



Excavation and other work is well underway at the new St. Joseph's School site.

Set politicians' pay before vote

What's good for one should be good for everyone, claims Halton Board of Education Trustee Betty Fisher.

Georgetown's representative on the board told the other members Thursday at their regular meeting that the Ministry of Education was going to allow boards to set their own rate of pay, but it had to be set before the municipal elections.

"I applaud this," Fisher said, "but I think this should apply to all elected officials, including MPPs."

She explained that way a new board or council could not get in and immediately vote themselves a new raise. It would already be set.

Acton trustee Arlene Bruce supported Fisher's statement, but she also agreed that the school board should not be treated differently than other elected officials. She also feels it should be set for MPs, MPPs, councillors and trustees prior to elections.



Bob McCallum of Country Gentleman on MPP Julian Reed's truck which he recently had converted.

Dublin WI Elect new executive

by Laura Dennis

Mrs. Grant McMillan, Road 12, Halton Hills (E-questing) hosted the annual meeting of Dublin Women's Institute on Thursday evening. A fine turnout of members together with two guests, attended, and enjoyed a bountiful planned meal arranged by Mrs. B. Alder, Mrs. W. Britton and Mrs. A. Diamond.

Later, "A Song for Spring" was the appropriate verse used to open the business meeting by the President Mrs. H. Besley. Roll Call was answered by payment of fees and offer of homes while wearing a new spring accessory. Mrs. J. Kranendonk gave the secretary's report, closing it with a humorous verse, "My Closing Statement", as her term in this position is completed. Mrs. C. McIntyre offered space for storage of the Women's Institute Books in her home.

Mrs. W. Lasby reported on the last meeting of District Directors she had attended in Milton recently. It was a good report listing activities in the District, including the District Annual on May 26 at Hillcrest United Church at 1 p.m., with the theme being "Manitoba." It has been a very successful year for the Branch financially as outlined in the annual report of the treasurer, Mrs. Kranendonk. The Auditors' Report was presented by Mrs. M. Hunter on behalf of herself and Mrs. D. Appleyard. Chairman of the Standing Committees gave short annual reports of their respective committees, namely: Mrs. C. McIntyre, Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. P. Levy, Mrs. D. Appleyard, Mrs. M. Nellis, Mrs. H. Dodds, Mrs. A. Murchison, Mrs. C. Armstrong and Mrs. E. Wilson.

THE GEORGETOWN DISTRICT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

In order to give the people interested in Christian education an opportunity to visit the school, an open house will be held on April 28/82, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The school is located across from the Halton Hills Municipal offices on Trafalgar Road.

The school is supported by the parents through a board of directors elected from and by the membership of the association and is dedicated to a positive Christian education.

Many denominations are represented: Anglican, Baptist, Pentecostal, Missionary and Alliance and Christian Reformed.

For more information come and visit the school and talk to board and or staff members or call the school at 877-4221.

Former energy critic converts to propane at Country Gentleman

Former Ontario Liberal energy critic Julian Reed has put his money where his mouth is and converted a vehicle to an alternative fuel, propane, at Country Gentleman just west of Acton.

Reed, MPP for Halton-Burlington, was energy critic for six years before recently being switched to Natural Resources, which has a definite energy flavor too. He has long advocated alternate fuel development and use in Ontario.

In an interview he said he switched to propane because it is so much cheaper, 40 percent cheaper than gasoline and availability should steadily improve for the next 10 to 15 years. Also since propane doesn't burn carbons, maintenance costs on a vehicle are less, it's good for the environment, and presumably propane powered vehicles last longer.

With propane becoming more and more available in the north Halton area, Reed said he had been considering converting for about six months, but was reluctant to do it on an older vehicle until he learned his Country Gentleman dual, gas and propane, system can be taken off and put on another vehicle in the future. So his investment of about \$1,500 will be spread over not only his red '76 Dodge one-ton truck, but also future trucks he buys.

Since he had the work done a couple of weeks ago he hasn't used it on gas and while he hasn't been driving it down to Queen's Park, he expects he will a few times for the promotion value.

Reed says he's very happy with the performance, he hasn't checked the mileage but "presumes it's fairly close and noted he filled up with 62 litres of propane for \$15.06 compared to at least \$25 for the same amount of gasoline, so he thinks propane is an excellent investment."

Country Gentleman, owned by Chip Petrillo, opened just before Christmas and is set up to do just about anything involving propane.

They use a Canadian propane conversion system designed for straight propane or propane/gas. The dual system can be switched over while the vehicle is moving even, Petrillo says.

While gas is 42 to 44 cents a litre, propane is 23 or 24 cents a litre. Petrillo pointed out time between tune ups is longer with propane and even older vehicles with bad carburation can benefit from propane.

He says the one disadvantage of propane is the mileage isn't as good, but it is better on trucks which have higher compression and auto makers in the future will improve compression making propane an even better deal.

If a driver opts for the exclusive propane system there's a \$400 federal rebate and purchase or leasing of a propane vehicle is sales tax exempt.

Petrillo says their conversion business holds a lot of promise and is growing. He noted conversion business is booming in larger centres.

Country Gentleman of course has propane fill-up and sells a long list of propane products including barbecues, stoves, refrigerators, propane cylinders and camping supplies.

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The booth will be built behind the screen on the main ball diamond.

Death need not frighten

Death is often a lonely, frightening experience, according to a local social worker.

But it doesn't have to be that way.

That's the message Elizabeth Kiddle delivered to a special workshop organized in Milton last week by the North Halton Hospice Care Group.

Mrs. Kiddle spoke about her experience at a five day workshop she attended recently with Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, a famous Swiss psychiatrist who has specialized in studying the problems of the terminally ill.

According to Mrs. Kiddle, death can be a much less lonely and frightening experience if both the patient and his family can rid themselves of negative feelings.



ELIZABETH KIDDLE

Grass fire

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