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Witch Debbie Seddon dances a jig with Village Manor Rest Home resident Jim O'Donnell at the Friday night Halloween party.

## Village Manor Homey atmosphere for elderly residents

A homelike atmosphere and comfortable surroundings are the driving forces behind the Village Manor Rest Home, and the new owner has no intention of changing it.

David Johnston purchased the rest home, formerly known as Jeanette's Home for the Aged at the end of September. His first venture into the rest home business, Johnston says he is already looking toward expanding the facility if the need arises.

That same atmosphere was one of the leading factors in Johnston's purchase of the home from owner Jeanette Fernandes. He explained when he went through the building, he was really impressed with the contentment of the residents, the facilities and the staff.

He is so confident in the staff, the new owner said, he plans to only be on the scene about twice a week. A Toronto businessman, he is currently living in Port Perry. With the current staff being so competent and adequate, he is not hesitant about leaving the home in their care.

Johnston credits Mrs. Fernandes and the staff with the success of the home. They all helped to develop the homeyness of the place.

At present, the home has a capacity of 40 residents, and there are four empty beds. He plans to update the building greatly, and make it even more comfortable for its residents.

Johnston's concerns for the elderly stem from a family background in medicine. "I feel there is a substantial need for homes of this type, where elderly people can receive the care required," Johnston said.

Operating a rest home is also very satisfying when one thinks of the service provided. "It's doing something constructive in the community," Johnston said.

His wife Wanesa, a registered nurse, is assisting in the supervision of the facility.

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## Town taxes up as much as 16.5%

Municipal taxes for next year for Halton Hills purposes only could go up a maximum of 16.5 per cent or about \$33 on the average assessed home. This possible tax increase doesn't include the jumps which will come from the region and school board.

Treasurer Ray King has predicted town expenditures in the budget to be struck in March will be up 9.7 per cent. But, provincial grants won't go up despite higher costs and this year's surplus is expected to be lower than 1980's surplus so the town will be forced to raise more money through taxes.

The maximum increases accepted by Halton Hills general committee show a jump of 12 per cent for wages and personnel, a maximum increase of 13 per cent for materials, services, rents and transfers and five per cent for capital expenditures.

The spending guidelines and mill rate projections are by no means final and will be debated at countless budget meetings in the next four months. Various projects may be chopped from the capital budget. Almost all capital budget items are paid for from the operating budget with few items debentured.

## Churchill Local grads honored

Recent graduation ceremonies in local high schools have honored several young people of the community. Susan Milne and David Anderson received their Grade 12 diplomas and are presently in Grade 13 at Erin District High School. David won the EDHS Memorial Bursary, a Wellington county award to the top four students graduating from Grade 12 and continuing their studies. Earl Anderson and Tom Cox both received Grade 12 diplomas. Tom, an Ontario Scholar, also received the Isable M. Waterman Scholarship, and the EDHS Student Council award for academic proficiency. Earl has enrolled at McMaster University, Hamilton. Another of our Churchill young people, Patricia Donnell, received her Grade 13 diploma from Centennial C.V.I. Guelph.

There were two christenings at Churchill Community Church on Sunday. Kelly Michelle, daughter of Jan and Terry Soutiere, and Constance Karl Lynn, daughter of Barbara and Randy Walker were baptized and presented to the congregation by Rev. Emrys Jenkins. Both wee girls were the second daughters of their families, each had inherited a lovely ceremonial satin christening gown and beribboned bonnet, and each had a proud and critical two-year-old sister watching to make sure everything was done correctly.

The Soutiere's guests were grandparent Mrs. Janice Soutiere, from Stanstead, Quebec, and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Manning, Scarborough. Along with friends from Mississauga and St. Catharines, and the minister and family, there were 33 for dinner.

The Walkers also had a family dinner after the christening. The baby's great grandmother, Mrs. Jenny McPherson was there from Guelph; great-grandparents Helen and Hugh McPherson from Eden Mills; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. James Walker, Hespeler, and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Johnston from R.R. 2 Acton, and other family members and friends. All sat down to a turkey dinner at Barb and Randy's home.

## Students gain insight into technology fields

Representatives from several community colleges, the Armed Forces and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities were on hand at Acton High School last Tuesday for the first-ever Tech Fair.

Displays set up by Mohawk, Sheridan, Humber and Conestoga, the apprenticeship branch of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, and Armed Forces and Association of Professional Engineers, showed local students the world of technology.

A prelude to Career Week, which is this week, the students had an opportunity to view the many different aspects of the field of technology, what the people in the fields do, their jobs and activities. Options after school were also an important lesson learned. Students had the chance to broaden their horizons.

Organizer Sue Burns points out the jobs of the future are the tech. trades, and students have to start now to learn these skills.

Students from various science, math and technology courses, as well as those on their lunch break perused the many displays set up in the foyer, banquet and cafeteria.

Burns says she was pleased with the results of the day and would like to see similar fairs set up in the future. She feels the students interested in technology have a much better idea of what to expect beyond high school, and for this reason thinks the day was worthwhile.

**LLBO restaurant hearing**

The Liquor Licence Board of Ontario will hold a public meeting, dealing with the application for a liquor licence for the smorgasbord restaurant being located in the olde Hide House, on December 3 at 10 a.m. at the Brampton Legion, 1133 Queen St. East.

## Brown water..... (Continued from page 1)

Wednesday the well was shut-off. Ministry of Environment tests showed the water was perfectly safe to drink and Neil Pattullo, Halton Health Unit, reported tests last Monday and Wednesday also showed the water was safe to drink.

Residents said clothing other than whites were damaged by the water; a cream colored tablecloth and a blue shirt were just two examples. One person said it smelled like pure Javex. It was so bad people couldn't get coffee or tea past their noses.

They complained about the public not being warned about alterations being made in the water and asked why it took seven days to close the well down when the region knew there were problems the day after the well was turned on.

Whiting said there was no question the public should have been informed in advance. In the future the public and Medical Officer of Health will be informed of any change in water. Before the well is turned on again there will be notification to water customers and there will be a drop-in session where people can come and get details of what will be done to the water.

Morrier said the consultant and region are going to review "the whole situation" and try to find a new alternative chemical treatment. He agreed the region had bungled communication with the public.

Several residents noted their water bills will be way up for October because they ran water for hours hoping the problem would go away.

Whiting said the councillors will raise the issue of lowering water-sewer bills for October but he wasn't hopeful. He said local councillors' complaints didn't receive a positive response from councillors from Burlington and Oakville who said the water problem is a matter to be handled by staff, not council.

Residents emphasized they didn't think it was right to pay first class rates for second class water. Some suggested since the mayor said he wouldn't drink the yellow-brown water the region should have been bringing substitute drinking water into town from Milton. Residents said the region didn't seem to care what kind of water it gave Acton.

Actonians asked how the water that gave cloths a brown tinge and killed fish could be called safe to drink. Grubbe said whole aquariums of expensive fish were killed. The extra chlorine in the water killed the fish, Guttman said, and stated iron isn't going to hurt anyone. A lot of rural residents live with well water which had a high concentration of iron and it doesn't harm their health. A pregnant woman was assured, after a call from the Medical Officer of Health, that iron doesn't build up in the body and her unborn child wouldn't be harmed by the water.

As for residents complaints about digestive problems from drinking the water, Guttman explained, that was only because they weren't used to the water from the new well.

Father Leo Speagle observed it seems Acton gets a dose of iron in its water every fall and pointed out water rates have tripled in recent years. He asked if rates were to be tripled again just so people can get a decent glass of water.

In response to questions from residents, Guttman said, there was no way to check the well water without letting it go through the mains into people's homes.

Guttman suggested people wash their tinged clothing in Clorox 2 bleach, but admitted it won't take out blotches, just the tinge.

The politicians and region staff will "be held responsible" by the people of Acton if there is another problem with the water and people aren't kept informed. "We don't want Oakville saying feed them whatever you got. Halton Hills councillors must scream blue murder about this," Father Speagle said.

Whiting noted the region and consultant had come to Acton to take their "lumps", but the Ministry of Environment didn't send anyone; "they didn't see fit to show up."

Some residents also complained about calling the region regarding the water and being shuffled from department to department or being told someone would call them and then not hearing from anyone. Whiting said council thought region phone calls and messages not being passed on problems had been solved and pledged to get to the bottom of residents complaints on that matter. Johnson suggested staff put extra people on the phones when a lot of complaint calls are coming in.

## Ebenezer news

by Mrs. R. McLean  
The ladies' bazaar, held at the Milton Mall, proved a highly successful affair.

Mr. Finley based his remarks on the visit of King Saul to the witch of Endor, in keeping with All Saints' Day. The king was challenged by another army. Only with God's help could he win. The king, with two others, dressed as peasants, went around the enemy camp to reach the woman. The king asked the witch to bring him Samuel.

People are tied down and bound to the past, and cannot live in the present, let alone the future, without a strong religion. Those without strong faith have nagging fears. "I am the way, the truth and the life."

Dorothy (McLean) and Richard Jones, of Burlington, are the parents of a beautiful baby girl, a sister for Robert and James.

**Rockwood, Eden Mills**

**Hallowe'en quiet**

There were no serious Hallowe'en incidents in Rockwood or Eden Mills according to Guelph O.P.D. Constable Jim Butler.

He said there were the usual cases of egg throwing and in Eden Mills there were a couple of flopped attempts to set the bridge on fire.

Butler said Hallowe'en was no worse this year than any other year.