

# The Herald Now Serves All of Halton Hills

## THE HERALD

Home Newspaper of Georgetown, Acton and Esquesing

### New Office For Acton

There's something new about this week's Herald. It's getting bigger, Halton Hills bigger. Beginning with this edition, the Herald becomes the newspaper of Halton Hills, serving Georgetown, Acton and Esquesing. To this end, the paper has opened an office in Acton, at 16 Mill St. E., and Acton residents are invited to make use of our services. Telephone number is 853-1711. News classified advertising, circulation will be handled there, as well as orders for job printing. Subscribers will be able to keep abreast of Halton Hills affairs through one newspaper. Advertisers will be able to present their messages to more readers, many more, at no increase in rates. We solicit your help to make this a community newspaper that will serve Halton Hills now and in the new year. It's only six weeks until the new municipality comes into being.

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WORKING ON THE STREET (Herald Photo)

Traffic is almost a bit-and-miss affair on a portion of Guelph Street in Georgetown. Curbs are going in, and so are storm sewers, in preparation for a widening program. Here, asphalt is tamped after a section of curbing was completed. The work extends from Maple Avenue to Main Street.

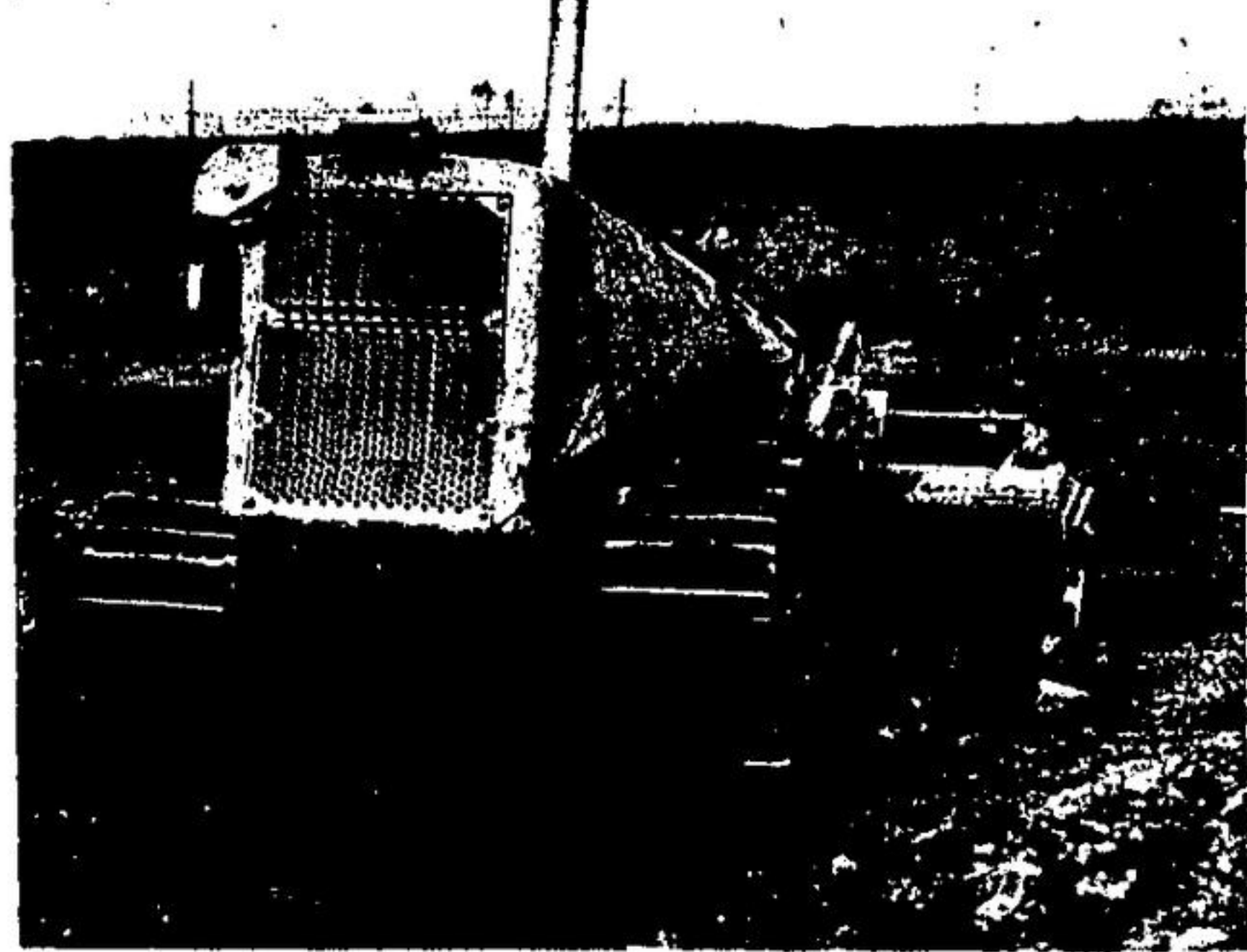
### NOT SWORN IN

## Area Council Vacancy Is Created By Death

### Graham Ripley Dies Tuesday

Death has created a vacancy in the area council for Halton Hills, even before it moves into office. Regional government is scheduled to arrive Jan. 1. Area councils have been elected to serve the four municipalities that will make up the regional government of Halton. The regional government already has been sworn into office. Mr. Ripley, of 15 Weber Dr., had won election to the area council in the Oct. 1 regional election. He polled 1,520 votes to place second, behind veteran councillor Harry Levy, who polled 1,554, in the race for two seats in Ward 4, Georgetown. His victory beat out Georgetown councillor Michael Armstrong who was seeking election also to the area council. A pilot for Air Canada, Mr. Ripley had resided in Georgetown for the past six years. The Oct. 1 election was his first successful campaign in local politics, but he had run for office previously in Georgetown. Regional government officials in Toronto and he expects to receive instructions soon from legal experts. Mr. Ripley, from Nova Scotia, is survived by his wife, Irene, and children Michelle, Robert and James. Funeral service will be held Thursday afternoon at two o'clock from St. John's United Church, Guelph Street, Interment Greenwood Cemetery. Tom Hill, mayor-elect of Halton Hills, said he was "shocked" when he learned Tuesday morning of Mr. Ripley's death. He said he had held high hopes for Mr. Ripley's performance as a councillor, because of his considerable "input" at informal meetings of the area council that have been held.

### DUMP CONSTRUCTION



A CRAWLER tractor snorts up the steep embankment of the Credit River valley in Georgetown where the new sanitary landfill site is being developed. The site will be built up in levels of about two feet at a time with garbage. Former locale, north of the CNR tracks, is filling up fast.

### No Closing For Street

It was a quiet evening at the general committee meeting of Georgetown council Monday. Topics included for discussion were the possible closing of Charity Street, a review of municipal properties, a Town of Mississauga resolution concerning flashing lights on school buses, a proposed exchange of private and town-owned land, and an offer to purchase land on George Street. On hand for the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. James Torswick whose property verges on Charity Street. They wanted assurance that the street would remain open. Coun. Ern Hyde noted that council did not have plans to close the street, although a former home owner on Charity Street had requested such action at one time. "We'll recommend that the road not be closed," Coun. Hyde said. "If it were not serving a public purpose, then we would close it."

### REMEMBRANCE

## Time is Taking Its Toll, Ranks of Veterans Thin

by DAVID LEES

On Sunday, Fred Wright remembered. As he has for years, the 81-year-old veteran of World War I diligently travelled to the three remembrance day ceremonies within the Acton area, paying his respects to fallen comrades. Early Sunday morning, he attended the ceremony at Rockwood where he has gone "ever since the monument was built in the early twenties." This year, however, he was the only World War I veteran there from Acton. Time is taking a toll even greater than the war. "It's been whittled down from the 50 veterans I used to take with me," he said not with sadness, so much as resignation. Mr. Wright is one of eight surviving veterans of the Great War in this area. His surviving comrades are Willard Britton, of Esquesing, Dr. H. A. Buchanan, Acton, William Early, Nassagaweya, Gilbert Kingsbury, Nassagaweya, William Middleton, Acton, Robert Turner, Acton and Dr. B. D. Young, Acton. From Rockwood, Mr. Wright, moved on to a ceremony in Brookville, and from there he returned to "catch the tail end" of the service at Trinity United Church in Acton. "It means a lot to me to be able to go to these services," he admits. "I don't go there to be honored," he said, but added hastily, "although I am honored." "The services are for the sake of the children that there be no more wars," he explained. As well, he said, they are for the families of soldiers who never returned, who are comforted that "we remember those who gave their lives." Mr. Wright has changed his outlook on war over the years. "The older I grow, the more I'm against it," he said. "I'm for peace now. Nothing has ever been gained by war." "I'm a realist now. I was there. I saw my old comrades come back wounded or blind. Why should it be in this Christian age?" He remembered the enthusiasm of the autumn in 1914 when he was with the first Canadian contingent that went overseas. As a young man he said, he was seeking adventure but he recalled his anger at the reception in Plymouth. "Women put handkerchiefs to their eyes and said: 'But they're only boys.'"



GRAHAM RIPLEY

## Poster Winners In North Halton

Two North Halton Grade 5 pupils have been judged first prize winners in the 19th annual poster contest sponsored by Halton Fire Prevention Bureau. Top girl in the county-wide competition is Patty Jo Cairns of Holy Cross Separate School in Georgetown, while Richard Norris of Speyside Public School in Esquesing Township was named the top boy in the contest. Honorable mention prizes were awarded to Monica Schafhauser and Dino Dal Bello of Holy Rosary School in Milton, Danielle Guoit of St. Vincent's Oakville and Yves Rousseau of Holy Cross, Georgetown. Winners Patty Jo and Richard and the four honorable

### Two Injured

Two women required medical treatment following a traffic mishap at the intersection of Highway 7 and Trafalgar Road. Injured were Patricia Young, RR 1, and Janet Hunsley, RR 1, of Georgetown, occupants of one of the vehicles. Damage to their car was placed at \$1,500. Other driver involved by William Oldroyd, RR 1, Norval. Damage to his vehicle was estimated at \$500. Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police has charged Oldroyd with careless driving and impaired driving.

### No Robbery Just Film

The Royal Bank of Canada on Main Street, Georgetown was the scene of a bank robbery last Wednesday. A fake robbery, that is, Georgetown Police Chief Floyd Schwartz said the "robbery" was staged by students of Georgetown District High School as part of a film and communications course. "Arrangements were made with the bank and the police, so everyone was expecting the crime," Chief Schwartz said. "Police were standing by, just in case passersby might think an actual robbery was in progress." The robbery was held just after closing hours at the bank. "I hope this type of training won't continue," Chief Schwartz laughed, "or we might be accused of running a crime school."

### EARTH IS DUMPED

sanitary landfill site. Work is proceeding to have the site ready before the end of the year. The fresh, red earth is being scraped from the banks of the Credit River, over which the site will look.

### CAUTIOUS APPROACH TRIED

In Region Works Takeover

Halton regional council will apparently use a cautious approach in moving to take over the load of public works responsibilities in the region. The region's works committee met in Milton last week to review its jurisdiction and form some sort of policy as to handling them. For the most part, the committee recommended the region move carefully in taking control accepting its legal responsibilities without taking on anything too big to handle. As of the first of the year, the region assumes responsibility for the county road system, garbage disposal, water and sewer systems. It has also the ability to add roads not presently under the county's jurisdiction. The biggest area of concern appears to be the regional road system which takes effect next year. The region has to take over some 174 miles of county roads and can, if desired, add other roads to the regional list. The public works committee recommended the region take over the county road system, which it must anyway, but hold off taking on any other roads until it can properly handle them. The committee opted for the same go-slow policy toward water and sewer services. The region must assume responsibility for Halton's water distribution services which vary throughout the county.

### FOUR FIRES IN TWO DAYS

Georgetown Fire Department reported a total of four fire calls in two days. Firefighters were called to 348 Guelph St. early Tuesday morning to quell a small blaze in the building housing the Pop Mart. A spokesman for the department said the fire started in the woodworking section of the building and caused smoke damage. The department was called upon to put out leaves at Greenwood Cemetery on Sunday. Two back-to-back fires were reported Monday evening. A straw pile adjacent to a large shed caught fire just off County Road 22, east of Highway 7 shortly after 5 p.m. Twenty minutes later, a tree was reported ablaze at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. Firefighters were able to extinguish the straw pile blaze, but could not gain access to the tree fire. The department called the club's caretaker who was asked to deal with the burning tree.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**COMMERCIAL SHEARING LTD.**, a subsidiary of Commercial Shearing Inc., of Youngstown, O., has leased facilities in Acton to assemble and to test hydraulic pumps, motors and control valves. These operations, to begin this month, will facilitate service to the company's Canadian customers.

**A \$1,437,000 GRANT** to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to implement a program of waterfront control has been approved by the ministry of natural resources. But the money will be spent in Port Credit and Mississauga, for development and management of waterfront areas.

**AREA FIRE CHIEF MICK HOLMES** suspects vandals were the cause of a fire at a small cottage on the 4th Line in Nassagaweya Township, Sunday. Chief Holmes said logs and an old reel were piled at the front of the cottage door and were in flames when firefighters arrived. Owner of the cottage was not immediately known.

**SELECTION OF HALTON'S** regional police chief could come tomorrow, when the newly chosen regional police commission holds its first formal meeting. The five-man commission will meet Thursday afternoon in the Oakville town hall committee room. Judge William K. Warrender is commission chairman.



POPULAR SCOUTER LEAVES (Herald Photo)

Norm Savill, one of Georgetown's best known scouters, was special guest in a ceremony in his honor at St. John's United Church hall last Thursday evening. After four years as a popular leader of the First Georgetown Scout Troop, Scouter Norm is moving to Montreal. Presentations included an engraved barometer, presented by Bob Collett of the group committee; an engraved beer mug, presented by Chris Skitch of the district scouts council; a sign and shirt from Jean Layman, cub leader; a salt and pepper set from the 1st Georgetown cub pack; an engraved saw from the First Georgetown Venturers; and a blanket and plaque from his scout troop; presented by patrol leader Steven Jones. Above, Steve Jones and Norm Savill chat in front of the gifts Norm received.

## 102 COMPETITORS Horse Club Members Place Well

Competing against 102 other competitors in the Robert Graham Memorial Judging competition, Horse Club members placed well up in the standings: Eileen Marshall, Milton, placed second and Valerie Ella, Hornby, placed sixth. To qualify for these awards, each girl was required to evaluate four classes of four horses each. Each horse was evaluated on the basis of general confirmation, head, neck and shoulders, body and quarter, feet and legs, and way of going. Other competitors from Halton County were Cathy McDougall, Cecil Patterson, and Bill Stokes. Grant Mustard of Ontario County was the over-all winner of the livestock management tour judging competition held in conjunction with the Royal Winter Fair. Grenville County won the over-all County Team Competition and Kempenville College of Agricultural Technology won the college competition. Two competitors from Halton were Stan McEnery, who placed ninth and Dennis McClure, who placed 13 in the overall standings. Had Halton County had a third member on the team, it could have won the county team competition. Halton County has six 4-H members planning to compete at the Queen's Guineas on Friday, at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. It has been a number of years since the County last had a Queen's Guineas winner in the Fair. By the appearance of the calves being sent to the Royal by the 4-H members this year, it is judged that the county stands a good chance of having a winner. Those competing from Halton County will be Cathy Lauby, Carol Somerville, Keith McKinnon, Nancy McKinnon, Bill Allison and James Lindsay.



This young lady was just one of nearly 40 pre-schoolers taking part in the Georgetown Figure Skating Club's skating program. Held every Monday afternoon, the club provides ice time and instructors for all pre-school age children. For more pictures, see page seven.