

## Legion happenings

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Although the skating on the lake was difficult it was a fine day to get out and watch the kids enjoying themselves at the winter carnival. Snowmobile rides and the horse drawn cutter were the favorites with hot chocolate not far behind. The newly attired clowns came in many sizes, however they are still a predominantly round bunch and added a lot of fun to the day.

The shuffle board competition was a great success. A pair from Niagara Falls took first place with Ron Hagan and Wayne Wilson of Acton coming second. Tony Lambert of Acton paired with Francis Beaverston of Milton to take fourth place.

The auditorium was a hive of activity with the Kub Kar Rally. When I looked across the lake on Saturday morning the parking lot was crowded and I thought I was missing something.

Our cribbage team played shoulder to shoulder at the Beamsville Branch but were unable to take any honors. They won eight out of 14, so better luck next year.

There is still some help needed for the pee wee tournament this Saturday and Sunday. While we are on the subject don't forget the hockey breakfast on Sunday in the auditorium.

Hope you all received your letter from the president regarding the golden years celebrations. Tickets for the Anniversary Ball next month are going very quickly so get on down to the branch if you want one.

The photographs of members in their uniforms are mounted and on display at the Branch. They should bring back a few memories, if not a measure of surprise for younger members, such as myself.

We received a letter of appreciation for Christmas remembrance from Conrado Bill Middleton on behalf of himself and other World War I vets. A Buchanan, Jim Inglis, Jack Milne, Bob Turner and Fred Wright.

Comrades Doug Guthrie and Art Daigle are home and we wish them a speedy recovery. Comrade Jack Ridley is in Guelph General for tests and I am sure you all join me in wishing Jack a quick return home.

## Council backs death penalty

Haltom Hills council wants the death penalty brought back for cop killings.

A routine motion to receive and file a pro death penalty resolution from Hamilton-Wentworth was withdrawn after objections from several councillors.

Monday night Council then supported the resolution.

Hamilton-Wentworth has called on Ontario and Ottawa to make the minimum jail term for carrying a firearm while committing a crime to be 20 years.

The neighboring region also urged "if a criminal shoots and kills a policeman while taking part in a crime the death penalty should be invoked and subject to no appeal to cabinet."

Councillor Walter Blehn predicted the resolution won't likely do much good, but felt the council should make a statement on the issue.

He said he has long been bothered with the abolition of the death penalty. Blehn observed hanging is horrible and archaic but there are quick and simple ways to

take a life, such as painless injections.

He said the death penalty should be imposed any time a person is murdered during a crime, not just for cop killers. "A person is a person" regardless if they are wearing a policeman's uniform.

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## Council wants Ont. fire code

Haltom Hills has backed a call for an Ontario Fire Code.

Monday night council endorsed a resolution from the Borough of York urging the province bring in the proposed fire code as soon as possible. York pointed to the increasing number of fires in high-rise buildings such as hotels, nursing and lodging homes which have resulted in deaths and injuries.

York noted there are inadequate fire safety regulations for buildings constructed before the Ontario Building Code was instituted in 1975. The proposed fire code would require testing of fire safety equipment and building inspections, emergency planning by people running high-rise buildings, holding of fire drills and an updating of existing fire safety equipment.



Three-month-old Jennifer Chaves watches as her grandmother Pauline Barlow pours some syrup on a serving of pancakes during the Optimist Club's Valentine's Brunch Sunday in the Family Restaurant. Mrs. Barlow, president of the Optimists, was one of many people who took advantage of the brunch. Restaurateur Andy Katsilleris, who is also an Optimist Club member, was kept busy serving up pancakes, bacon and sausages. Club President Dave Hall says the winners of door prizes hold tickets: 439024, 439011 and 439042. All proceeds are going towards the club's community projects.

## Landscaper appeals for cemetery job

The Ontario Association of Landscape Architects again urged Haltom Hills councillors to consider giving the Fairview Cemetery study to a Canadian firm.

Nick Van Vliet, President of the association, urged councillors recently to look closer to home for an architect.

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"It's important because of the economic and work situation as it is. It is a shame to have the work done by a firm from south of the border," said Van Vliet.

He was referring to the recommendation from town engineer Bob Austin that the New York State firm of Grever and Ward be given the job. Austin described the American firm as a leader in cemetery design.

The job has been referred to the town's budget committee for consideration.

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## RC school rezoning approved

Haltom Hills council approved the rezoning of property on Mill St. West Monday night where the new separate school will be built.

Last month a public meeting was held to deal with the rezoning for the new school and there were no objections, but there was much community support.

Planning staff recommended council approve the rezoning

subject to a number of conditions. Haltom Separate School Board will have to enter into a development agreement with the municipality and agree to site plan control by the town.

The board must give the town a little land for road widening, and submit grading and drainage plans, detail how storm drainage will flow on and off the site and develop plans for

parking, loading and access, snow removal and storage, flood lighting, garbage storage and utility vault locations to the satisfaction of the town engineer.

The engineer has also instructed the board to conduct a traffic study in the school area, looking at street lighting, speed limit, school crossings, parking restrictions, school bus loading zones and turning movements

at the entrance to the school site and the intersection of Mill and Cobblehill Rd.

The health unit will have to approve the

septic system for the school and when there is sewage capacity the school will have to be hooked into the municipal system.

## BIA guest pushes Leathertown image

All that separates Acton from almost sure success as a people magnet is a logo, a symbol, according to the Business Improvement Area's (BIA) guest speaker.

Chip Petrillo, the guest speaker, pep-talked the 24 BIA diners at the Legion Monday night. Petrillo is one of many town business folk wound up in the Leathertown promotion.

The BIA audience learned that all the components for a complete Leathertown image, one that would transform Acton into Leathertown, Canada, are in town.

Petrillo's inventory includes: Beardmore, Superior Glove, Helliers and the Olde Hide House. "There are no missing parts. The only missing part is a logo," said Petrillo.

"The promotion of the idea would come with the promotion of the logo. Leathertown could be a

theme in Acton's Fall Fair," he said.

The Leathertown committee already has a strong commitment to a logo, indicated Petrillo. "We're gonna need assistance from the whole community." One way to gain that help is to explore the town's history.

Once a symbol or logo has been selected, it can be promoted. The town and area has attractions which can draw people five million within 50 miles to town. Petrillo noted the area's at-

tractions, such as, the Bruce Trail, the Radial Railway, Chudleigh, the facilities for camping, and skiing.

"The ultimate benefits are mind boggling". Petrillo also mentioned about starting a leather museum which would illustrate the town's history.

"We delete the small, the negative, and accentuate the positive—the history."

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