

# Deep ditches dangerous

Halton Housing Authority wants the Town to fix up dangerously deep ditches in the area of the low income semi-detached homes on Holmesway place.

Ann Gabriel of the Housing Authority took their appeal to Halton Hills council Monday night and showed photographs of the deep ditches.

She noted the deep ditches present a danger to the many children in the area and they have been waiting several years for the problem to be solved through storm sewer installation and road reconstruction in the Cobblehill Rd area but every year the project is delayed because of costs.

In some spots the ditches are as much as four feet deep. Mrs. Gabriel explained, adding in the spring with runoff they fill up with water and children play with their toys in the water. She warned it has only been luck which has prevented a child from being seriously hurt or drowned in the ditches. The sides of the ditches are also quite steep adding to the danger.

The Housing Authority urges the Town make storm sewers for the area a priority this year or find some other way of solving the drainage

problem. Mrs. Gabriel said Debris and mud in culverts in the area causes water backups and the ditches fill with water, she added.

A meeting was held in the area with Engineer Robert Austin, Councillor Ross Knechtel and Acton Housing Authority representative Lorne Youngblut, she said, and they had difficulty coming up with a solution to the problem. A swail was suggested, but that could lead to flooding elsewhere in the neighborhood.

She said residents in the area have told the Housing Authority they are "extremely concerned" about the dangerous ditches.

Austin said storm sewers and road reconstruction in the Cobblehill area was estimated to cost over \$200,000 two years ago. The ditches are essential until storm sewers are built, he added.

One possibility being examined is reducing the depth of the ditches to just two feet and that would only cost \$3,500 to \$4,000.

The culverts are "relatively flat" in the area to prevent erosion so this causes freeze-thaw problems which result in a lot of water building up in the ditches.

Council decided to refer the problem to the budget committee.



Julia Simmons-Finnie is all for nursery school.



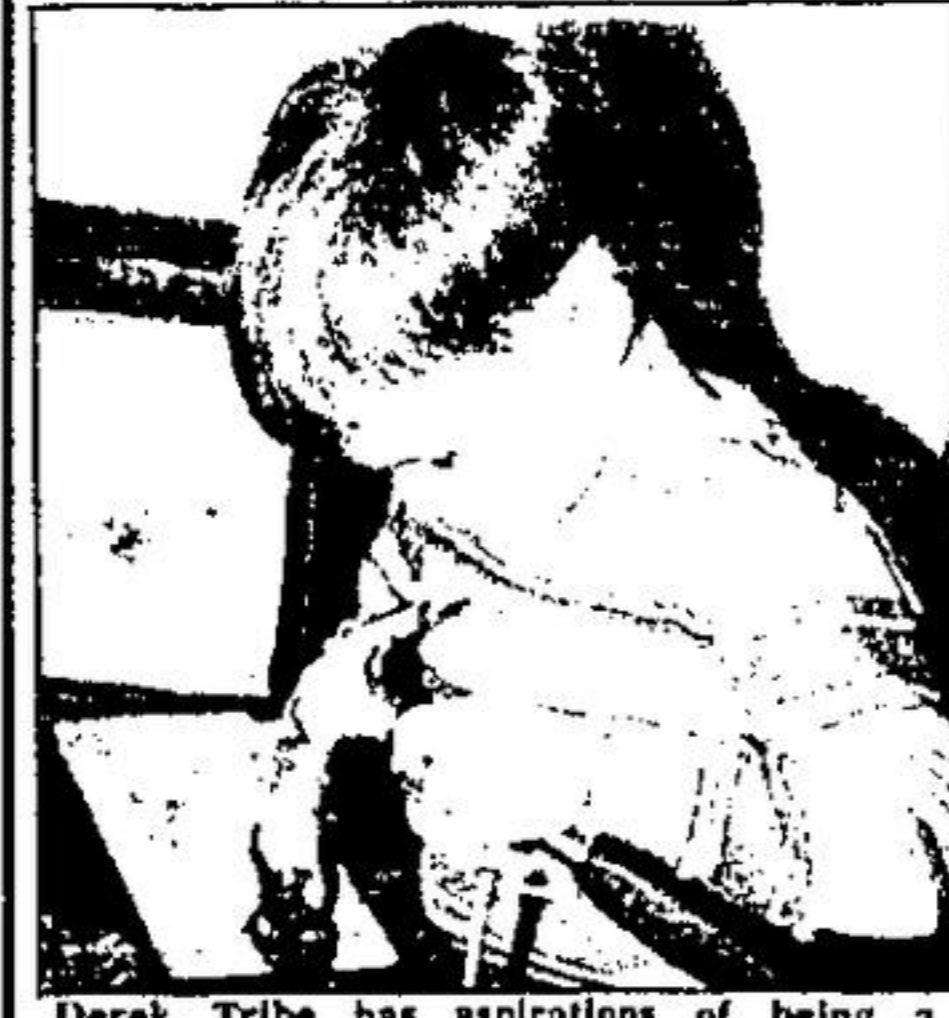
Sarah Shaw waits her turn for the slide.

This week thru the lens

Fun at Honeypot Nursery



Mandi Brown and Melissa McNabb have fun on a plastic teeter-totter.



Derek Tribe has aspirations of being a carpenter when he grows up.



Michael Andrews likes to climb the ladder at school. High school student Mike Cunningham keeps a close watch on him.



Whitney Sellers poses for the camera.



Creating mischief in a cardboard house are Jenny Tarzwell, Derek Tribe, Curtis Carr and Christopher Walls.



David Clark ready to go down the slide.



Paul Dale likes the school's car.

# Region pays rent to Acton Info. Centre

The threat of the Acton Social Services and Information Centre having to be closed for a few months because of financial woes has been remedied.

Last Wednesday Halton Region council approved a financial rescue plan which will see the region pay a rental fee of \$5,106 this year. The plan was formulated by the region staff in the fall when the centre's financial problems came to light and then last month was approved by the region's social services committee.

Peggie Balkind of the centre explained in an interview this week that there is no danger of the centre having to close. When it was first revealed increased rent, operating costs and renovations resulting from the centre's move last spring from the Y building to the former Gals Pals building had caused a financial shortfall, it was feared the centre would have to close sometime in January for three or four months.

The arrangement of having the region pay rent for space its staff and agencies use at the centre is separate from the grant the centre receives each year from the region. The grant is to help finance the numerous services offered at the centre while the new fee is for rental of space. Mrs. Balkind said the centre hopes the rental fee will become an annual payment, not just a funding arrangement because of the financial problems this year.

She noted other agencies, such as Probation, Halton Hills Legal Clinic and the Ministry of Community and Social Services, have been paying space rental fees to the centre for some time.

She said they are pleased the region "came through" for the centre. "They are realizing their responsibilities in having a presence here in Acton."

Last year's centre budget was approximately \$27,000 and it is

expected to rise to about \$35,000 in 1983. The region uses centre space 69 per cent of the time it is open.

# Levy out - Knechtel in as Finance Chairman

In a surprise move, Monday night, Mayor Pete Pomeroy appointed Councillor Ross Knechtel chairman of finance, a spot held by Councillor Harry Levy for the past six years. Levy will continue to be a member of the Finance Committee.

Levy also was finance chairman on Georgetown council before regional government.

The mayor apologized to Levy for having him learn of the appointment of Knechtel only when he received his bundle of reports Friday. He said he intended to call him but forgot.

He said there was no particular reason for the change in the committee chairman, but pointed out Knechtel had been on the committee for several years.

Pomeroy praised Levy's efforts as finance chairman over the past few years and said he had done an excellent job.

After the meeting, Levy said it didn't bother him that Knechtel was chairman, as long as he was still on the committee.

He admitted he didn't like finding out the way he did, but emphasized the mayor had apologized to him privately as well as publicly.

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Municipal Office MR Street, Acton  
Municipal Office Trafalgar Road

Halton Hills Animal Control Centre  
Limehouse, Ontario

Steven's General Store Limehouse, Ontario  
Speyside General Store Speyside, Ontario  
Home Hardware 134 Guelph St., Georgetown  
Georgetown Animal Clinic  
4 Mountainview Road S., Georgetown  
Halton Hills Animal Clinic  
2 Main Street North, Georgetown  
Halton Hills Animal Clinic 10 River Street, Acton

The license fees for the year 1983 are as follows:

1. Female or Male \$12.00
2. Spayed Female or Neutered Male \$ 9.00
3. Kennel License \$25.00

In accordance with the By-law, every owner of a dog on or before February 15th in any calendar year, or within 7 days of becoming the owner of a dog after February 15th, shall apply for, and upon payment of the prescribed fee, be issued a license and a dog tag for each dog in their possession.

No person shall keep more than 3 dogs over the age of 3 months at any one location unless they are in possession of a valid Town of Halton Hills Kennel License.

No person shall allow a dog to run at large at any time.

Every person who fails to obtain a dog or kennel license for the current year or who permits a dog to run at large will be in contravention of the By-law, and upon conviction be liable to a fine of not less than \$15.00 and not more than \$50.00 excluding costs.

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