

News digest



David McKee is the first fulltime lawyer at Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic.

New legal clinic lawyer

Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic has its first fulltime lawyer.
David McKee, 30, started his work at the end of last month. A native of Toronto, he attended the University of Toronto and graduated with a BA, majoring in English. For three years he was employed by the Toronto YMCA working with young people who were heading for trouble.
He then returned to university to study law and recently completed the bar admission course at Osgoode Hall. While at university he worked at legal clinics in Toronto.
Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic operates in Acton Thursdays from 1 to 8 p.m. or any other time by appointment. The legal clinic is located in the Community Services Centre in the Murray Memorial YMCA building on Mill Street.

Frost won't hurt crops

There hasn't been any indication yet that the snowless winter or the deep frost will affect North Halton farmers' crops this summer, according to Halton Agricultural rep Henry Stanley.

Non-residents' library fees

Halton Hills library patrons better live, work or study here if they want to borrow books for free. One of the recommendations of the Halton Hills Library Board policy committee calls for non-residents who also don't work in the town or aren't students here to pay a \$10 yearly fee, \$20 for a family membership.

Phone rates up

Basic monthly telephone rates in Acton's 853 exchange go up this Saturday. Local Bell manager W. C. Salmon announced the 50 cent a month hike this week.
He explained growth in the number of phones in Acton and area has pushed the exchange into a higher rate category.
Monthly residential rates jump 50 cents to \$7.15 while business lines go up to \$21.05 a month from \$18.60.
Bell applied for this rate hike at the end of 1979 and Halton Hills was informed of the change in January. The Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) approved the rate increase for April 19 the last day of February.
This rate hike is not connected with the general rate increase Bell filed with the CRTC in February.

Variety store break-ins

Two variety stores in Acton, Jug City and Beckers Milk, were broken into and cash stolen on the weekend.
Beckers, on Queen Street, reported a theft of over \$200 when burglars broke in early Sunday morning. Police say they could not find any visible signs of entry.
Jug City, Main Street N., lost a considerable amount of cash police say, when thieves broke in Sunday evening through a window.

Road Needs update

The town is going to hire Phillips Planning and Engineering of Burlington to do its Metric Roads Needs Study Update. Halton Hills general committee decided Monday night to have Phillips carry out the work, at a cost of \$9,400. The town is required to update its Road Needs Study annually and the job will be bigger this year since the study will be converted to metric. Queen's Park subsidizes the study update.

Canada Week

Halton Hills is going to proclaim the week of June 25 to July 1 Canada Week.

Hymers principal

Milton resident and Acton Educator Carl Hymers is being promoted to rank of elementary school principal by the Halton Board of Education.
The appointment, sees Mr. Hymers transfer from Acton's McKenzie-Smith Middle School to Oakville's Linbrook school. The appointment becomes effective next September.
For three years Mr. Hymers was vice-principal at Georgetown's Centennial Middle School. He's held the same post in Acton for two years.
Mr. Hymers is an executive member of the Halton Public School Principals' Association. Mr. Hymers has left a mark as the convener for five years of the North Halton Public School hockey championship. Last year he coached in the annual tournament.



Daffodil Day

Acton cancer volunteer Sally Smith sells daffodils to Marie Tizzard of RR 2. Acton. It was daffodil day in Acton Saturday.

30 Acton letters

Anti-region petition gathering steam

A petition campaign to abolish regional government is gathering steam. Mike Majic, Waterdown, who is aiming to collect 100,000 signatures supporting the abolition of regional government, reports he now has over 3,000 names on petitions and letters, a 2,000 name increase in the past week.
Majic said he has now received over 30 letters, but no petitions yet, from Acton. Those letters con-

tain over 50 names. He said he has contacted people involved in the Actonians for Action Committee a few years back and is asking their help in setting up a public meeting in Acton so he can collect many more names of people living here, in Esquewaugam, and North Nassagaweya, who are opposed to regional government.
Actonians for Action presented a brief to Queen's Park calling for

this town's removal from Halton region and Halton Hills and permission for Acton to become an independent municipality again. Actonians for Action's brief was backed by a petition containing over 2,000 signatures.
Majic is hoping residents here will start circulating his petitions in the area. Majic address is RR1, Waterdown, Ontario, L0R2H0.

Strike may be over

Strike between Halton Region and its 120-member outside workers union may be over this afternoon.
An emergency Regional Council meeting was held Monday at 8:30 a.m. at which councillors were

presented with a copy of a new agreement which both sides had tentatively agreed upon.
Councillors have given the tentative settlement their approval and have authorized Region Chairman Jack Rafitis and

Clerk Garfield Brown to sign on behalf of Halton, if the agreement is signed by the union.
It is hoped the agreement can be signed by both sides in time for a meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee this morning which was expected to recommend the agreement go into force.

Approve walk

A sidewalk will be built on Willow Street beside the old Pro Hardware shop which is being redeveloped as a five store mall.
Monday Halton Hills general committee decided the town will share costs for a sidewalk beside the stores and the present storage building, which will be redeveloped later.
The town will spend \$1,780 for its share of the sidewalk as well as pay 50 per cent of the cost to pave between the road and the new walk.

Engineer Robert Austin said no money was allocated in the budget for this sidewalk so the funds will be taken from the sidewalk maintenance budget and some work will be dropped for this year.
No details of the settlement are to be released before it is approved.
The members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 636, have been without a contract since Jan. 1.

Seniors Apts. to be ready for May?

Senior Citizens apartments on Elizabeth Drive may be ready for occupation by the first of May.
Final inspections by both the Halton Housing Authority and provincial project general inspector, Brian Harris, should take place this week.
Approximately six weeks behind schedule, the project has been plagued with minor difficulties, including a couple of mechanical problems, according to Harris.
"This definitely has not been their (contractors') month." There are a few things the contractor still had to straighten out, Harris explained.
As soon as the final inspection is complete and any minor changes made, Halton Housing Authority will be able to take ownership for the region.

Ann Gabriel, spokesman for the Halton Housing Authority, says applications will be processed as soon as they receive possession and potential tenants will be contacted "within a day or so."
"We have no date yet and we're anxious to get one," she comments.
Applications are handled by a local committee which will make recommendations to the housing authority according to former Halton Hills councillor Pat McKenzie.
Regional Construction Manager for the Ministry of Housing, Bob Smith, is unable to give a definite date of opening.
The 52 unit building appears complete from the outside. Landscaping is underway, trees are in place and staked.

Appliances are to be provided with apartments. Fiftyone of the one-bedroom units will be available for seniors. One two-bedroom unit is reserved for a caretaker.
Acton residents awaiting word on the opening are anxious but resigned to the wait.

Mrs. C. K. Browne who has lived across from her former store on Main Street North for 22 years says she wants to know if and when she'll be moving because she wants to give a month's notice at her present apartment. Fortunately she is not tied to a lease, but rents month to month. However, the stairs she has to climb are getting her down, she says.
Mrs. Isabel Watson says "It would be nice to know" when the apartments will be ready. The former head librarian has been living with family for the winter after ill-health forced her to give up her Mill Street apartment. However, she is now well enough to cope with her own dwelling, she says, and is waiting for some word on building completion.
Mrs. Watson will have to give up her pet poodle, Teachie, because the apartments don't allow animals, she says. Her 12-year-old pet will stay with her son's family. "You just have to have patience, I don't know what else."

Seniors living in apartments with signed leases are anxious to coordinate moving dates before new leases must be signed. Other residents are unconcerned and don't even know if their applications will be accepted. One married couple feel the apartments may be too small for all their furniture.

Aerial ladder for Fire Dept.

For the first time, Halton Hills Fire Department will have an aerial ladder to help them fight fires.

Chief Mick Holmes told council Monday night it had been planned for many years and this year had been included in the budget. He said he now wanted authorization to go to tender.
Holmes said he, and Deputy Chief Bob Hyde had done a lot of investigation before recommending a 75 foot telescopic water tower and aerial ladder, over a 75 foot platform type vehicle. He added the department will have an aerial ladder to help them fight fires.

The Chief said the type of construction at present makes the aerial ladder necessary. He hoped but could not guarantee the tender would come within the budget.
Holmes said a fire on the Main Street of either Acton or Georgetown would need an aerial ladder. He said both lives and property damage could be saved with this type of equipment and said rescue work is much easier.
Council approved the aerial ladder going to tender.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
A CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND ACTON
Dublin W.I. Euchre and Bake Sale, April 19th, 1980, St. Alban's Hall 7:30 p.m.
Nassagaweya Women's Institute Spring Euchre Thursday, April 17 at 8 p.m., Brookville Hall, Guelph Line. Lunch included. Quilt draw and door prizes.
Acton Minor Hockey Assoc. dance Acton Legion, April 19, 1980, 9:00 p.m. Disc Jockey. Tickets from executive members or at door.
Saturday, April 26th, 1980, the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded are celebrating their 25th Anniversary at the Bayrischer Hof, Milton. Mr. Julian Reed MP, is Master of Ceremonies for the evening. 5 course dinner, wine and door prizes included. For tickets call 877-8557, 877-2260 or 853-2588.
Watercolours by Ron Warnock an exhibition and sale of the artist's work at the Georgetown Public Library, April 15-19.
How to start a new business presented by the Ministry of Industry and Tourism and Halton Hills Public Libraries at Cedarvale Community Centre, Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m.

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