

Turning Down The Heat? Insulation Now Hard To Come By For Your Home

by DAVID LEER
Area homeowners who attempt to follow provincially advertised battle plans to fight the energy crisis will find it difficult to do so; and if they succeed, it will cost them considerably more than it would have a month ago.

Insulation is in short supply at local building stores. Stocks of Rockwool insulation have been non-existent for more than a month at most stores, and vermiculite, the loose in-

sulation that can be blown into hollow walls, will jump in price by 30 per cent.
Suppliers have warned that although rockwool shipments are beginning to come in, it will soon begin to climb in price, probably before the end of this year.

A spokesman at the MacKenzie Build - All Lumber yard in Acton said the store has been without insulation since early in August. He added, however, that shipments are expected to arrive next week, via the build-all area head office in Georgetown.

Sandy MacKenzie, a part owner at that store, said a supply of vermiculite is expected next week, and that, hopefully, rockwool supplies will follow the week after that.
Those stocks, he said, have been on order for more than two months, in stark contrast to procedures in the past.
"You used to be able to get next-day delivery," he said.

The last shipment of vermiculite which arrived at the store, he added, was of 600 bags. The order was sold out in a week and a half.
PAPER SHORT
Mr. MacKenzie said that vermiculite supplies were easier to come by than rockwool insulation. He explained that the paper backing that holds the chemical 'wool' together is unavailable because of strikes in the paper industry. The urgent national demand on

top of the general shortage has aggravated the situation.
The paper itself has increased in price, he said, and will be reflected in insulation prices. He noted that some stocks have already started to climb, and predicted the rest will follow in December.
At the Beaver Lumber store in Georgetown, store manager Al Castonguay noted that so far the rockwool insulation prices have held steady, at \$14 a carton for six-inch insulation.

For that price, a homeowner could cover about 40 square feet of his attic roof or house walls to the six-inch depth recommended by the provincial government.
Mr. Castonguay said the major price increase he has noted has been with vermiculite, which will retail for from \$2.19 to \$2.25 a bag. That price is a sharp increase from the cost as recently as one month ago when the price stood at \$1.85 per bag.

The Beaver store, more fortunate than most others in the area has just received a major order of rockwool insulation, but Mr. Castonguay said the order was filled only by resorting to suppliers in the United States, through Beaver offices in Toronto.
OUT OF STOCK
He said his store was out of stocks for more than two months before the shipment arrived last week.

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Norval School Gets Axed, Democracy Given Its Day

No Changes In Policing

With a regional police force in Halton county little more than a month away from reality, no deadline or timetable has yet been set to move it into Acton.
Both Judge William Warrander, chairman of the regional police force, and Glenn Magnuson, Georgetown representative on the commission, refused to set a date for the phasing out of the OPP detachment located here.
Earlier estimates have set "two or three" years as the period required to replace the OPP, but both commissioners implied the time may even be longer than that.

When the phase-out does begin, Judge Warrander said it would be a gradual process.
Ceremonies were conducted last week to install Burlington Police Chief Ken Skerrett as head of the new force.
On Thursday, Mr. Skerrett was sworn in as a constable following his resignation from the Burlington police. Minutes after he was accepted as a constable, Mr. Skerrett was appointed chief of the regional force by Judge Warrander at the ceremony in the Oakville municipal offices.
Mr. Skerrett said he intended to tour the county to visit police forces in Milton and Georgetown.

Anonymity No Problem

Amid concern that Acton will be lost in the anonymity of Halton Hills, Joe Hurst, area councillor-elect, has predicted that Acton may dominate the new area.
He told guests at the Appreciation Night on Saturday, that already the province is looking to Acton for leadership.
Mail sent to mayor-elect Tom Hill has been received at the municipal offices here addressed to The Town of Halton Hills, 40 Mill St. E., Acton.

READ HEN
What's black and white and red all over? Well, it isn't a newspaper. Doug Hauser of the Royal Bank in Georgetown says it's a sunburned penguin.



Pretty Cindy Saunders of Oakville was crowned Miss Snow Queen of the Georgetown and Area Snowmobile Club, Saturday. Georgetown Mayor Bill Smith was on hand to crown Miss Saunders, and managed two kisses for the queen. Kathy Picard, far right, a contestant, looks on as Mayor Smith demonstrates municipal lip service. Other contestants were Lorrie Boudreau and Jeanette Picard.

Delay Is Asked But Not Given

by JAMIE LAMB
The axe fell on Norval School last Thursday evening as the Halton County Board of Education voted to accept a recommendation from the assistant director of education, Emerson Lavender, that the school be closed effective June 1974. The trustees voted in favor of the recommendation by a 12-3 vote.
Present at the meeting held in the board administration building in Burlington was Norval resident Julian Reed who pleaded the case for keeping the school open.

"You are voting on the future, or ending the possibility of a future for Norval School," Mr. Reed told the trustees. "I urge you to look at all the options."
Mr. Reed asked the board not to make a decision Thursday evening but allow him time to organize so he could present alternatives to closure.
Burlington trustee Dr. Heien Howard-Loch urged that the recommendation be tabled in response to Reed's request, but there was no seconder and the motion was lost.
GERRYMANDERING
In his 10 minute address, Mr. Reed accused the board of "gerrymandering" with the Norval school. He noted that the school was paid for, that students were able to walk to school, and that the decreased enrolment figures were due to the board's own decision to remove several grades from the school.
"I'm not here to campaign for a forced repatriation of students," he said. "The board has removed kindergarten and grade one from the school. Isn't it logical that if a child starts at one school, his parents

are reluctant to bring him back to Norval school?" Assistant director Lavender said in response to Mr. Reed's presentation that the effect of optional attendance on Norval school had been significant - with 17 students walking to school and 10 students being bused to school. He also objected to Mr. Reed's accusation of gerrymandering.
Rev. Garry Morton said in response to the presentation, "From personal inquiries I have made, I have not detected a groundswell of opposition to the recommendation."
Oakville trustee Dick Goodin said just before the vote that "one of the very sad sights across the province is to see so many small schools that produced many good products closed." He went on to say that big schools are not the answer to educational problems and may only lead to more sociological problems.
"This is a chance to say something that we'd really be proud of," Mr. Goodin said. He also asked for a recorded vote.
Trustee Doug Wood said his community (north Oakville) had reluctantly decided to give up its one-room school and had never regretted it, though the school had once been the hub of the community. In the vote, only trustees Dr. Howard-Loch, Dick Goodin, and Milton trustee, Ivan Armstrong opposed the closing of the three-room Norval school.
Following the meeting, Mr. Reed said the case was now in the hands of the Norval residents. "Democracy has had its day here," Mr. Reed quipped. If the residents are not willing to fight, he said he would probably exercise "personal options" which he declined to disclose.

Fond Farewell Paid To Acton

More than 150 years of municipal history were summarized at an Appreciation Night banquet in Acton by area councillor-elect Joe Hurst, in a speech that won a standing ovation from more than 300 guests.
Mr. Hurst grounded predictions for a strong future for the town as part of the new community of Halton Hills upon its already sturdy past.
"The future is upon us," he declared, "and we cannot look back." But the speech that Mr. Hurst gave was a final fond remembrance of a town, that will officially disappear January 1.
According to Mr. Hurst, the first instruments recorded in the registry office referring to the present site of Acton were dated 1829 and 1830.
The original hamlet located here was called Danville. "The name was derived from a young man named Dan," said Mr. Hurst, "who worked as a clerk in the first dry goods store established here by a fellow called Wheeler Green."
"I have often wondered why the name was not Greenville," Mr. Hurst noted. "After due consideration, I have concluded that that would not have been democratic."
The name was soon changed to Adamsville, in honor of the first settlers here, Zenas, Rufus, and Ezra Adams.
In 1844, a post office was obtained for the small community and it was upon a motion made by the first postmaster, a Mr. Robert Swan, a native of Northumberland, Eng., that the name was changed for the second time, on that occasion in honor of the borough of Acton in England.

ACTON CREST
Some years later, said Mr. Hurst, the town was presented with the crest of Acton in England and liked it enough to retain it, changing only the oak leaves to maple leaves. The crest is still the official emblem of the town.
"From 1844 to 1873 the hamlet remained a part of Esquesing but during those years," said Mr. Hurst, "A solid foundation was laid for the industrial centre we know today with the establishment of a grist mill in the 1830s, the first tannery in 1840, a glove factory in 1859 and a shoe company in 1875."
In response to the need for special services to provide for the industries located here, Acton was incorporated as a village in 1873 by the Halton County council. In 1950, the village finally moved from village to town status.
Mr. Hurst called the town "one of the most cosmopolitan centres to be found anywhere," because of the mixture of nationalities that have added to the original Scotch, Irish and English settlers.
"It would be nice to rest on our laurels for a while," said Mr. Hurst, but he added, "this cannot be!"
"Regional government is here and the facts have to be faced. Facts that are not faced

have a habit of stabbing one in the back."
SENTENCE
"Even though I am a supporter of regional government, I do firmly believe that the sentence could have been passed on us a little more democratically."
The mild criticism of regional government was in tune with a general sadness at the Appreciation Night about the passing of Acton. Mr. Hurst, however, predicted the town still has much to look forward to, partially because of the community-minded citizens in the crowd.
He said that members of the audience had "formed the links in the chain of service joining the past to the present."
"Many of those links go back 10, 20, 30 and up to 40 years into the past and weld together the efforts and contributions of our fathers to that of their sons."
"Directed and tutored by the many persons present here tonight young able representatives with great talent and promise will come forward as the years unfold to accept the challenge of the day and assume the links in the chain of service."
"They will carry with them the hopes, the dreams and the aspirations of the people of Danville, Adamsville and Acton."
"Although the names of this municipality shall be forgotten, the spirit of its people shall be perpetuated."



HAVE SANTA, WILL TRAVEL
Rent-a-Santa? Not quite, but the Georgetown Jaycettes are providing their annual service of providing Santa costumes to interested parties for the Christmas season. Proceeds from the rental costumes are for the Jaycettes' ways and means committee. Above, Melissa Belfry, four, left, and Lori Marks, four, are in the unique position of having two Santas to ask presents from. Santa are Jaycettes Mrs. Madeline Marks, left, and Mrs. Sharon Atkinson.

SMOOCHIN' SMITH
Snowmobile Club, Saturday. Georgetown Mayor Bill Smith was on hand to crown Miss Saunders, and managed two kisses for the queen. Kathy Picard, far right, a contestant, looks on as Mayor Smith demonstrates municipal lip service. Other contestants were Lorrie Boudreau and Jeanette Picard.

OPEN AND CLOSED

No Objectors At Sewage Plant Hearing

It was an open-and-closed affair at the Ontario Municipal Board hearing at the municipal offices in Georgetown, Thursday morning. The hearing, called to hear objections to the proposed expansion of the Georgetown sewer treatment plant, heard two speakers but no objections.
Vice-chairman of the municipal board, D. Jamieson, said four letters objecting to the proposed expansion were received and the hearing resulted from the written objections.
"The hearing gives us the opportunity to cross-examine people with complaints," Mr. Jamieson said. "If the people don't come to the hearing, there's nothing we can do."
Because no complainants were heard at the hearing, the OMB approved the plant expansion.
However, the board did hear two speakers outlining the proposed expansion.
Guy Boudaud, an engineer
Firemen Answer Three Calls
The Georgetown fire department answered three calls during the course of the past week.
On Thursday at 1 p.m., a car was reported on fire at the Meadow Glen Mushroom Growers Ltd. A fire was extinguished at 25 Eleanor Crescent Sunday afternoon which saw a garage gutted.
On Tuesday, November 27, firemen were called upon to extinguish a bulldozer fire at the farm of Ernie Alexander, RR 2 Norval.

that the plant handles both storm sewers and town sewers.
Asked by chairman Jamieson whether a dual system could be installed in Georgetown, Mr. Martin replied that it was highly unlikely, because of the sewer system in the older section of town and the lack of storm sewers in the newer sections. He also mentioned that there were no surface storm sewer drains in many parts of town, but that this situation is being remedied to a certain extent.
Mr. Martin went on to explain for the consulting firm of Procter and Redfern Ltd., said the present sewage treatment plant in Georgetown was set up to handle 1.5 million gallons of waste daily. He said the plant is currently handling about 1.7 million gallons daily.
John Martin of the ministry of the environment told the hearing that the new addition to the treatment plant would double the plant's capability, allowing it to handle three million gallons daily.
Mr. Martin went on to explain that the plan and bylaw is implementing population controls by reducing density. The reason is environmental protection and quality of life. This evening, the board has scheduled a public meeting at the high school to review Official Plan amendments. The amendments are required to bring the plan into line with zoning regulations.
The meeting, beginning at 8 p.m., will provide the public with an opportunity to find out what is proposed.
Essentially, the board is bringing the Official Plan up to date. The original plan dates to 1964, and it was amended in 1967. As in any plan, it is a document that is a statement of intent, and in no way controls land use.
But Official Plan and zoning bylaw must conform. A revised zoning bylaw, begun in 1971, was presented to town council in August of this year. Last zoning amendments were made in 1967.

SEWAGE PLANT
In line with the slow-growth designation of the region by the province, and limitations of present sewage treatment, population curbs are placed at about the 25,000 level, until a sewage treatment program is fully operational.
Even at that point, population of the area is not considered to be desirable beyond the 30,000 range.
Roger Frost of the planning board explained that population levels are reflected in the capacity of the Credit River and Silver Creek to accept treated effluent from the community's sewage system. General concern of the board has been population size.
The board looked at the Official Plan as controlled by zoning and found that the community's population could soar to 40,000. Because of environmental limits, it was felt to be unwise to allow in the Official Plan land designation that would allow such a sharp increase. Present population of Georgetown is about 17,000.
The board has slapped on population controls.
DENSITIES
By altering density allowances, the board has come up with the 30,000 population figure, keeping on hand a reserve of 2,000 to allow for future service to Glen Williams.
Other areas are to be designated lower density, while some revisions upward to high density will be made, such as

NEWS IN BRIEF

FIRST BUILDING of a provincial agricultural museum will be complete by spring of next year. R. W. Carbert, associate director, information branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, told the Halton Regional Conservation Authority that the province's more than 15,000 artifacts are waiting to be housed in the museum. The building is located in Milton Heights on property adjacent to the Kello Conservation Area. Old farm machinery, tools and steam equipment will be housed in a new house.
WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY is proposed for Crawford Lake in Nassagaweya Township, to be sponsored by Gardens Club of Ontario and Nature Conservancy of Ontario. A fund of \$10,000 is proposed to maintain the sanctuary.
POLICE IN ACTON are investigating theft of a black and white television set, removed Sunday night from the Eaton's store on Mill Street. Police said thieves gained entrance to the store by kicking in the front door.
DAMAGES WERE estimated at \$1,200 but there were no injuries in a collision on Highway 7 near Limehouse Road. Involved were drivers Kathleen Hill, 37, of RR 1, Georgetown, and Alpheus Kendrick, 48, of Nova Scotia.
REGIONAL MEETINGS are scheduled for today. This afternoon, there were to be meetings of the Halton Regional Police Commission, in Oakville, and Halton Regional Council, in Milton. This evening, Halton Regional Conservation Authority meets in Milton.
Planning Puts Brakes On Population
Now, the plan and bylaw must be brought into line. The planning board is seeking redesignation of an area around the downtown core, from high density to low density. Such action would help curb population growth. An exception would be vacant or deteriorated land where the advantage might be to put medium or some high density housing.
The board also is interested in protecting the land known as the cedar swamp, near the hospital. It would impose controls that would prohibit the town from selling the land without an amendment to the Official Plan. Mr. Frost urged members of the public to attend the meeting, and to make known their objections or statements of support, so such comments could become part of the official record.