during that month by attending some

No grants

There isn't a single Wintario grant for Acton among the 33 announced last week.
 The Ministry of Culture and Recreation revealed grants worth \$74,431 were approved for 33 projects in Halton.

Mild winter

Some winter clothing sales were down over Christmas because of the balmy temperatures (for winter) and dearth of snow, a survey of local merchants indicates. But, on balance Acton businessmen haven't been hurt as much as those elsewhere.
 There were gloom and doom reports and warnings of many impending bankruptcies from retailers in larger centres and malls over the holidays. It was supposed to be a disastrous Christmas season because of the unseasonably warm temperatures, lack of snow for several weeks and the sluggish economy.
 Sales of items like winter clothing and boots, snow removal equipment and winter sports equipment nose-dived.
 A survey this week of Acton retailers showed some clothing sales dipped but snow removal equipment and sports equipment sales were strong.
 Mike Kinal, of Acton Home Hardware, who sells many winter oriented items, reports it was his best Christmas ever. In fact, sales were up 18 per cent over the 1978 Yule season. Snowblowers, toboggans and skis moved very well.
 However, clothing stores like Toddlers to Teens can't report as good news.
 Flo Charlebois, owner of Toddlers to Teens, says lack of snow early in the winter slowed sales of items like snowsuits and mittens, although things picked up over the Christmas season.

Hurts sales a little

Although Mrs. Charlebois hasn't got any specific figures she says sales are down over 1978.
 Paul Nielsen of Nielsen's Clothing tells the same kind of story. Sales were down a bit early and then picked up at Christmas, which he described as "fantastic."
 Nielsen explains an early winter, with lots of snow, influences sales, but with the return of cold temperatures last week sans appreciable snow falls, has meant brisk business and heavy clothing like coats and sweaters are selling, just as they were before Christmas.
 Of all winter clothing items it appears boots sales were the hardest hit in Acton. Alma Swetman of Swetman's Shoes says sales have been "disastrous." She explained "If you don't have snow, you don't sell boots."
 Winter boots usually start selling heavily in October and carry through the Christmas season but this year Mrs. Swetman noted sales have been quite low. Fortunately, Swetman's doesn't carry a high inventory, she stated, so the store isn't as adversely affected as larger retail outlets.
 Heather Porte of Larry's House of Buys says sales of outer winter wear items like snowsuits, scarfs and mittens are down from last year while slacks and sweaters were about the same.
 The lack of snow has also cut into the towing business Les Pellett of Achilles Motors says. "I believe people have

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