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★ Big Fish For Big Affair

It was a big weekend for Acton residents as they had a special birthday...their Centennial Celebrations reached a climax.

And it was a big fish for Clayton Oakley, Main Street in Acton, whose bass brought the eight-year-old angler the prize for the biggest bass and another prize for the biggest fish over-all.

Clayton's fish weighed two pounds, nine ounces and measured 17 inches. For more pictures on Acton's once-in-a-lifetime celebration, see Page 9

★ \$\$\$ Request is Referred

Halton regional council decided that a request from Halton Hills for debenture for \$450,000 should be referred to the general administration and finance committee for consideration.

Mayor Tom Hill prepared a letter requesting the regional council to prepare a resolution to issue the debenture. The debenture was needed to take advantage of a "\$250,000 grant under the winter capital loan fund," said Mayor Hill.

Course Of Action Planned To Raise Funds For Arena

After a heated discussion with supporters for the proposed arena in Georgetown, Mayor Tom Hill promised to donate \$250 to any fund-raising drive.

Mayor Hill met with the representatives of various clubs and organization in Georgetown to plan a course of action for a large fund raising project to support the arena.

However, the Halton Hills council came under attack by the people, who noted that they were tired of all the double dealing and empty promises of government.

Robert Beckstead made a presentation to the council outlining the plans for the proposed arena at the corner of Mountainview Road and Guelph Street in Georgetown.

Mr. Beckstead said, "I have to listen to the people who are going to use it. We'll be asking for an additional \$450,000 for the arena from the OMB if they turn us down, we're in bad trouble," he explained.

Norval, School Board Fight Guerrilla War

Area Ratepayers Upset By Closing

Norval area ratepayers are fighting guerrilla warfare with the Halton school board, with the board the guerrillas and Norval school the target. Ratepayers don't know who they are fighting or where they will strike next.

The latest serious blow was the decision of the board to sell the school, well timed in its announcement when most people are away on holidays. But the blow that has Norval reeling is the decision just made by the board that Norval community cannot buy the property for one dollar as promised at a public meeting with school officials about three years ago, but will have to pay the board market value for it.

This is the property that the ancestors of the village paid for and built a school on in 1840 and added on to over the years. Esquering ratepayers helped with their taxes to build the new three roomed school in 1953. Halton school board had this well built school and over four acres of land handed over to it for safekeeping from the taxpayers of this community.

Halton school board did not pay for it, the taxpayers of this community did. Now they demand that the taxpayers buy it back from them at the present inflated market value if they want the property for community use. That is if they don't sell it to another educational authority in the jurisdiction. They are to get the



Call Tenders For New Pool In Georgetown

At a special meeting last Wednesday, Halton Hills council agreed to call tenders for the construction of the Georgetown indoor swimming pool. Councillor Ric Morrow, who was the council's representative on the building committee told the councillors that "as it is now, construction won't be able to start until school opens in September."

Councillor Morrow explained that the price range was around \$500,000 and he noted a more definite answer would be known after the tenders are open. "By just getting it ready to call for tenders we've already faced the biggest hurdle" he said. "Believe me, it has been no easy task getting this thing to this point."

SUMMERTIME GAL

Domination Day festivities last Monday drew hundreds of sunbathers and picnic lovers to Acton community park for an afternoon of music, games and barbecues.

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This service will be curtailed except for a few people living outside of town and for businesses who request it," he said. Mr. MacDonald, who works in the south western district also noted that local taxis will be used to drive the carriers to their routes in Acton.

CAMPAIGN TRAIL NDP

CANDIDATE ARCHIE BROWN spent last Tuesday in Oakville canvassing and door knocking at homes, the post offices, extensicare centres and the General Electric plant. Last Tuesday night was the final all-candidates meeting held in Oakville sponsored by the ratepayers association.

CONSERVATIVE

CANDIDATE TERRY O'CONNOR spent last week polling throughout the riding while attending the final all-candidates meeting in Oakville last Tuesday night. Mr. O'Connor will be concentrating the final campaign week in meeting as many voters as possible by mainstreaming in every town from Erin to Oakville.

LIBERAL

CANDIDATE DR. FRANK PHILBROOK spent Dominion Day door knocking and strolling through Oakville's Croatian community. Tuesday Dr. Philbrook taped a radio program and attended the final all-candidates meeting in Oakville. Yesterday Dr. Philbrook was canvassing in Erin, Acton and Milton while today he will be at the Centennial Manor for senior citizens in Milton.

Regional Councillor Says Startup Costs Are Too Low

A Halton regional councillor says the almost \$3 million startup costs for Halton Region were too low. Mayor George Harrington of Burlington told the regional council at a special meeting last week that he felt the \$2,813,773 sought by council was not very high for the special assistance grants, provided by the province. The region will also seek additional funds to cover police pensions.

"I never like to go in too low, we can always go down but we'll have a heck of a time going up," he argued. "The mill rate in Burlington is going up this year for residential by five mills."

Regional treasurer Don Farmer noted that the other grants awarded to area municipalities would help to lighten their payments in taxes. He explained that each municipality would receive the "sparsely" grants.

The total grant includes \$27,794 for an official plan, \$225,000 for computer installation in 1977, and \$150,000 for the rent of the headquarters.

Tenders Soon For Bridge

The Halton Regional Works Committee agreed that tenders should be called as soon as possible to allow for the completion of the Hungry Hollow Bridge in Halton Hills.

The bridge is located on the Ninth Line, and is the major route for entries to the International Flowing Match scheduled for September.

In a report to the committee, regional engineer, Bob Baillie noted that tenders could be brought in by July 18 and prepared for the council meeting on July 17.

Council Motion Is Defeated

A motion to include physical and mental disabilities related to pregnancy in the sick-leave plan offered by the Halton region municipality was defeated by council yesterday.

Regional councillor Terry Mannell (Oakville) questioned a decision to delete illnesses from pregnancies noting that "it seems discriminatory to me."

Howitt Is Lone Dissenter In Georgetown Arena Plan

Coun. Dick Howitt was the lone dissenter to vote against the continuation of plans for a Halton Hills arena in Georgetown because he feels the town cannot afford it.

At a special meeting Wednesday, Coun. Howitt was the only one to vote against allowing the architect firm of Lee, Elken and Beckstead to continue their work on the project.

"We simply can't afford it," he said. "I appreciate the work by the architects and I appreciate the fact that there is a need for the facility, but it's just too much to handle."

Coun. Ric Morrow reached a total cost figure, minus a \$250,000 grant for winter works, of \$1.285 million and added a dismal note that the town was \$350,000 short of the amount.

"I feel we should debenture for \$450,000 and if the region denies us then we pay Mr. Beckstead for his work this far."

"This is the simplest thing. Why operate a facility that doesn't offer the full benefits that the public will demand when it opens," he continued.

Mr. Beckstead was answering a question from Coun. Howitt who suggested that either the seats be added later or not at all, to try and save some money.

Mayor Tom Hill pointed out that everyday someone wanted to know "when is the arena going to be started." "They want to know why we're only building one to seat 1,000," he added.

NEWS IN BRIEF

POLICE SUSPECT TEENAGERS of breaking two double plate glass windows at the offices of Dr. R.O. Hamilton. Stones were thrown at the windows last Tuesday.

THERE WERE FOUR minor fires in Georgetown last week. The first occurred on Tuesday night, at 10.12 p.m. when a shed on the corner of Park Street and Mill Street caught fire. On Thursday morning at 5.17 a.m. there was a fire at the Smith and Stone factory on Glen Road. Exactly twelve hours later there was a small fire at 48 Anna Street. There were also two fires on Friday. A motorcycle caught fire on Guelph Street at 7.48 in the evening, and later, at 10.01, one of the flood light poles at the fairgrounds caught fire.

MONDAY IS ELECTION DAY - ARE YOU VOTING?



TERRY O'CONNOR, PC



ARCHIE BROWN, NDP



DR. FRANK PHILBROOK, LIB.