

Fox Run funds slow coming in

Participants are slow collecting their pledges and getting them turned into any Acton bank since the Terry Fox Run on September 19.

One of the organizers of the event, Jon Hurst, reported only about \$1,000 has been turned in at local banks so far, a far cry from the over \$11,000 pledged by organizations and to the approximately 220 participants.

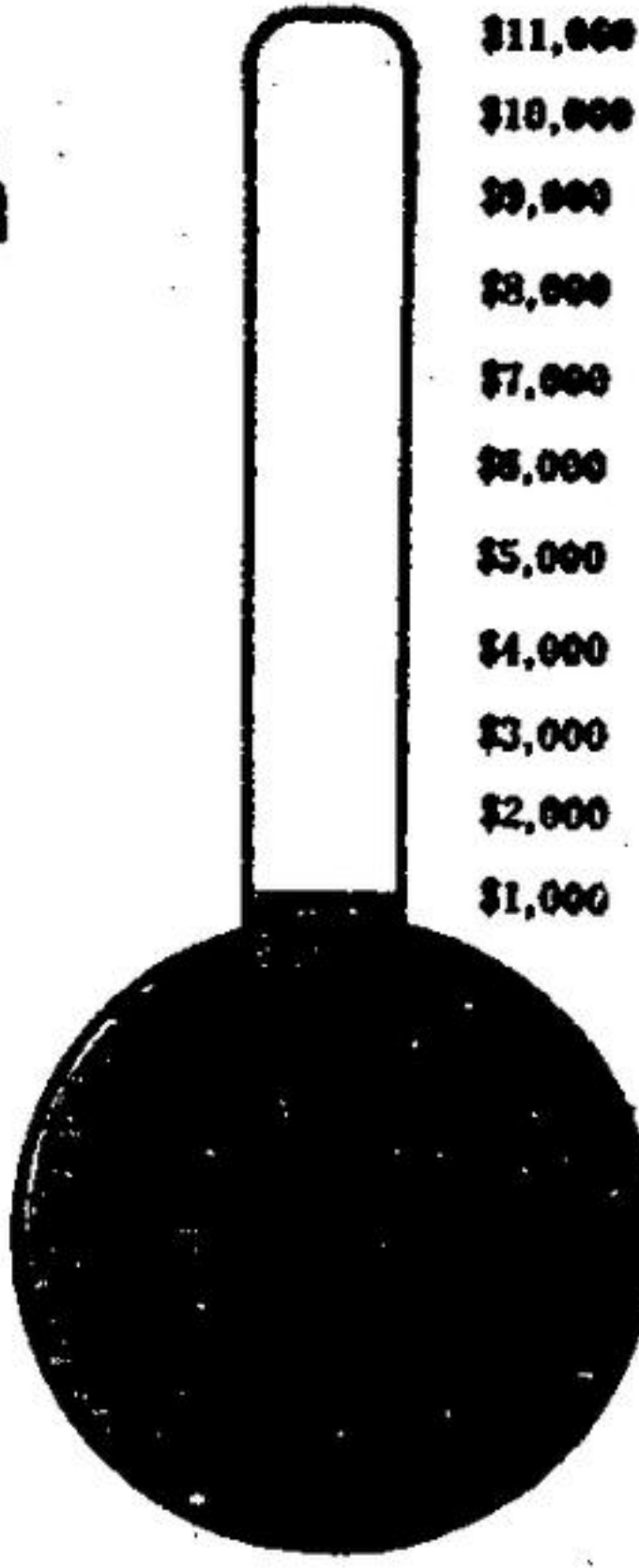
He urged people be prompt in turning their pledges over to people they sponsored and participants turn their funds in as soon as possible.

Organizers have heard from some people in the past week who said they would have sponsored someone if they had been approached. They remind everyone it isn't too late to simply go to any Acton bank and give a donation to the Fox Run fund.

Checking with the banks this week they were pleasantly surprised to learn of another, small, Fox Run which raised \$107.50.

Hurst explained pledge sheets from one adult and eight children had been turned in at a local bank. Their run was over their own course at Nor Halton Park just outside Acton. The participants are weekend campers.

This extra money pushes the amount pledged to well over \$11,000, up slightly from last year's first Fox Run.



These colored eggs are not just for Easter fun

Duncan McPhedran prefers his eggs green. No, he doesn't dye them to suit his mood. He gathers them from his chicken coop that color, with a few turquoise, beige and cream colored ones mixed in.

For about four years now, the former deputy-reeve of Eramosa township has been raising Araucanas, a hen from Chile which produces colored eggs. He doesn't sell them commercially, but he has given a few away.

The eggs are about the size of Grade A medium white eggs, McPhedran says, and once broken are exactly the same as a regular egg. The shell is a bit thicker, making them travel easier and the egg itself tends to stay put in the frying pan rather than spread out. In fact, McPhedran says, that is one way of telling the freshness of any egg, if it spreads out in the pan, it is not as fresh as the ones which are tidier.

Although the colored eggs look and taste the same as the white and brown eggs, they are high in nutritional value. Araucana eggs, according to scientists, have no cholesterol, 20 per cent more protein and 20 per cent more iron. For some reason, the blue eggs are high in Vitamin E.

McPhedran got into the colored egg hobby when his daughter bought him a pair of Araucanas for Christmas a few years back. Altogether he now

has about two dozen hens, about eight of which are the Chilean breed.

The special hens compare favorably with domestic hens, laying about four or five eggs a week. He feeds all his hens grit which is actually coarse sand. This is used to manufacture the egg shell and helps the hens to digest their food. They are also fed regular chicken food too.

It is not known which hen lays which color, but each hen lays the same color all the time. When purchasing the hens, the buyer must wait until the first lay to determine what color eggs he is going to get. He supposes if he took notice of which eggs he took from which chicken he would know who laid the green and who laid the blue.

The Araucana eggs are very much in demand around Easter. But, McPhedran says, eggs cannot be kept around all winter just for the one season. Thus, there are never enough to go around.

If hput in stores, he said most people would either think they were oversized Robin's eggs, or eggs that had gone bad. Or, he says, the farmer would be accused of painting them.

McPhedran says he eats more colored eggs than white or brown. In fact, there are days when there are not even white eggs in the house.

The beige colored egg, the farmer chuckles, is the closest he has ever come to the "golden egg."



Duncan McPhedran is quite possibly the only farmer around always ready for St. Patrick's Day. He has a special kind of South American hens which lay colored eggs, ranging from beige to green. McPhedran says the colored wonders taste just as good as the conventional white ones, but are, in fact, easier to cook with because they do not spread out when fried.

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The works of Acton rug hookers like Elsie Swackhamer will be on display from now until Saturday at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre in Georgetown. Mrs. Swackhamer and other residents of North Halton are members of the Georgetown Rug Hookers Guild. Members will also demonstrate how they

O.P. control of hydro lines worries I.C.G. members

Members of the Interested Citizens group who fought the hydro transmission corridor through Halton Hills for several years, contend the draft Official Plan for the Town gives less protection, than the old Esqueping O.P.

Dave Moffat, a tireless critic of hydro, told Halton Hills council, the draft O.P. gives hydro "carte blanche" to build hydro lines where they want.

He claimed the new draft plan would open the door to at least two more corridors through Halton Hills, a move which he stated is completely incompatible with farming. He pointed out the lines would carry large amounts of bulk power at high voltage. "With hydro the maxim what you see is what you get is true, not what they say you're going to get."

Mayor Pete Pomeroy contended the provision in the Official Plan making any electric power facility satisfy the Environmental Assessment Act would give the same protection as an independent study. "That's what the ICG wanted all along," he added.

"But we never got it," retorted Moffat. Consultant Peter Walker of the firm preparing the draft Official Plan, recalled the point raised by John Minns also of the ICG, at an earlier meeting, was valid. Minns had explained there

had been no environmental hearing in the case of the north-south line through Town, and said this area had been exempted by the provincial Cabinet.

Walker commented, "There was an end run by not having an environmental assessment hearing." He emphasized by requiring conformity with the Environmental Assessment Act in the Official Plan it would be difficult to have the same thing occur because the concerns of the residents would be aired at public meetings.

The consultant pointed out the working of the clause on utilities is exactly the same as the regional plan, to which the Town plan must conform. He argued the exemption given to the area a few years ago was a political move, and predicted it would be difficult to justify an exemption, perhaps on emergency grounds now, in light of over-production.

In reply to a question from Councillor Pam Sheldon, the consultant said the Town had been directed to let the line go through, when the corridor was built.

Sheldon asked what the rationale behind the regional plan's allowing hydro lines was. Walker said it would be wrong not to put the line in the plan since the plan is supposed to reflect land use. He argued if hydro lines are not

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No ceasefire between neighbors—shoot club

A couple of meetings with the Mayor of Milton hasn't resulted in a ceasefire between neighbors and the owners members of an RR 1 Acton trap shooting club.

Now Milton council is looking at two forms of legislation to help and the dispute between the two sides over Sunday afternoon noise and prevent future gun club problems.

Leo Osso, who says he is the spokesman for the 32 people who signed his petition to council last month complaining about the noise, said in the past they didn't complain because they were under the impression the Club Recreativo San Quirino (CRSQ) would be moving.

He says the frequency of shoots is increasing, 18 so far this year since April, and the area on 25 Sideroad is quite built up.

"Sunday is a day of rest. People work all week but they can't get any peace on Sundays. The peace and quiet enjoyment of our property is being violated for us," Osso declared in an interview this week.

Last week Mayor Gordon Krantz reported to council he had met twice with Osso and club owners, as well as municipal staff, but couldn't reach an agreement to end the dispute.

The neighbors never know when the noise is going to start on a Sunday afternoon or how long it will last. The time range this summer had been noon to 6 p.m. he claimed. Over the years activity at the club has gradually been increasing and while the club has been in existence on 25 Sideroad for 16 years, the amount of noise has increased badly the past couple of summers.

However, one of the spokesmen for the club, Peter Buna, said they aren't shooting more, they're shooting less.

George Buna, Flora Buna and Mario DeBicicio are listed as the owners.

Most Sundays they start shooting at 2.30 p.m. and finish before 5 p.m. and even when there are competitions, Buna says, the shooting only runs from 1 to 5 or 6 p.m.

While the club used to operate just a few times each summer, Buna explained for the past five years shooting has been fairly regular in the spring, summer and fall. He added many members have been going to other clubs, so shooting has been reduced of late.

Buna is a member of the Guelph Rod and Gun Club and noted there is shooting weeknights and all day Sunday at the Eden Mills Club, so there really isn't much to complain about on 25 Sideroad.

The CRSQ club waits until after lunch and stops shooting before supper time on Sundays to reduce disturbance of neighbors.

He said they don't understand what neighbors want; they can't reduce the number of Sunday operations because of competitions.

They question Osso's petition, claiming some names were children's, every member of families signed, and he didn't properly explain the situation to people. Buna said the owners also circulated a petition and a good number who signed Osso's petition also signed theirs saying the noise doesn't bother them.

Osso says the noise from the shooting carries all over quite a distance and there are homes within 300 feet of the range. In total there are 30 homes close enough for the shooting sound to disturb residents, Osso said.

Many neighbors didn't even know the club existed before they bought since a proper sign wasn't posted at the club until just last summer, Osso said.

Staff informed council any regulations under the Planning Act will only restrict future gun clubs and not the CRSQ club.

However, bylaws under the Municipal Act could impact on the CRSQ club, but also the other two trap shooting clubs in Milton.

Minimum setbacks, noise barriers and restricting shooting times are among the controls council will consider next months.

Body discovered near Brucedale

The body of a Guelph man missing since early this month was found in a wooded area about two miles north of Brucedale (formerly Stratton's Corners) on Saturday, Guelph OPP announced.

The body was identified as David Francis Murray, 28, who had been reported missing to Guelph City Police on September 4.

A 20-year-old Guelph man was charged with first degree murder Monday night and later remanded in custody in connection with the disappearance and subsequent discovery of Murray's body.

Guelph OPP said foul play was suspected in Murray's death and his body was sent to the Centre for Forensic Science in Toronto for examination on Monday. Results of a post mortem weren't complete at press time, but preliminary findings indicated the cause of death might have been multiple stab wounds.



Terry Grubbe

Grubbe is out of race

Councillor Terry Grubbe has withdrawn from the race for a Halton Hills council seat.

First elected by a by-election in October 1979 to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Les Duby, Grubbe said "after considerable thought I find myself unwilling to seek re-election to council. I'm unwilling to commit myself to the three year term."

She said she enjoyed the past three years on council and will now pursue other "ventures".

"It is my hope that many of the people who have expressed disenchantment with the Halton Hills level of government, the representation and level of service for Acton, will consider entering the election," she said.

Grubbe, who had announced at the start of this month that she was running for re-election, won a full term on council in 1980 when she was acclaimed.

inside this week

Bruce Cargill is running for council while Bert Hinton, Dick Howitt and Jim Kenzie are after school board seats. See stories on page 3.

The Fire Chief isn't using his Acton office anymore. Details on page 2.

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The Town Hall hearing will be held either November 3 or 10. Turn to page 5.

Consultants have predicted a 10 per cent sales jump for 25 Acton businesses. More on page 6.

The Moderator of the United Church of Canada is coming here. Turn to Newsmakers.

