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## Stops used in Georgetown but don't work in Acton?

For people who don't seem to like to control speeding on residential streets with stop signs, members of Halton Hills council from outside Acton, particularly Georgetown, certainly seem to have a lot of three and four-way stops right in their own wards. Maybe they help reduce speeding only in Georgetown but not in Acton.

Since the beginning of the year the Acton issue which has occupied council's time most has been speeding and stop signs.

There have been complaints about the problem from residents on five streets.

So far council has supported residents on two streets, rejected stop signs for another, sent a fourth back for more study and somehow forgotten all about the fifth street.

Generally Acton's three representatives have supported residents in their bids for stop signs to curb speeding.

The trouble has been convincing councillors from Esquering and Georgetown that the only viable solution available now to solve the speeding problem is stop signs. A couple of Georgetown councillors have been particularly adamant in their opposition to stop signs.

That seems very odd. Driven down Delrex Boulevard in Georgetown lately?

Delrex is a long, winding street. There is one school on the street and two others in close proximity.

It's not all that unlike Church Street, Churchill Roads North and South, Cobblehill Road and McDonald Boulevard.

It's an street easy to speed on. Except it's not so easy the past few years because every couple of blocks you have to stop.

There's lots of other examples of stop signs being used to reduce speeding around the bigger urban area of Halton Hills.

It's hard to say why some councillors have suddenly become shy about putting up stop signs.

Maybe they've finally decided

to listen to engineer Bob Austin, who for years now has been saying stop signs don't control speeding except right around the sign.

If that's the case, however, why did they wait until now to follow Austin's advice so frequently?

All studies indicate the engineer is right. Stop signs aren't all that effective in slowing traffic down. They shift traffic to other streets, annoying still more homeowners as has been the case with Longfield Road since the Churchill South stops went up. Drivers often ignore stop signs. They waste gasoline.

The question then is why are there so many in Georgetown? Why haven't they been taken down?

It's easy to say they don't work and the answer is police enforcement.

That's very true, except the councillors know with just a couple of policemen in Acton most shifts they are a little too busy to catch speeders.

True the police are beefing up speed traps in north Halton for the next few weeks because of several fatalities in Georgetown and Milton, but they admit it will be short term.

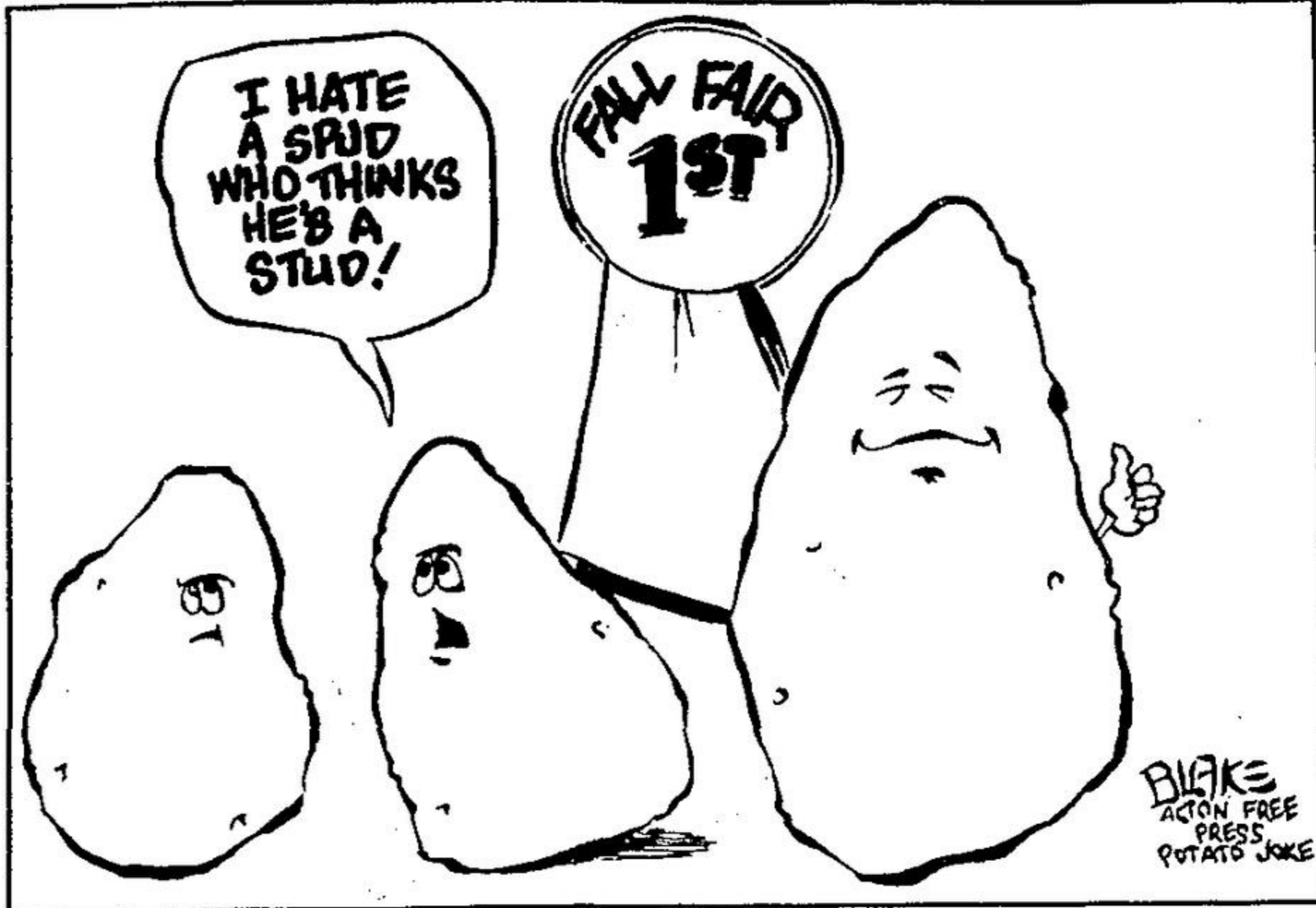
Yes, it's easy for staff and councillors to say the speeding problem is a police matter. They know policing is under the region and police commission. Without a lot more money policing won't improve in Acton much next year.

So, they say stop signs don't work.

But, except for Churchill North where they came up with some remedies few expect will work, staff and council have come up with no alternatives.

We can only conclude residents on a number of streets here must just live with speeding, something that the homeowners on Delrex Boulevard in Georgetown aren't nearly as concerned about anymore.

Stop signs are better than nothing.



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## On the Leavell

With Helen

The Murray family of Church Street took advantage of fall fair weekend to hold a family reunion. More than 20 people attended the Sunday event, coming from as far away as Huntsville and Toronto.

The fair always brings out a lot of familiar faces that seem to disappear from one September to the next. Students come home from colleges and universities for the weekend, and those working in other towns and cities make it back also. Old and new acquaintances were renewed steadily on the weekend.

To get into the fall fair spirit, the Inland Publishing Co. Limited Acton composing room staff dressed up as cowboys last Tuesday, complete with hats, six shooters, cowboy boots and whatever western garb we had at home. The whole idea was foreman Alex Chidley's brainstorm. Alex doesn't live in Acton, but he is well known among several downtown merchants for his kooky antics. It was also his idea for several of his staff to march downtown at lunch time, with their costumes still on. If

anyone saw any cow pokes around noon Tuesday, you now know what was going on.

All entries in the photo contest will be mailed to the owners as soon as possible, except where other arrangements have been made. Please give us a few days to get the photos out to you as there are many entries and lots of envelope licking to do.

Among the names who should be kicking themselves for not being at the Acton draw Saturday morning are \$350 prize winner Monica McKay, who would have won an additional prize of 20 Rotary Club Beef Draw tickets, and smaller bonus prize losers John McNabb, of Bower Ave., Esther Taylor of Main St., John Buckman, Mansel Nellis, and others.



Employees of the Inland Publishing Co. Limited Acton composing room got into fall fair spirit Tuesday by dressing up in cowboy garb. On the floor is Dave Dodds with Mary Watson beside him. Second row, Shirley Hunter, yours truly, foreman Alex Chidley (who we bid a fond farewell to on Friday), Dolores Rowell and Doreen McLean. Third row, Jim Donovan, Bev Landriault, Doris Ella (hiding Norein Harris), June Jansen, Partially hidden by Irma Coles cowboy hat, JoAnn Duval, Reta Rowell, Evelyn Watson, Susan McCallum, Nellie Harbers and Tim Coles.

## Back issues

### 10 years ago

September 23, 1960

Acton fair chalked up another success. Fair president Bill Nelles and his directors were delighted. Anita Thibodeau broke a tie in the Miss Acton Fair judging with a talented mime of how to change a tire. Finalists were Rosemary Bird, Dolores Jordan, Margaret Slaven and Karen Atkinson. There were 21 in the contest.

There were three sets of twins entered in the baby contest. Placing first were Barbara and Beverley Dunn. There were 79 entries.

Other winners included Kelly Frizzell, Karne Donkersloot, Deborah Lynn Mellon, Ronald Arpa, Wayne Paul, Darrell McCallum, Jamie Sheridan, Richard Feenstra, David Hebden, Susanne Mellon and Kimberly Lloyd.

Charlie Kirkness was M.C. and Mason Knit donated prizes.

The old time fiddlers contest drew eight entries and directors felt they should go ahead with it another year. Eleanor Moorehead of Fergus was the winner.

The horse show on the old race track was capably run by Jesse McEnery. Nino Braida ran the cattle show in his inimitable manner.

A sidewalk fashion show was held by Milady Boutique before the fair parade. John and Rosemarie Coniglio modelled as well as several young people.

Saturday after midnight workmen started to pull down the midway.

### 20 years ago

September 22, 1960

An estimated 5,000 people entered the gate Saturday afternoon for a most successful fair. The Friday evening show took on an entirely new format this year. The horse show was dispensed with and in its place was a stage show featuring Acton Scottish Dance Club and a comedian. Acton Chamber of Commerce arranged an industrial display. Coronus Shoes and Beardmore had a special display of "shoes through the ages." Roy Dunk won the main draw.

In the parade, top marching honors went to Miss Heather Jackson's grade four class with Mrs. Norman Turner's grades five and six second. Winners with decorated bike and buggles were Mary Rogers, Ann Watson, Doris White, Susan Lawrence, Colin Price, Kevin Jordan, Elizabeth Hurst, Jane Watson and Pauline Wasowicz.

Reeve J. Milne of Nassagaweya officially opened the fair and Mayor John Goy also welcomed the crowd.

Poultry exhibits reached an all-time high. There was also class for ponies this year and judges were forced to divide the class because of the number of entries.

The Aberdeen Angus exhibit was classed by many as the highlight of the show.

### 50 years ago

September 25, 1930

The new power line to the Beardmore plant has been completed. The service will be connected Sunday when there will be a brief power interruption.

Water service is being installed in the Wonderland Theatre.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Hall with 38 attending. The speaker was Miss Bliss, superintendent of Guelph General Hospital. Mrs. Cameron Leishman and Miss Lizzie Orr favored with a duet. A quartette of high school girls, Misses Bessie Rawlins, Lorraine Wilson, Laura Hall and Irene Flowers rendered a couple of numbers.

The Lakeside chapter of the IODE held a shower at the home of Miss Vera Hurst for Miss Marie Lantz.

The annual field day of Acton Public and Continuation Schools was held in the park. A booth, operated by the schools, did a lively business.

The young people of Ballinadach church are having a corn roast at the home of Mr. Robt. Shortill.

A successful Township School Fair was held in Exhibition Park in Rockwood. The Women's Institute had refreshments in a tent.

Bannockburn School Fair was held on Tuesday.

### 100 years ago

September 23, 1880

The citizens complain about Council not enforcing the Cow Bylaw. Nine cows were seen on the street last night about nine o'clock.

The Brass Band have undertaken to induce Rosa D'Erlina, the celebrated vocalist, to give one of her concerts in Acton in October.

Mr. Joshua Van Allan, a much respected citizen of Halton, has died at the ripe old age of 78. He was born in the city of Toronto (then called Little York) in the year 1802.

There has been no council meeting in Milton for nine weeks, since councillors say there is no business to attend to. Milton requires the services of neither a constable or a council. Poor dead town.

New sidewalks will be built on Church, Willow and John.

Our streets were deserted the past week, owing to the Toronto Exhibition. During the week 293 tickets to Toronto were sold, 180 of them on Friday.



Samantha Bould captured first place in the Baby Show's girls seven to 12 mos. category. Randy and Dorothy Bould are her parents.



Boys 7 to 12 mos. category winner Joshua Wilson is too young to know he's surrounded by other winners. Behind are first runner-up Gwyneth Gibb, Miss Acton Fall Fair 1980 Lisa McGrath, and second runner-up Kym Laklin. He's the son of Pearl and Jim Wilson.



Wee Maria Avory took top honors in the girls' 13-18 mos. class at the fair. She's the daughter of Patricia and Larry Avory.



Gwen and Martin Smith are the proud parents of wee Amelia who won the four to six mos. class.

## Baby show best ever

by Helen Murray  
It looked like a baby buggy derby in the arena Saturday afternoon as 113 registered babies to vie for the top prizes in the fall fair annual baby show.

Judges Rochelle Cunningham, Norma Sewell, Rosemary Kenny, Bev Miller, Bernice Kinal and Marie Pruetter judged 109 of the 113 registered. (The others failed to show up). Organizer Carmela Cobham says this year's turn out is the best ever. Others on the committee

were Mrs. R. Cooksley, Mrs. C.A. Aitken, Mrs. W. Linham, and Mrs. R. Hignett. Donors of prize gifts were Acton Pharmacy Limited; Acton IGA Foodliner; Greenock Women's Institute; Bannockburn Women's Institute; Dublin Women's Institute; Toddlers to Teens; Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Cobham; Acton Agricultural Society; Ladies; Glenlea Drug Mart and Larry's House of Buys. Five sets of twins were entered this year, the

most ever, m.c. Maggie Hall noted. First place went to Donald and William Hilton sons of Susan and Bill of Acton. David and Timothy Franklin, sons of Mike and Lynn also of Acton took second prize. In the girls 13 to 18 months, Maria Ivory was the winner. She is the daughter of Patricia and Larry Ivory. Second place went to Sandra Tibben, daughter of Nancy and William Tibben. Todd Schonop took the boys 13 to 18 months red

ribbon. He is the son of Rosemary and Samuel Schonop. Second prize in that class went to Brian Barnhart, son of Robert and Barb Barnhart. In the boys seven to 12 months, Joshua Wilson, son of Pearl and Jim Wilson was first prize winner. In second place was Christopher Tatham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tatham. In the girls class of that age group, Samantha Bould of Rockwood, daughter of Randy and

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Brothers Donald and William Hilton took first place in the Twin class of the Baby Show. They are the sons of Susan and Bill Hilton.