Beavers under canvas at Blue Springs

by Jean Layman Ebor Park at Blue Springs Boy Scout Reserve, near Acton was the scene of many activities for North Halton District Beavers June 18 and 19.

Over 200 Beavers, Leaders and parents attended from Acton, Georgetown, Gien Williams and Limehouse.

Camp Chief Sue Walton, Beaver Co-Ordinator from Acton opened the camp. Other leaders on the committee were Bryan Osatchuk, Ron Fuller, Steve Thompson and Brian Sheppard.

Many activities were enjoyed which included crafts of the aeroplane, spin painting. Games enjoyed were soccer, sponge toss.

parachute, dunking for apples, frizbee and

Over 300 were in attendance for the campfire opened by Steve Thompson. Songs were led by District Commissioner John Sharples, Penny Bydevaate, and Shelley Scheeringa. Following the campfire Saturday evening the boys had mug up and cookies before going to their tents.

A very impressive Scouts Own was held Sunday morning under the leadership of Beaver Leader Glenda Benton, Steve Thompson and Leo Postlethwaite of "B" colony 2nd Georgetown. Mrs. Benton played her accordion and Steve and Leo played their guitars for the singing of hymns

of praise. Mrs. Benton conducted the Scouts Own and Steve Thompson read the story of "Jacob" sleeping under the stars. Don McLaughlin gave the prayer.

Acton Venturers set up a monkey bridge for the Beavers to test their skills.

A tug of war was very popular with the Beavers proving to be very strong on all

This camp is on a one to one basis for a Beaver and a parent, making a good weekend for everyone involved.

Gord Douglas, known to the boys as "Bear" took the Beavers on a nature hike which proved to be interesting.

Sue Walton expressed thanks to everyone

It wasn't just the people who decked out in their finery for Ballinafad's Canada Day parade. Ron McNiven and Martin Toogood dressed up "Bear" to vie for best togged

Investment policies to change for board

The investment of taxpayers' money by the Halton Board of Education will have to be done either with chartered banks, or trust companies backed by banks.

The change in policy comes just months after the board suffered through the threat of losing \$6.5 million when the provincial government seized the assets of Crown Trust, which held Halton money.

In a report to the board, vice-chairperson Betty Fisher noted that from time to time the board is in a position to invest surplus money for short terms. The new policy statement on the investment of these funds is designed to provide guidance to administration staff in this type of investment.

The security of the principal must be the first consideration, in any investment, Fisher said. It must also be readily marketable.

"Investments will be limited to those organizations with a rating of R1 middle to high in accordance with Dominion Bond Rating Service Commercial Paper Ratings," Fisher's report stated. Chartered banks are considered R middle, while it is usually foreign banks failing into R high. Most trust companies are R low, and do not fall under the new board policy.

Burlington trustee Bill Priestner admitted Crown Trust is not rated, but it was recommended by the government as a sound investment.

"A company having an R1 rating is a high grade prime credit," the policy statement read. "Its ability to repay its current liabilities as they fall due is very high and ability to do long term financing and a strong parent exists. The level of profitability has been reasonable and relatively stable with only modest fluctuations. The firm is of sufficient size to be a strong influence in its industry. Companies are also rated with the R1 category as upper, middle or lower. By definition, it takes a very strong company to be classified as a middle or an upper R1."

The new policy also limits the investment to \$2 million to any one Trust Company, falling within the R1 middle or upper classes.

Priestner was against this part of the statement pointing out that often the board has several millions of dollars sitting in

bank accounts waiting to be spent on payrolls, etc. By limiting the investment to \$2 million in each place, the board would have several bank accounts at several different banks.

Those companies with an R1 rating are: Chartered banks, Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Royal Bank, Toronto Dominion Bank, and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Trust companies falling into this category are The Canada Trust, Canada Permanent Trust, Montreal Trust, National Trust and the Royal Trust.

Guided tours of Crawford Lake

This summer, Halton and surrounding area residents can now enjoy guided tours of Crawford Lake Conservation Area, located on Steeles Avenue at Guelph Line near

Any intereested group or individuals who visit Crawford Lake can participate in guided tours and learn about the unique nature of the lake, the archaeological investigations performed at the lake and the Indian Village which is now being reconstructed. There's no charge and visitors can also enjoy the picnic area.

The Halton Region Conservation Foundation, a volunteer group of Halton residents are currently raising funds to complete the \$700,000 project over the next two years. When the project is complete, there will be an Indian Village and Interpretive Centre where visitors can learn about Crawford Lake, the Indian longhouse, archaeology, botany, biology and the Niagara Escarpment. The Halton Region Conservation Foundation has now raised over \$280,000 towards the fund raising campaign.

At this time, Crawford Lake interpreters are giving tours for interested individuals on the weekend at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. During the week, group tours are offered where visitors can participate in a simulated archaeological dig or tour the lake and the Indian Village. Interested groups should call 878-4131 for booking arrangements.

Hydro expands

Acton site A 3.5 acre parcel of land owned by Metroland Printing and Publishing Ltd. will be added to the abutting property, owned by Halton Hills Hydro land on Alice Street,

Halton Land Division Committee approved the severance at last week's

Solicitor Bert Arnold pointed out no new lot would be created; since the land will simply increase the Hydro property.

Asked by a member of the audience if the Georgetown offices were to be moved to Acton, Arnold said he knew of no such plan, and suggested it was a preliminary step to extending the building in future. He said the access would remain from Alice Street only.

Another resident commented, "If they are going to clean up the property I'm 100 per cent behind it, it's mosquito infested now." Another area resident complained of noise from trucks early in the morning, and said the men talk on the CB's loud enough to be heard on Bower Street.

The severance was approved subject to an agreement being signed with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Julie Zions, Don Finnie exchange marriage vows

Father Ralph Diodati officiated at the candlelight wedding service of Julie Marie Zions and Don Edward Finnie, June 4 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Acton.

Julie is the daughter of John and Marie Zions, RR2 Acton and Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Finnie, 111 Prince Charles Dr., Georgetown. Both are employed at Jack Tanners Table, the bride as a waitress and the groom as a bartender / walter.

Instead of the traditional organ music, Bill Kent played the guitar. He also sang

with Jennine Prowse. For her wedding day, Julie chose a gown with a chiffon skirt, with a bodice covered in silk knit chiffon over layered with seed pearls at the front of the neck, with chiffley lace, shear full sleeves fitted with lily point cuffs and a Victorian neck with scooped front. A full flowing train ending in scallaped lace complemented the gown. A semi-lace cap in lace encrusted with seed pearls held a finger tip veil with a blusher, sprinkled with lace flowers and pearls. She also wore a pearl necklace given to her by her parents on her 21st birthday and carried a bouquet of white orchids surrounded by stephanotia, baby's breath and ivy.

Maid of honor was Janet Rowe of Orillia, a close friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Linda Zions, sister of the bride, Maria Zions, sister-in-law of the bride, Kathy Antolick of Toronto, Sandra Krisch of Moffat, and Tammy Cooper of Dartmouth, Nova Scotla, friend of the bride. Flowergirl was Cheryl Zions of Everton and Dennis Zions, was ringbearer. They are cousins of the bride.

The bridal attendants were gowns of petal pink satin off the shoulder, with full elbow sleeves, wide sash soft gathered skirt. The maid of honor wore a petal plnk satin gown with elbow length full sleeves and ruffles over the front of bodice, with a sash and soft gathered skirt, and wore star flowers in her hair. The flowergirl wore a long white gown of polyester chiffon over taffeta with long sleeves and flowered appliques. All the attendants carried pink silk tiger lilles and baby's breath. The flowergirl carried a white basket of silk mini carnations and star flowers also in her hair.

Julie was escorted down the aisle by her father.

Glen Mercer of Georgetown was bestman for his friend. Ushers were Jim Finnie, of Victoria B.C., and Rob Finnie of Toronto, brothers of the groom, Ron Fiddler, Georgetown, brother-in-law, Peter Zions, Acton, brother of the bride, and Mark Devolin, Georgetown, friend.

Stephen Zions, brother of the bride and Larry Zions, cousin were servers at the mass. Stephen also gave the first reading and Kathy Antolick gave the second reading. Steve Palichuk, friend of the families taped the entire ceremony.

After the ceremony, the bride and groom rode through town on a horse and buggy owned by Bert Robertson.

Peter Zions was master of ceremonies at a dinner at the Acton Band Hall. Special toasts were given by the father of the bride and from the bride and groom.

Special guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John



Julie Zions and Don Finnie were married June 4 in St. Joseph's Church, Acton, Photo by Dorothy Taylor Studio.

Cunningham of Syracuse, New York, godparents of the bride; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Finnie, Victoria B.C., brother of the groom; Mrs. Edith Hewitt, of Carlyle, Sask., grandmother of the groom, Mrs. Irene Tully, Brandon, Manitoba, aunt of the groom; Mrs. Lil Hewitt of Minnedosa, Manitoba, aunt of the groom; Mrs. Shirley Moore of Victoria, B.C. friend of the groom's family.

Julie was guest of honor at four bridal showers hosted by: Mrs. Siski Kockx and Mrs. Stella Wallace, friends of the bride; Lois Fiddler, sister of the groom and Mrs. Finnie, mother of the groom; Mrs. Shirley Zions, aunt of the bride; and Janet Rowe and her family. A stag and doe for the bride and groom was given by Glen Mercer and Heather Henderson, and a staff party was given by the staff at Jack Tanners. A rehearsal party was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Following a honeymoon to Mr. and Mrs. Vic Gunn's Buffalo Lodge Cottage at Harris Lake, Pointe AuBaril, Ontario, the newlyweds made their home in Victoria, B.C.

Decision overruled

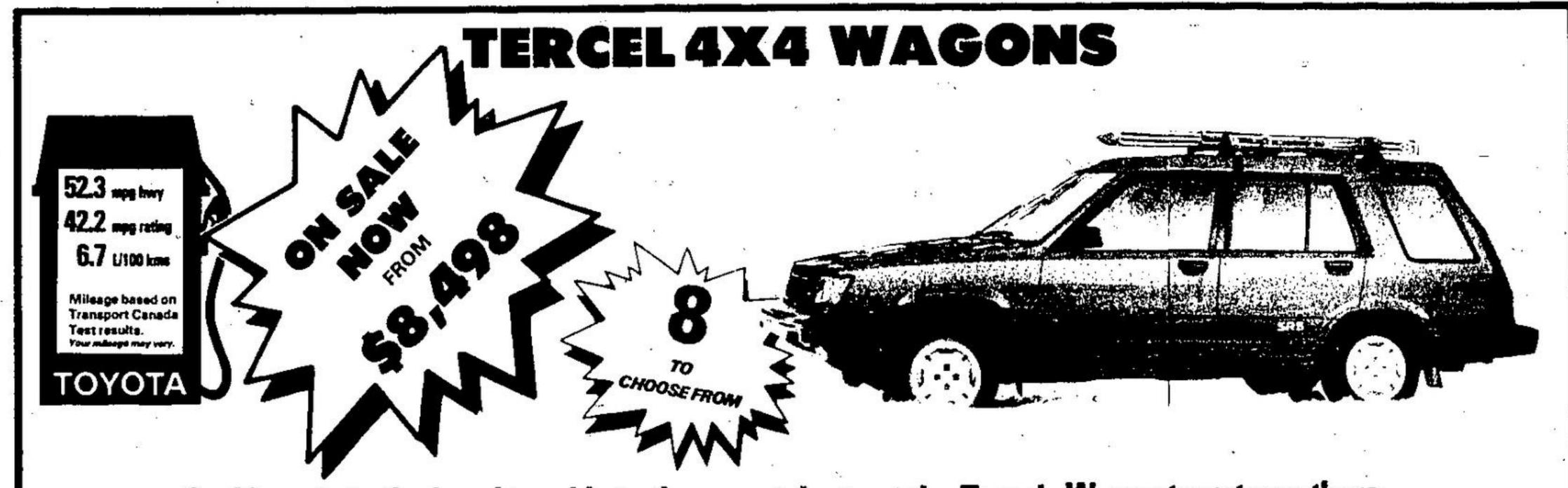
Regional council overruled a committee's decision that microfiche equipment be retendered due to accusations the tender was incorrect.

Council opted to award the contract to the first company, 3M of Canada who were awarded the contract over Bell and Howell.

Last week, administration and finance committee members decided, for the first time in the region's history, to have the equipment retendered.

Bell and Howell representative Brian Spergel said that his company was misled by the tender, which asked for a specific system. "As far as I'm concerned, they tendered incorrectly," he said. "I could have brought in a competitive price had they done it correctly."

But regional clerk David Varley said it was a fair tender. "It was not incorrect, but on hindsight, it could have been done better," he admitted.



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