



Democracy Is Dead Proclaims Sign At School

(Herald Photo)

# Norval School Will Remain Closed

More than 35 Norval residents streamed out of a Halton Board of Education meeting, Thursday, angry and dejected, some of them shouting: "Communism", after the board voted against a motion to have the village school reopened.

"I'm terribly disappointed" by the board's decision. He added that the residents had gone as far as they could, democratically.

Mr. MacFarlane expressed his displeasure about one trustee, Bill Lawson, who had attended a public meeting in Norval last Tuesday. At that meeting, many of the troubles were resolved between the two

sides, but Mr. MacFarlane claimed that Mr. Lawson did not offer any complaints or thoughts.

Miss Robinson explained that the ministry of education would not allow boards to build schools if rooms were available in other schools. She added that many areas were becoming heavily populated and having a great number of children bused to other areas.

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# Regional Assessment Return Is Requested

Regional Coun. Carl Eriksen claims that the Ontario government cannot run assessment offices for the whole province, and the regional administration and finance committee agrees with him.

The committee voted in favor of a recommendation from regional solicitor Noel Bates that the duties of assessments should be returned to the region and not handled by the province.

In a confidential report, from Mr. Bates, which the committee released, a number of amendments including the recommendation, were suggested for the Halton Act.

Committee chairman Mac Anderson noted, in releasing the information, that any amendments to regional legislation should be public information and not kept in a confidential report.

During the discussion of the assessment proposal, Coun. Eriksen of Oakville, complained that the province has not done a good job since it took over the duties. "It's obvious that the province can't run it," he said.

Mr. Bates told councillors that "the assessment system that's operating is far too unsuccessful, and as soon as it's back to the home base, the better it will be."

"I understand the rationale for the province to want to centralize the assessment offices, but with the advent of regional governments, this duty should be returned to the regions," he added.

Regional Chairman Allan Masson pointed out that the municipality should continue to stress the importance of having its own assessment office.

Township when 25 homes were not assessed and taxes were lost.

"They came down right away when I threatened to send them a bill for the taxes that the township lost from the homes not being on the rolls," she added.

The committee agreed with the proposal, but decided to table another amendment which concerned dissolving the public utilities commission (PUC) "because it is an unnecessary burden on the taxpayers."

Mr. Bates suggested that the region may be able to assign the function of the PUC to one of the council's committees and reduce the burden to the taxpayers.

AGAINST IDEA Burlington Mayor George Herrington argued against the recommendation, noting that the job was too large and complicated for the region to handle.

"The distribution of hydro in the region is very complex," he said. "The PUC is dealing in an area of great expertise, which the region has no experience in and I think the job is too big to handle. We're simply not in the position right now."

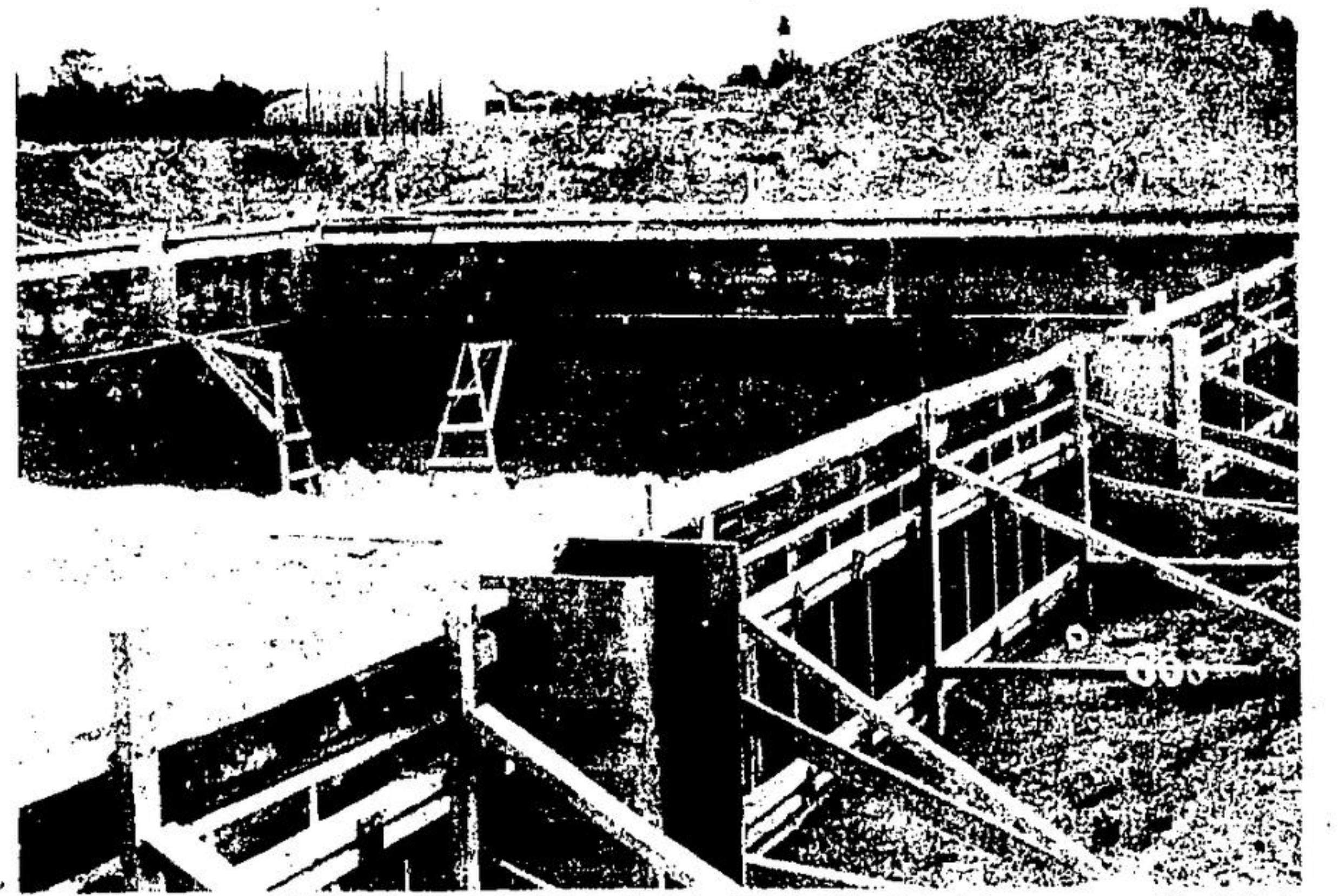
Mayor Herrington asked the councillors if the region is "going to provide better service, save money, or just build a bigger mousetrap."

Coun. Anderson disagreed with the mayor's arguments, saying that he could not see why a committee could not handle the PUC's work.

"I firmly believe that the police commission is something special, but I don't see the PUC in the same light, and a committee should be able to handle the work," he said.

The committee agreed to table its final decision until a further, more detailed report is prepared by Mr. Bates.

The committee also agreed to send two other proposals to council this week for decision. These are an extension of the region boundaries to the southwest corner of Hamilton Harbor and the consolidation and codification of general bylaws by a computer for easy and quick reference.



GEORGETOWN POOL UNDER WAY

(Herald Photo)

Construction of the new swimming pool located at the Georgetown and District High School has begun. The pool will be 84 feet by 44 feet when completed. Cement will be poured into the forms next Wednesday, right on schedule.



GUESS WHO?

## Action Acton Sets Sights On Regional Odor Reaction

Halton regional council may be faced with the task of handling the problem in Acton with a number of residents who are fighting against the odors from a tannery.

Gus Jeffery, chairman of the Action Acton, said the group will try to have a presentation of its brief and a copy of its petition ready for a regional meeting in the middle of September.

"We're almost finished collecting names for the petition, and have around 700," he said. "We'll have one more short meeting to finish off the brief which includes the history of the pollution problem in the town from the tannery."

Mr. Jeffery added that through the use of documents, it can be shown that the first complaint about pollution from the tannery was made in 1930.

The tannery is Beardmore and Co., located in the south end of town. It is a subsidiary of Canada Packers.

"As a matter of fact, in 1946, a lagoon filled with the effluent from the tanning process suffered a wall break and the stuff polluted a number of wells in the area," Mr. Jeffery continued. "There has never been a study on the air pollution

in town, but anything that smells like that can't be very healthy."

According to an agreement between Beardmore and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, the problem of at least one of the major holding pits should be eliminated by 1975, when it is supposed to be filled in. Mr. Jeffery does not believe that the company is working quickly enough.

CAN'T FILL HOLE "They can't just fill the hole, the effluent still has to go somewhere," Mr. Jeffery said. "We're only four months from 1975, and there is still a lot of work involved to fill the pit."

He noted that if the group can get the problem of the holding pit remedied, then that part of the problem of the offensive odor should be eliminated, but other problems with the tannery still exist.

One item, which Mr. Jeffery pointed out, is that the tannery will continue to spray effluent on fields, along Highway 25 running south of the town.

"The spraying will go on forever, but it's not really that bad," he explained. "The major trouble is not the smell, but that some of the ground

water has polluted wells in the past, the spraying may continue this problem."

The Action Acton group, which was formed only two weeks ago, has offered Beardmore's some possible solutions to the problem. The main one is the use of alum in the lagoons.

## Acton Swimmers Ready For Pool

When Acton's new swimming pool opens this month, there will be about 150 new swimmers ready to enjoy it. That's how many Acton children passed the general water safety tests last Friday at Fairy Lake.

The water safety instruction program was sponsored by the Halton Hills Recreation Department and daily instructions were given throughout the summer holidays in three three-week sessions. Twice a week the children were taken to Georgetown Pool for Red Cross practice in deep water, to allow the instructors to see the arm and leg strokes, which are difficult to see in lake water.

During the course, the swimmers presented a water safety demonstration before an audience of about 200 persons. They demonstrated swimming strokes and skills, how to save a drowning person, including reaching assists and mouth to mouth resuscitation, canoe demonstrations and general water safety practices.

The instructors were Cathy Ashley, University of Guelph student; Susan Shoemaker, fashion design student at Sheridan College; Karen Stuart, early childhood education student, Sheridan College and Pauline Heaton, a student at Georgetown High.

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## High School Insights Return To Herald

With classes at Georgetown District High School resuming The Herald will be again featuring High School Insights weekly.

Those interested in assisting the new editor, Tom Bushey can do so by contacting him at the school. Keep informed, read High School Insights.

## DON'T GIVE UP

"I don't think that we should give up the fight, but keep hammering it to get it back," he said. "We shouldn't give up the fight at this point."

Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur added that she was not very pleased with the work from the assessment office.

Mayor MacArthur related an incident in Nassagaweya

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## MODEL RAILROADERS

Georgetown Model Railroaders spent Labor Day at the Canadian National Exhibition operating the display at the Hobbes and Crafts Building. Ken Howatt and Denn Beech work at the yard end of the layout, preparing trains.

## POLLUTION SCENE

Halton Hills council chambers was the scene of a verbal battle between two sides in the environmental war.

Members of various pollution fighting groups, including Pollution Probe, argued with a representative of the American Can Company after a presentation to council about a new type of solid waste reduction plant.

Ken Bethune, director of resource recovery systems for the company, showed the councillors a slide presentation of the new type of garbage disposal plant which he claimed

would dispose of 70 to 80 per cent of solid wastes in municipal garbage.

He said that the smallest plant, capable of handling 500 tons of garbage a day, and estimated to cost between \$5 and \$6 million, would handle the region's garbage.

The environmentalists attending the meeting disagreed with Mr. Bethune's arguments, and claimed that his company was one of the prime polluters.

John Mitchell, a member of Georgetown Pollution Probe, said that the major problem in solid waste garbage is "reduction" of the amount of it.

"We have to get at the prime sources of non-returns," he said.

"We feel that the American Can product can do with a lot of improving, and that its trimetal cans are one of the most difficult items to recycle," he added.

Another member, Rick Symmes, called the garbage plant a "red herring." "You hope to take our minds off the fact that you are one of the prime polluters," he said.

"You produce a throw-away product and then design a unit which costs millions of dollars to build so that areas can recover the material in your throw-aways," Mr. Symmes said. "I think that for some

areas, it will be many more years of landfilling before they can afford one of these plants."

Mr. Bethune, who will make a presentation to the Halton regional council, said that the American Can Company is "deadly serious" about the problem.

"If you know the amount of money we spent and the people

we used for developing this unit, then there's no way you could accuse us of not being serious," he said.

Halton Hills council did not reach a decision about the plant because garbage disposal is part of the Halton regional responsibility and any new developments will be paid for by the region.

## Council Aid Asked By Library Board

Halton Hills library board wants to talk about its problems, but council isn't willing to listen, right now.

During a committee-of-the-whole meeting, Tuesday, William Boyle, chairman of the library board, made a presentation to the council. He requested time to discuss a number of problems facing the board, but the majority of council decided to refer the problem to the next finance and personnel meeting.

"The library board is in a state of confusion and we'd like some directive about which way we're going," he said. "One of our major problems is the addition to the Georgetown library, we're way behind schedule for it now."

Mr. Boyle presented the

councillors with copies of a brief he prepared to explain the problems facing the board.

The councillors felt that it would be better if he talked to the committee rather than directly to the council. Coun. Roy Booth opposed the motion, noting that the library board is autonomous and not under council's direction.

"It has the right and authority to do the things it feels are necessary," he said. "This is an exercise in futility."

A few of the problems which were listed in the brief included a lack of financial statements outlining the amount of money spent for books or records, petty cash problems, directives given by the town department heads, and the right to spend its own budget.

## FALL FAIR TIME

# Good Fun And Good Prizes

This is a busy time of the year for both urban and rural residents who look forward to the many fall activities in the district.

Last weekend saw the steam show at Milton another grand success, and following this are the fall fairs of Milton, Acton and Brampton. Then comes the International Plowing Match just south of Georgetown, and Georgetown fair climaxing these events on Oct. 4 and 5.

This will be the 125th annual fair, the first such event being held in 1849.

The local fair has been very successful the past number of years, and most residents are

looking forward to the annual event, which follows closely after the plowing match.

The directors are making an extra effort this year due to the illness of their president, Robert McMaster, and his position is being ably filled by first vice-president Charles Fogal.

Many changes have been made in the prize list, and some worthwhile prizes offered in the numerous classes.

Women will be particularly interested in the domestic science classes, while the school children's prize list is competitive and appears elsewhere in this edition of the newspaper.

But of particular interest to the farmers of the district will be the best prize list ever offered for cattle and heavy horses. A copy is available for the asking.

A large number of societies and clubs have asked for space for refreshment stands, and the usual large midway will be on hand to entertain young and old.

Helping to make this an honored institution a first in Georgetown for entertainment and friendly competition.