Hotel clean-up

The site of the burned Dominion Hotel was cleaned-up last week. The owner Cosimo Mercuri hired a Toronto firm to do the work.

Sign of tough times as evictions double

Although high interest rates haven't created an upsurge of people leaving Halton homes, the numbers receiving eviction notices has doubled in the first three months of 1980 compared with the same period last year, according to Halton Sheriff Mac Sprowl.

"For the judicial district of Halton, with a total population of 240,000 a doubling in the numbers of writ of possession issued is not a healthy sign," the Sheriff said.

The writ of possession issued not only include homeowners unable to meet mortgage payments but also renters under the Landlord and Tenant Act. The majority of the notices are not foreclosures but involving renters, said Sprowl.

The unhealthy turn in the last year is one which has been building as times get tougher, according to the figures from the Sheriff's office. In 1971 the total writs of possession issued for the year was less than the number issued in just three months of this year. The population in 1971 was 190,034 compared with 204,248 in 1979. Sheriff Sprowl said he has seen the numbers increase over the years. "When I started here 17 years ago, in 1964 the total number for the whole year was the same as in January, 1980. People are having great difficulty paying the high rent and mortgage rates and it reflects in the Sheriff's office," Sprowl said.

Bell takeover of exchange June1

On March 26, 1980 a public hearing was conducted at the offices of the Ontario Telephone Service Commission into the sale of the assets of the Community Telephone Company of Ontario.

Bell Canada has agreed to purchase all 21 exchanges involved at a cost of 20.7 million dollars and June 1, 1980 has been given as the take-over date. The exchanges which are spread throughout the province including Erin township and Hillsburgh range in size from less than 200 telephones in the Strathroy area to more than 4,000 on the Dunnville exchange.

A representative of Bell Canada confirmed that Community Telephone customers will be paying less for the same service when they become part of the Bell Canada system. Community Telephone had recently proposed a ninety percent (90 per cent) increase in rates for these same customers with no additional increase in service. Also discussed was the fact that all Community Telephone employees have been interviewed and most will probably be hired by Bell Canada at an increase in pay.

Prior to announcement of the sale a number of citizens' groups were formed in Community Telephone areas to protest the limited service and high rates. The Erin/Hillsburgh Committee for Better Service plans to continue in operation, looking to Bell Canada to upgrade the telephone service to the same level as is found on surrounding Bell exchanges.

The Committee for Better Service is holding a public meeting on Wednesday April 9, at Brisbane Public School (24 highway and Erin Twp. Seventh Line). A new CBS executive will be chosen at this Bell Canada Information Night which will be attended by the Bell area manager from Guelph and the divisional manager from Kitchener.

Council back Davis tax

Halton Hills council refused to join North York council in demanding Premier Bill Davis live up to election promises to further reduce or eliminate property taxes further reduction of taxes for senior citizens the North York council would express lack of confidence in the provincial government.

In Davis' reply to the North York resolution he pointed out a single pensioner with a gross income of up to $5,000 and property taxes of up to $725, or rent of $300 a month will receive half his taxes in tax credits and a married pensioner can have gross income up to $8,000 with the same property taxes or rent and receive half his taxes in credits.

Davis emphasized municipalities can extend tax relief to senior citizens under the for the majority of senior citizens.

The North York resolution concluded by saying if the Conservative budget does not include provisions for the Municipal and School Tax Assistance Act and under the Municipal Elderly Residents' Assistance Act.

Councillor Ross Knechtel commented, "As a senior citizen I feel I have a right to comment. The last sentence in the resolution seems to threaten the provincial government. This is the wrong time, the wrong way and the wrong thing to do."

Halton schools hazard free

In the wake of the controversy surrounding the use of asbestos in Toronto schools, a Halton Board of Education official assures all is well.

Harley Lishman, of the board's plant operations, told trustees Thursday at Burlington: "There are no hazardous conditions in Halton schools."

He went on to say there is some asbestos used in mechanical rooms. The asbestos is around pipes. Lishman said that situation is being looked into.

Town to hire by-law enforcer

Halton Hills should have a by-law enforcement officer by this fall.

Monday Halton Hills general committee approved clerk-administrator Ken Richardson's report calling for a by-law enforcement officer to be hired by September.

Richardson reported the town needs a by-law enforcement officer to investigate complaints regarding by-law infractions. Examples of by-laws needing enforcement include noise, parking metres, fire route violations, garbage by-laws, anti-littering by-laws and dog control.

The by-law enforcement officer would also be the town licencing officer. Licences would include marriage licences, dog and kennel licences, lottery licences, transient trader licences and taxi licenses.

Parks plan public meeting

The town's master parks plan will be unveiled for taxpayers at public meetings at the end of April.

Monday Halton Hills council set April 29 for the public meeting in Acton. It will likely be held at the Acton Legion.

Until those meetings the master parks plan will be kept under wraps.

The master parks plan won't go to council for approval until after the public meetings.

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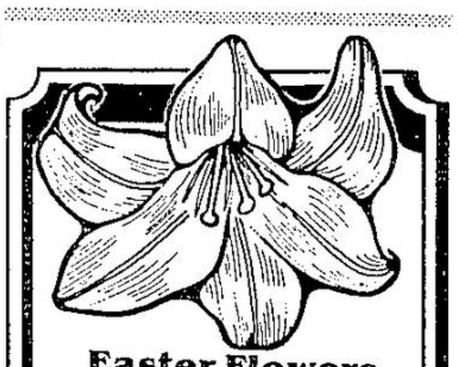
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