

## Need GO bus Acton to CNE

Acton needs GO Bus service for this year's Canadian National Exhibition, according to local resident John Mowat.

He attended Friday's Acton councillor's drop-in to ask Councillor Dave Whiting to take the matter up with regional chairman Jack Raftis who sits on the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority, which governs

GO. Earlier this year Mowat went to drop-in to ask Whiting to bring the need for a late night GO bus to Acton from Toronto to Raftis' attention.

Mowat noted the Georgetown has a GO bus during the CNE but Acton hasn't had the service for a couple of years.

## Mobile home okayed for family

A Speyside area family whose home was badly damaged in a fire recently will be able to live in a mobile home until repairs are made.

Monday night Halton Hills council approved Mrs. Bertha Herzenberger, RR 3

Milton, Lot 15, Concession 2, having a trailer on their property as a residence for up to six months or until the repairs are completed.

The fire department estimated damage in the April 9 blaze at \$58,000.



First Acton Guides held a rummage sale at the Scout Hall Saturday. On hand to help with the work were Guides, Lorelei Kidd, Melissa Fabian, Cindy Eccles, Angela Priestman, and Catherine Coquard.

## Legion happenings

by Harry Norton

Last Sunday, April 17, President Jim Higgins and three members of your executive attended a District meeting in Simcoe. Comrade Gordon Haviland was elected District Commander and Lloyd Hollingshead and Jack James were elected Deputy Commanders.

The Euchre challenge match between the Branch members and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary resulted with Legion "B" team winning the trophy and the prize money and the Auxiliary "C" team as runners-up. Both groups are looking forward to the Cribbage challenge match to be held this Thursday starting at 8 p.m.

The winning Branch team was made up of J. Waller, J. McKnight, P. Comstive and K. Merritt. The runners-up from the Auxiliary were F. Shultis, L. Gordon, P. Angell and E. Wedge.

Marion Country Band will be providing the entertainment in the games room on Saturday night so come on out early and join the fun.

On Monday April 25 at 7.30 p.m. the last Executive meeting before our general meeting and election of officers on May 9 will be held. All members of the Executive are asked to bring their contributions for the May bulletin with them. It should be noted this will likely be the last bulletin issued until the new Executive issues their first Bulletin just prior to the general meeting in September.

The nomination board for the election on May 9 will soon be set up in the Branch. Nomination slips will be behind the bar so start thinking about who you want to run your Branch for the coming year.

By the way, if you still have not paid your 1983 dues the membership Chairman is preparing a "Delinquents List" to be given to the Stewards. If you forgot and don't want to be cut off, hurry in and pay up your dues. Don't forget the Wednesday bingos and Friday night euchre.

So the dart players don't lose their touch there will be mixed doubles play every Tuesday. Get your name on the list and come on out. So that the Leaches don't win every night it is set up so that you will have a different partner every night. Sounds like fun so come on out.

## Aggregate...

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just like any other developer or individual wanting to do something in Halton Hills, and if council doesn't agree the proposal can be rejected.

Sheldon said it would be "nice" to get a commitment from the province that land use maps dealing with aggregate can be an addendum to the Official Plan and not in the legal part of the plan.

The Minister of Housing's previous insistence that aggregate maps and documents be part of the legal portion of the regional Official Plan and not just the addendum is what caused the region staff to come up with amendment number six which would freeze huge tracts of land in north Halton for possible future aggregate extraction. The unveiling of amendment number six was what caused the aggregate issue to break out in real anger from residents last fall.

Sheldon noted the province said Caledon didn't have to include aggregate in the legal part of their Official Plan, but the province also warned this shouldn't be viewed as a precedent setting case.

The aggregate map showing so much land frozen from future development for aggregate protection drew attention away from the dangers in the text of the amendment. Sheldon fears the next text will say the plan must conform to provincial aggregate policy and so it will still be "slanted in the direction of ultimate aggregate extraction."

Hopefully Pope and Farrow will address the question of which takes priority in the cases of aggregate versus agriculture and aggregate versus residential areas.

Another major issue Sheldon hopes they'll clarify is the question of compatibility. MNR statements and policies indicate, she said, existing uses must be compatible with extraction of aggregate. In other words, Acton or a rural cluster would have to be compatible with potential future aggregate mining before expansion would be permitted.

The new Planning Act defines areas of "provincial significance," one of those areas being aggregate, she noted. Through the new Planning Act, Sheldon believes the province will be able to take away citizens' rights to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board and cabinet. If an issue people wanted to take to the OMB involved an area of "provincial significance" then a hearing officer couldn't delve into the issue.

She feels that with the new aggregate policy "nothing has changed. They've changed the words in the hope people can't change their dance steps quick enough. In effect the new policy is just as devastating as the old one."

Sheldon also wants the minister to address the whole question of a land freeze without compensation.

The need for aggregate from Halton has never been properly determined, except by the aggregate producers and that's a biased view, she declared.

Another problem which hasn't been properly studied is the impact of truck haul routes, both to individuals and the municipality and taxpayers. The impact of haul routes could be "horrendous."

Aggregate protection is one of the biggest issues to ever hit Halton, Sheldon said, and she expects it won't be settled for years to come.

She warned the province could take the new aggregate policy, combined with the powers in the new Planning Act and a "probable" new aggregate bill and have everything in place for aggregate extraction in the north to the degree people have "feared worst." She thinks the province will combine legislation and policies to "legitimize" its stance on aggregate and have land frozen for future quarries just the way they always intended.

Policies at Queen's Park deal with all lands, but there are two separate planning areas in the north, lands governed by the region and lands governed by the Niagara Escarpment Commission. North Halton could still wind up with huge tracts of land frozen in north Halton through the two planning areas. The area could still end up with double the impact of aggregate land freeze and mining in the north.

She concluded she doesn't feel the province has "watered down" its policy. "Nothing has really changed."

## Volunteers recognized

Halton Board of Education volunteers were honored at the board meeting Thursday evening in Burlington in a slide-tape presentation, in recognition of National Volunteer Week.

In elementary schools alone in Halton, there are 1,784 volunteers who show up regularly every week, a report to the board from Trustee Janis Millman said. Of these 289 work up to one hour per week, with 988 working from two to three hours per week. Some 114 put in four to five hours a week. They donate a total of 4,917 hours a week.

Various classroom clerical chores have the highest number of volunteers with 488, with 442 in the libraries.

## Neighbors...

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next door, yet not one call was received by the police department.

One woman in the audience wondered how many suspects are local people. Drennan pointed out it was difficult to be accurate, because not everyone is caught, but he estimated 90 per cent would be local people. Another person in the audience wanted to know why the local newspapers could not run pictures of suspects, and why names were not used in the reporting of all crimes (see Page 4). One woman said if her child did something wrong and the name was in the paper, the family would be embarrassed and she would make sure it (the crime) was not done again.

Drennan noted that because the names are in the paper doesn't mean they will stop committing crimes. Parents may stop the children from doing the crime again, but he noted, most of the suspects have parental problems and aren't the embarrassing type anyway.

Criminals should be made to pay restitution for their misdeeds, Kathy Sanford said. Drennan noted that more and more judges are ordering community service work rather than fines, which the parents usually end up paying anyway. He explained the criminal himself has to get out and clean up garbage, or the park, etc.

The true test of police efficiency is not in their visibility, but in the absence of crime, Drennan noted.

An Acton resident at the meeting questioned how much force he could use to defend his home. Drennan told him the law states "you can use as much force as is necessary to make an arrest." But, he warned the group that they may strike someone over the head with a baseball bat, and find it is the 13-year-old neighbor, coming home drunk who wandered into the wrong house.

Most break-ins are committed by someone under 21 years of age, of average intelligence, and average homes, Drennan said.

There are three easy ways to safe-guard goods in a home. One he said, is an electric engraver, and have a driver's licence or social insurance number written right on valuables. Another is invisible ink, and a third is photographs. Stickers are placed on doors and windows warning any potential robber the house is covered by Operation Identification.

Many of the suspects questioned by police had various homes they would not go near. If they looked in the window and saw a dog bowl, or saw children's toys in the front yard, they would go next door, Drennan said. One man who had confessed to 21 break and enters said he would go next door to the house with Operation Identification stickers on the door.

Alex Richards, of Poplar Ave. stated at the meeting that he was not working and owned an engraver, which he would kindly lend out to anyone, or go do the work himself. He can be reached at 853-1434.

Home security will be discussed at the next meeting, next Tuesday (April 26) at 7.30 at the Acton arena hall. Block captains for Lakeview will also be picked.

Of the 80 people at the meeting, Drennan learned, nine had been victims of break-ins about five had had property stolen and one had had a car stolen.

In an interview following the meeting Bonnette said he was "overwhelmed" by the response from Lakeview and "gratified" people are getting behind Neighborhood Watch.

While the audience was predominately from Lakeview there were also residents of Bovis, Glenlea and the Crescent areas in attendance.

Bonnette said he and volunteers from Bovis who have come forward will be going door-to-door this week in that subdivision explaining Neighborhood Watch and handing out letters inviting residents to the April 26 meeting.

After the next meeting he and some volunteers from Glenlea will blitz that area inviting people to a meeting so a Neighborhood Watch can be set up there in the future.

Fellow councillor Ross Knechtel sent a message to the meeting which was read aloud, apologizing for his absence because he was on vacation but pledging complete support for the program. Knechtel will be helping the other volunteers establish Neighborhood Watch here.

## Industrial...

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proval. He explained there is still much work to be done, but they didn't want to proceed with more tests and studies unless they have an indication council is behind the project.

Councillors Russ Miller and Pam Sheldon reported they had heard concerns from rural neighbors of this project about well concerns. Miller was worried about impact of wells in the industrial park on water levels in wells on neighboring properties. Morrison explained the province requires that if the project impacted on area wells they'd have to solve the problem. He suggested most of the water from the wells would wind up back in the ground from the septic tanks. More tests would be needed to nail down the impact of wells in the industrial park. Sheldon said while it was true the province would require area well problems be solved, people would have to prove the new project had caused the damage.

Morrison said they didn't anticipate there'd be any problems in building a tile bed and septic tanks on the property, but more testing and study was needed in this area too.

Mayor Peter Pomeroy noted Halton Hills has been working for years to solve water, sewage and storm water drainage problems for servicing of new Acton industrial land and residential lands. Progress has been slow and frustrating. But since this project is outside the expanded urban boundary it could be examined separately and on its own merit. Pomeroy said he didn't mind the idea of more industrial land in Acton at different prices being on the market.

Councillor Ross Knechtel noted this rural industrial land project is different because it would have rail access and pointed out Halton Hills is in desperate need of more industrial land assessment to help remedy tax burden problems.

Council accepted Councillor Dave Whiting's suggestion that the whole matter be referred to the planner so interested councillors could work with staff to solve problems and come back with a positive motion endorsing the project by next month.

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