



On May 21 Jessie Munro, daughter of David and Jessie Munro, RR 4, Acton, graduated from the Diploma Nursing program at Sheridan College, Mississauga. Jessie was born on Manitoulin Island and moved to the Acton area with her family in 1965. She is a former student of Acton District High School and Brookville Public School.

Parkland free charged before policy passed

Levies cannot be charged retroactively was the lesson emphasized at Halton Hills council Monday night.

The discussion arose when Councillor Pam Sheldon pointed out Julius Geist had been told he must pay a fee for parkland as a condition of obtaining a land severance, two weeks before council approved the policy of charging the fee.

She emphasized the recommendation to charge the fee was made at the April 9 meeting and a week later council approved that policy, but on March 27, Halton Land Division Committee, acting on a letter from Clerk Administrator Ken Richardson, imposed the not-yet-adopted policy.

"Council makes policy and staff implements it," stated Sheldon.

Richardson explained as administrator he took it upon himself to write to the LDC asking them to impose the charge with the condition the owner enter into an agreement with the Town, "if council didn't approve it the agreement would be null and void and the fee uncollectable." He claimed the applicants were informed at the LDC meeting.

Councillor Mike Armstrong asked why Geist did not appear before council to make his appeal. Sheldon said he was uncomfortable talking in public and preferred to do it by letter.

A letter from Solicitor Peter McWilliams was sent to the mayor.

Armstrong opposed the resolution not to charge any applicants who sought a severance before the policy was approved, contending they were informed at the LDC meeting. He said no-one had appealed the LDC decision.

Councillor Dave Whiting termed the fee "a retroactive requirement" which he could not approve. He pointed out that being informed at the LDC meeting is too late, since the applicants are already there with a lawyer whose fee would have to be paid. "Legislation should only be effective after it is officially passed."

Councillor Phil Carney questioned the legality of charging a fee before the policy was passed and said anyone in good conscience would agree. He also questioned the amount of the fee set at \$750 in the rural area, and \$1250 in the urban area. He claimed the amount was arrived at based on five per cent cash in lieu of parkland, a common clause in subdivision agreements, but seldom if ever used in single lot severances. He claimed the five per cent should be based on raw land, prior to the severance, since the price of land increases the moment severance is allowed.

Councillor Finn Poulstrup said council may have the right to do it, but said it was morally wrong to charge after the fact.

Solicitor Bert Arnold who had appeared at the LDC on behalf of another client who also had the charge imposed, explained the applicants could not appeal one condition of a severance without appealing the whole severance, thus putting their own severance in jeopardy. He said he pointed out to the LDC members the policy was not yet in place.

On a recorded vote, Councillors Ross Knechtel, Harry Levy, Mike Armstrong and Mayor Russ Miller opposed the motion to lift the parkland fee an any applications made before the policy was officially approved by council.



Four Legion Ladies' Auxiliary members received awards for years of service Thursday night. Left to right, Greta Moreau and Freda Lamb received Mother of Pearl pins as seniors who have served at least 10 years; a 30 year pin went to Marg McNabb; and a chartered member, Molly McHugh, received her 35 year pin. Mary Daigle, who has moved to Barrie, was presented with a watch for her years of service at her home by Kathy Jensen. A glass vase and flowers was presented to Marlon Rees, who moved to Scarborough, by Marg Dunn, second vice-president of the auxiliary.

Prayer vigil at hospitals

Campaign Life is asking fathers and their sons to keep a one hour prayer vigil outside of Halton Region hospitals that do abortions on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17.

Campaign Life recently obtained copies of abortion statistics for every hospital in Ontario covering abortions from 1980-82 from 83 Ontario hospitals. The total of the three years of abortions is 93,102.

Statistics for Halton Region show that 1,534 abortions took place in four Halton hospitals in the three years span. Georgetown Hospital performed 46 abortions, Milton Hospital 74 abortions, Oakville Trafalgar Hospital 561 abortions and Joseph Brant Hospital, Burlington, 853.

Slogan for the vigil is "Let Them Live."

Historical Society offers input

In the future when the Town is considering changing street names or giving a road a name for the first time the Esqueving Historical Society will be consulted.

Councillor John McDonald said Monday he thought the offer from the community group to provide the Town with input should be accepted.

A resolution was passed calling for the Esqueving Historical Society to not only be informed but also asked to comment on road name changes.



The Canadian Style Donuts shop at the corner of Mill and Main Streets has begun to be demolished to make room for a downtown parkette. Work crews rip up the roof and tear out walls.

Presentations highlight Legion Ladies' meeting

The June meeting of Acton Legion Ladies Branch 197 was held in the form of a pot luck supper enjoyed by everyone.

Two new applications for membership were accepted for Barbara Lake and Tracey Gordon.

Mary Daigle was presented with a watch for all her work in the auxiliary. She is moving to Barrie and will be missed.

A presentation was made to Marion Ruse for her service and help on the executive. She is moving to Scarborough.

Freida Lamb and Greta Morrow were presented with their Mother of Pearl pins

for being a Senior with over 10 years service.

Molly McHugh was presented with her 35 year pin. Margaret McNabb was presented with her 30 year pin.

The Legion Ladies are planning a bus trip to Cullen Gardens on Saturday June 16. Anyone wishing to go should get in touch with Lily Higgins.

Convention delegates this year are Sharon Barker and Lily Higgins.

Sick list this month: Eileen Moss, Helen Fowler, Mrs. Finley and Sylvia Foley. Have a nice summer. Hope to see everyone in September.

Housing starts drop in '84

Housing starts until the end of April were one third the number of the previous year.

This year nine house permits have been issued, while last year 27 were sold.

In April construction started on six houses, but alterations continued to boom ahead with 30 permits issued.

The trend toward additions and alterations continues with 51 permits issued until the end of April this year, and 57 at the same time last year.

Alterations to convert a store to O'Toole's Tavern in Georgetown are listed at \$40,000 and an addition to a commercial building, in the commercial area on Mountainview just north of Guelph Street is listed at \$60,000.

The April total of all types of permits was \$1 million only slightly less than the previous year's \$1.2 million, but the four month total of \$1.7 million this year, is more than \$2 million less than last year's \$3.8 million.

The Optimist Clubs of North Halton - present - **TV BINGO** Every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. on Halton Cable 4 All Proceeds to Youth and Community Services

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital will be held in the Hospital Cafeteria at 8:00 p.m., on June 21st, 1984. Honorable Life Members and 83-84 members are urged to attend. Refreshments.

JUDGE K.A. LANGDON
Chairman of the Board

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