

No garbage bin for Acton

Acton isn't going to get a garbage bin at the sewage plant or the works yard because the regional and town engineers feel the container at the old dump in Georgetown is close enough to serve Acton's needs.

Last summer Councilor Terry Grubbe asked Halton Hills council to push the region for a garbage bin Acton and area residents could use at the sewage plant or any other appropriate location.



Acton Co-Op Nursery will hold a three-hour open house and registration evening next Tuesday starting at 7 p.m. Parents will have a chance to see some of the nursery's new equipment including a parachute toy which is being used in the above photo. Marissa Fread, Greg Luck and Carolyn Montgomery enjoy playing with the red and white parachute. The nursery also has a new climber on order.

Whiting says Higher than expected 1980 budget deficit

Auditors going over Halton region's books for 1980 have bad news for taxpayers, although they haven't determined how bad the news will be.

Acton regional councillor Dave Whiting said this week chief administrative officer Dennis Perlin has revealed the 1980 deficit will be larger than the \$350,000 originally projected. Perlin and the auditors aren't saying how much larger the budget hole will be.

Whiting said councillors should soon know the "final figure" for all deficits in all accounts for both 1979 and 1980.

Ever since last summer, when 1979 deficits first surfaced, deficit horror stories in various accounts have been coming out in dribs and drabs. A total figure has never been revealed.

Whiting says councillors have demanded to be told by staff a single line final figure without a confusing explanations.

Last week he predicted, based on current budget figures, the regional taxes on an average assessed home in Acton would go up \$35, from \$70 to \$105. Acton's average assessment is \$4,457.

He says 36 per cent of the \$105 average Acton tax will go towards financing the police department.

Whiting explained the regional police force, which hasn't completed its budget, estimates they'll be looking for 25.1 per cent more money than they received in 1980. Policing will eat up an estimated \$15.6 million of the region's total budget of \$41.6 million.

Increases in other budget items include: general government 31.2 per cent; public works 14.7 per cent; health 18 per cent; welfare 24.9 per cent; day care 32.8 per cent; Halton Manor 17.7 per cent; Children's Aid 15.5 per cent; recreation and community services 23.1 per cent planning and development 27 per cent. Overall the budget is up 22.7 per cent over 1980. Grants are down 13.6 per cent.

Ever since February councillors have been working to trim the budget and lopped off \$1.1 million.

However, Whiting said, Perlin reports that has been wiped out by increases in areas the region doesn't directly control like police and conservation authorities.

In fact, items from outside bodies have now added \$151,000 over the originally proposed budget before it was trimmed and \$361,000 to the regional tax levy.

Highland games

The Highland Games received the Town's permission to hold a cheerdance again this year during the June 13 annual event.

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At 63 he still step dances and plays with the Sunshine Band. You'd never know that Bert Davidson first heard he had cancer 17 years ago.

Today is the start of cancer drive month and Bert Davidson is one person supporting the fund all the way.

His is a positive story as are many these days. Research and improved medicine are preventing more cancer deaths each year.

Bert had a malignant tumor removed from his bladder in 1964. At the time he said the news he had cancer didn't affect him as badly as hearing the same news 15 years later.

The first time, he had two small lumps taken out and said he felt "down in the dumps" for a while but his doctor reassured him the prognosis was favorable.

There was no sign of any recurrence until two years ago when Bert learned he had two more malignant bladder tumors to be removed.

"It really took the wind out of my sails" he says. But it didn't take long for him to get his confidence back.

"I haven't let it worry me - I just don't think about it," he adds which is probably why he's feeling so well.

Five weeks of x-ray treatments followed the last surgery and Bert was back dancing soon after.

He thinks his positive attitude helped his recovery.

"Worrying does more harm than good" he philosophizes.

Bert Davidson certainly doesn't seem to be worrying. He's on the go entertaining, playing and dancing with the Rockwood Sunshine Club.

"I love dancing - I've done it since I was 10-years-old."

At that time Bert was kidnapped into a square dance as an extra man and he was hooked.

He loves old time music and has called square

dances most of his life - "I wish I had a dollar for every set I've called", he smiles.

Bert has lived all his life in Acton, farming 200 acres on the Second Line (now highway 25) just north of town with his family. He and his wife Irene now live in a bungalow built on the back part of the farm on Churchill Road north.

They have two children, son Wilmer and foster daughter Lillian, five grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

When Bert started farming on his own he took over the east section and milked 30 Guernseys. A total of 40 dairy cows and 30 Angus beef cattle kept the Davidsons busy. They grew all their own hay, grain, a little corn and 25 to 30 acres of wheat - "it was a good farm for wheat".

Bert also worked in town starting his own tire vulcanizing business over Walter Kentner's garage in a building that was once a bowling alley.

A short term at Blow Press was followed by a good job with Georgetown Lumber.

"I should have stayed with it" Bert says ruefully remembering the call back to the farm by his father during depression days.

"It was tough alogging" he comments.

However, parties livened the rough times and there were plenty of them.

What with the UFO (United Farmers of Ontario), the UFWO and the UFYO (Women and Young Peoples branches of the same organization), lively parties were held at least once a month, often in the old Lorne School on Highway 25.

Bert started calling at a party at Wea Murray's, he recalls.

"You had to know the dances - I learned a lot. In those days there were four figures to a dance, now there are only two. It meant a lot of calling, I got hoarse and thirsty".

Fair board dances were also a popular event and the Davidsons still attend.

"I don't go for rock n' roll," Bert grumbles, "I've stepped away at it a few times but I don't like it."

When he plays with the Sunshine Band, Bert blows a mouth organ or plunks the "gut bucket" - a wash tub base. His instrument looks far too elegant to have started life as a galvanized wash tub. He's added silver paint and a smart "Sunshine Band" logo. A broom handle, a piece of taught twine for plucking and a short stick under the tub "to let the sound out" complete the ensemble.

Bert says he will continue to play and dance as

long "as I feel as good as I do now". His advice to anyone who first learns they have a malignancy is to have faith in the doctor and "don't worry about it".

"Forget about yourself!" he advises, "carry on as if it wasn't there".

Which is exactly what Bert Davidson does.



Bert Davidson and his "gut bucket".

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