

Halton Hills hit hardest

10.6% increase in budget for region

If regional council approves the 1983 revised budget, the increase in the mill rate this year for Halton Hills will be 2.3 per cent higher than other municipalities in Halton. Due to the drop in the 1983 Apportionment Guarantee Grant, regional treasurer Joe Rinaldo told councillors Wednesday.

The revised preliminary budget was passed at the administration and finance committee and goes before regional council for approval today (Wednesday).

While the regional mill rate has increased 8.3 per cent over last year, Halton Hills will jump 10.6 per cent. This means an average homeowner in Halton Hills will pay an increase of \$15.24 over last year's levy, which is \$2.18 more than homeowners in other Halton towns.

The regional average is estimated to be about \$13.06.

Jim Stewart, the region's budget manager stated the reason for the increase is the decrease in the AGG which dropped this year to \$122,401 from \$283,227 granted in 1982.

"The AGG levers the levy up from 3.2 per cent to 10.6 per cent for Halton Hills," explained Stewart. "Halton Hills is just not getting what they got last year. The AGG is down considerably."

"This direct subsidy (AGG) to Halton Hills only affects Halton Hills and it adds about six per cent impact which is due to this mill rate subsidy," the regional treasurer stated.

Burlington will be paying \$11.87 more than last year, Milton will be paying \$13.70, while Oakville will pay \$13.38 over the 1982 mill rate.

The AGG is being gradually phased out in the region and only applies to Halton Hills now.

Without the AGG, Halton Hills homeowners would be paying an increase of 3.2 per cent, or \$5.16.

But after the AGG has been applied, the average homeowner in Halton Hills will be paying \$159.12 this year, up from \$143.88 in 1982.



Artist Avril Bull held a one-person show of her work Saturday at her home at Crewson's Corners.

Eden Mills UCW donates quilts

Mrs. G. MacDougall Get well wishes go out to Mrs. Ann Funk who is recovering from a heart attack in a Guelph hospital.

Eden Mills Presbyterian Church was the setting for the wedding of Mrs. Marion Tubman and Bill MacDonald on Saturday, March 12th. Miss Doris Tubman was the organist for this special occasion. The best man and the matron of honour were Marion's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Watson. A reception followed in the Sunday School room. Congratulations to the newlyweds and best wishes for a happy healthy future.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bould have enjoyed a vacation in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell, Cort and April from Sundridge are spending a few days at the Bould home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rinehart were recent visitors to Jean's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomson in Unionville.

The UCW held their March meeting in the Sunday School room at the church with Mrs. Lorna Tomlinson as hostess. Mrs. Jean James had charge of the devotional period and chose as her theme "How Beautiful are the Clouds." Reports were given from the Manse Board and from the Presbyterian UCW annual meeting held in Trinity United Church, Guelph, which several ladies had attended.

There was an interesting display of quilts made by the members and these will be forwarded to the World Relief organization in Kitchener for distribution. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Wilma Fuller and the hostesses.

Heart fund goes \$800 over target

This year's February Heart Fund drive in Acton soared \$800 past the goal set by organizer Vic Bristow.

The campaign raised \$5,500 and was a great success. Bristow reports the improved donations are the result of the "diligent" work of the canvassers and "generosity of Acton residents in adverse financial times." The "memorials" helped boost revenue too. Vic is handling these "gifts" now that Acton Home Furnishings has closed.

The residential canvass brought in \$3,436, up from last year. However, reflecting the hard times both the commercial and industrial canvasses were down. Industries donated \$202 and businesses \$522. Organizations contributed \$225 and the rural collection raised \$179. Memorials brought in \$800 and rose boxes \$135. Memorials, rose boxes, rural collections and organization donations were all up this year.

There were a total of 103 canvassers. Following is the list of canvassers:

B. Anderson, R. Bailey, S. Barker, J. Barratt, K. Bates, R. Bursey, A. Burton, C. Caswell, B. Chew, J. Chisholm, L. Clarke, S. Clarke, J. Conroy, D. Dawkins, L. Russell, G. Dennis, D. Duby, O. Ellerby, Mrs. H. Ensing, Mr. H. Ensing, B. Forbes, D. Fosbury, M. Franklin, D. Frizzell, B. Fryers, P. Gardener, M. Gervais, W. Gillies, D. Gillis, P. Ginn, J. Goy, G. Grace, T. Grubbe, G. Haesler, R. Haggert, R. Hall, B. Harris, C. Harrison, E. Hayter, W. Hess, L. Higgins, D. Hillier, N. Hoare, C. Hollett, P. Holmes, R. Howsam, G. Ironside, D. Jenkinson, A. Johnston, J. Kellough, R. Kempton, M. Kennedy, B. Kidd, L. Kistner, R. Knapton, H. Koprowski, T. Kranendonk, R. Kruger, T. Krull, A. Kurtz, W. Lathrope, M. Lee, B. Lindsay, R. Lofthouse, N. MacEachern, S. Magee, N. Marks, J. Masales, M. Masales, L. Mason, A. Mathieson, W. McCabe, R. McCallum, R. McCord, P. McCristall, R. McKenzie, S. McKeown, G. McPhail, E. Miller, J. Miller, R. Milson, G. Mitchell, E. Mitchell, D. Morton, D. Neely, R. Ninaber, D. Noseworthy, D. Oakley, H. O'Rourke, P. Papillon, F. Papillon, W. Patey, M. Patterson, K. Perkins, J. Phillip, F. Pink, G. Robertson, D. Robinson, D. Stone, T. Tyler, Mr. A. White, J. Kuiken, W. Jones.

Plan committee

A proposal to strike a sub-committee to handle any future dealings with the Rockmosa Centre were received favorably by a group of citizens attending Eramosa Township council meeting Monday evening. The committee would be answerable to council.

A delegation headed by John Robson went to the meeting to obtain answers about certain questions about past repairs on the building, following a public meeting into the same issue a few weeks ago.

Township clerk Lloyd Hindley told the Free Press that work is at a standstill at the present time. Only a few more repairs need be completed before the building is able to get a stamp of approval from the engineering firm of Gamsby and Mannerow.

It is hoped that the originally-planned renovations will eventually be completed, Hindley said.

A controversy arose in the township after the councillors earmarked over \$40,000 to finish off the basement with meeting rooms, a concrete floor and washrooms. However, once work began in December, many structural deficiencies were discovered, which were fixed, without tender, at council's request. Cost of the repairs was over \$30,000.

Outraged citizens attended a public meeting earlier this month demanding answers as to costs of the repairs and why the work was done without being brought up at council meetings.

Hindley noted at Monday's regular meeting councillors said everything concerning the centre will be tendered in the future.

The clerk noted that many of the delegation's questions concerning a health permit and fire marshal's report could not be answered because they are premature.

He explained that a health permit cannot be obtained until the work is completed and there is something to inspect. If a septic tank system was going in, it would be a different matter, Hindley said, but with municipal sewers and water there is no problem beforehand.

The township is currently awaiting a fire marshal's report. Hindley explained that the building inspector has to request such a report, which will be given to the fire chief.

Sharon Boomer, part of Robson's delegation, said her group was happy with the results of the meeting Monday. She noted council was very receptive to them, and feels they (the councillors) realize her group is not on a "witch-hunt".

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Ospringle

Pupils enjoy Spring Fling
by Doris Fines
Ospringle school had their Spring Fling on Friday. For 5 cents and 25 cents tickets, the students could fish in a fish pond, play ring toss, enjoy dinky car races, play bingo, buy rummage items, plants, pop-corn and orange drink.

A chocolate cake, iced with the school crest, was won by Rosanne Vlietstra, and the intermediate cake was won by Nancy Dubeau. The cakes were made by Mrs. Farr. The house leagues had a treasure hunt after lunch, and the afternoon concluded with a film. The students joyfully headed home for the beginning of the school break, which aptly coincides with the first week of spring.

The Mimosa 2 Bod Squad learned how to do a facial, at their meeting last week, at the home of Mrs. Shirley Rowan. The three steps to be taken are, first, to steam; then an abrasive scrub; and apply a face mask.

Mrs. Thomas Fines is now a patient in the chronic wing of Groves Memorial Hospital, Fergus. She arrived there on Thursday in time for their St. Patrick's Day party. Mrs. Fines celebrated her 97th birthday in February.

A goodly number were out to church Sunday morning, to hear Mr. Wayne Allen. His sermon was Of Landlords and Tenants, which was based on the parable of the vineyard.

\$2,200 damage

An Acton man and a Mississauga man were involved in a collision Saturday evening at Main St., North and Guelph St., police say.

According to police reports, cars driven by David Best of Mississauga, and Lawrence Taillefer, of Acton collided at the corner. Damage to Rest's car is estimated at \$1,600. Taillefer's car sustained \$600 damage.

No injuries were suffered in the accident.

Car hits pole

No injuries were suffered in car accident last Monday night at Eastern Ave. and Hillcrest St., police report.

A car driven by Donald Dawkins, 47, of Acton was going eastbound on Eastern Ave., when it veered to the right, striking a hydro pole. Damage to his car is estimated at \$1,000, while the broken pole is estimated at \$1,500 damage.

Bylaw waits for building inspector

A zoning bylaw change and the drafting of a subdivision agreement has been held in abeyance by Eramosa Township council until the return of the absent building inspector John Salmon.

John Cox, a planning consultant representing Roy Petty, advised council recently that draft approval had been obtained from the province for the six-lot subdivision. He asked council to proceed with an amendment to the zoning bylaw and draw up the agreement.

Clergy Comment

by Pastor John Cooper
About the weather again. With our modern homes some might presume that they have an option whether or not to put up with it. But the high and low pressures record on our barometres within our homes. And whether we know it or not this affects our temperaments to one degree or another.

So we cannot escape the weather. Yet it is astonishing how we imagine to allude our Weather Maker. We do look at the sky, observe the wind, join with the weather prophets on TV in hoping for good weather for our weekend. And of course, he gets the blame when our outdoor fun turns sour with the weather. Well better blame them for inaccurate forecasts than the Lord of wind and way for His variations on the theme of weather.

In reference to the unpredictable overtures of Spring, a radio announcer just said, "Please, Mother Nature, stop teasing us." Such a statement, which seemingly innocent, is loaded with a perspective, a viewpoint, a philosophy, a value judgement. And the Lord of Heaven and Earth has to listen to that also.

Prognosticators and even the reputable Farmers' Almanac must confess their fallibility. They were simply incorrect. And do we find it so difficult to simply say that the enormous power and energy released by wind and wave, hurricane and cyclone, lightning and thunder are of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. The Lord spoke and all things came to be. The Almighty promised and all things continued in His power. Though we do not acknowledge Him, worship and adore Him, He cannot deny Himself. He speaks to us through storm and calm. Though we bring misery to ourselves and wreck His paradise or park, He restores us again. He renews the earth.

We are in the midst of Lenten season. By God's grace we can be aware of His ways in our world. He has given us the Bible, His commentary on His work. He has given us Himself in Jesus Christ, the light of the world. He has commanded the light to shine in utter darkness. So Jesus is the light of the darkness of humanity in this present dark and dismal world.

By the word of the Lord Spring will come. By the Holy Spirit new life in Christ will come in your life and mine.

Nancy Clark leaves

Halton Board of Education Thursday evening received official word from administration of the resignation of Nancy Clark from Acton High School effective January 17.

Show interest in Hortop Mill

Eramosa Township council plans to examine the Hortop Mill in Everton after a hamlet resident, John Brunemeyer, asked their support in obtaining an incentive grant to do work on the property.

Council noted the Mill is owned by the Grand River Conservation Authority, and Brunemeyer was later advised to contact that organization.

Watch program...

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possibly using Tidey Ave. as an east/west boundary split.

Bonnette said the goal is to have all of Acton covered by Neighborhood Watch by June.

Neighborhood Watch is neighbors watching each others' properties during times when burglaries are likely to occur. A police officer patrolling a neighborhood may not recognize a stranger in your yard, but your neighbors would.

"It's just neighbors taking care of neighbors. Knowing what kind of car they drive, the hours they work, their movements. And Acton would be ideal for Neighborhood Watch, it is small enough we could monitor the program's success, if any," Pringle explained.

Neighborhood Watches are set up in blocks of 50 to 100 homes and for it to work properly at least 50 per cent of the homes in a block must be participating in the program.

Lakeview, Bovis, Kingham, Glenlea and the old town all lend themselves to being broken into Neighborhood Watch blocks of a number of streets.

Each block needs a block captain and every time the police are called to a block the block captain is informed so he can pass information on the Neighborhood Watch members. The police want the Neighborhood Watch block to receive feedback on the input they give the force.

The police hope to get funding from municipal governments for signs declaring Neighborhood Watch is in an area, such as Lakeview or Kingham, as well as stickers for doors of Neighborhood Watch homes. This acts as a warning to would-be burglars, lets other citizens know there is a program in their area they should be involved with, etc.

Pringle noted Neighborhood Watch began in the United States as a last resort for halting crime's rapid increase. It has been so successful that in some areas crime has been reduced as much as 80 per cent. The Halton police enjoyed success with Neighborhood Watch in Oakville and Burlington and it is now being introduced in Milton. Unfortunately until now, Pringle observed, there hasn't been much interest in either of Halton Hills urban areas.

McAuliffe...

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Board vice chairperson Betty Fisher, in a notice of motion made up prior to the meeting, asked that the director of education (Wally Beever) present alternatives to the board through which the trustees can make the class sizes consistent with their board's guidelines without additional staff.

Board guidelines recommend sizes for each class according to grade level.

The motion will be discussed at the next school board meeting next Wednesday evening.

Resuscitator call

Firefighters responded to a resuscitator call at Beardmore's on Elgin Street on Saturday evening. The victim was taken to Guelph Hospital.

They were also called to another resuscitator call at 17 Elizabeth Street last Monday after an elderly woman required assistance.