

AT NORVAL

Davis may have last word on school

Norval residents may be facing their last chance to have the community's public school reopened when they meet with Premier Bill Davis on Oct. 18. Premier Davis has agreed to meet with representatives of the Norval ratepayers group at Queen's Park to discuss the possibility of reopening the school either in January of next September.

The school, which has playgrounds bordering the Credit River, was closed by the Halton Board of Education this Fall, prior to the first day of school. The Board felt that it is better to bus the children to other schools in the Georgetown area.

"It has been boarded up and there's an awesome feeling of vacancy about it," said Norval spokesman Hugh McFarlane

who added that the ratepayers are meeting Saturday to discuss their position.

However, Thursday, the Halton Board of Education was informed by trustee Ernest Bodnar that the board is proceeding with the requirements to sell the building and are accepting bids from other government agencies, the separate school board or the area municipality.

A letter from a member of the Norval Women's Institute concerning the future of the Bell Cairn on the school site started the discussion on the future of the school building and lands.

Trustee Bodnar indicated that if the property and building is sold to the municipality or government agency, then the bell cairn may remain on the

site, if not, the board will have to move it.

Jim Singleton, director of education added that the bell is in no immediate danger of being stolen because of precautions the board took earlier.

Halton Hills reps lead way in attendance

A report in last week's Herald regarding the attendance record of our town representatives at the region was a bit off the mark.

As an "almost immediate" response to stories in a number of regional newspapers, copies of the attendance records of the regional councillors have been made available to the press.

After reviewing the lists of meetings attended by our representatives, it appears they've set a stirring example for the other municipalities in the Halton Region.

Mayor Tom Hill and councillor G.W. McKenzie lead Halton Hills reps in attendance at council meetings. The pair have missed two meetings each, between Oct. 18, 1973 and Oct. 2, 1974, when there were 26 meetings.

Two other councillors Len Cox and Ernie Sykes missed only three meetings while Ric Morrow was absent at four.

At the committee meetings attendance is not terrific, but by the standards set by other Regional councillors, Halton

Hills representatives are again above par.

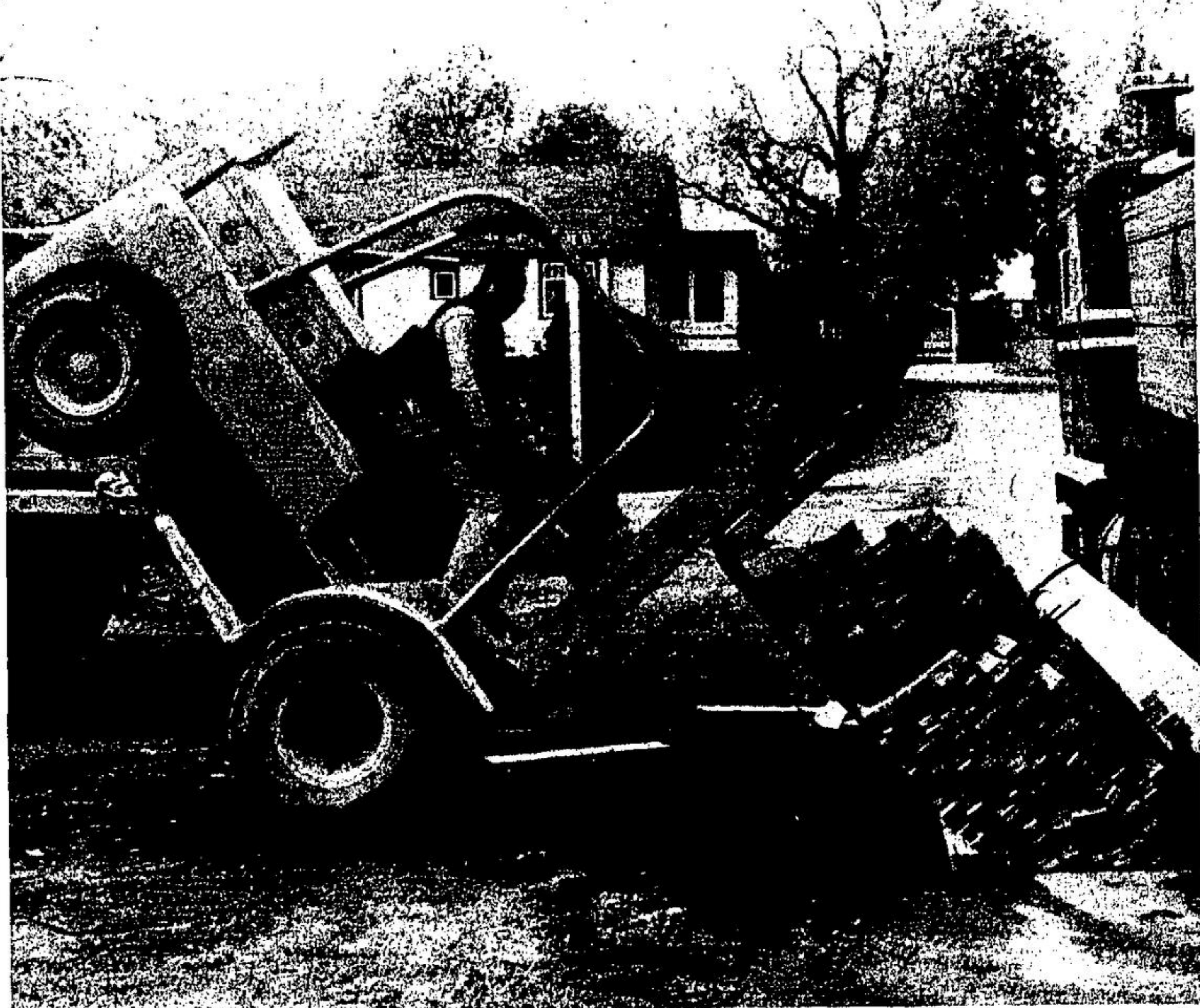
Councillor McKenzie, who is the only member originally on the planning committee (although most of the Halton Hills reps attend if a matter about the town is discussed) has missed nine of the 27 scheduled meetings.

Ric Morrow has offered an excellent example to his administration and finance committee, as the chairman. He has missed only three of their 27 meetings listed, a record only bettered by Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur.

On the Public Works committee, the winning member is Councillor Sykes, who has missed six of the 26 meetings. However, two of these were in November of 1973 before the region officially started.

The community services committee has two listed members, Mayor Tom Hill and Councillor Len Cox.

Councillor Cox has missed only one of the 12 meetings held by the committee, equaling the attendance of the committee's chairman, David Coons.



OOPS! Is that lumber heavy. Gerry Lavigne, driver of the fork lift truck, went up as the lumber went down...it's all in a day's work at a lumberyard, he says.

TONIGHT

Probe talks dump

Where in Halton will the garbage be dumped for the next 20 years?

Georgetown Pollution Probe will discuss the subject tonight at 8 p.m. in room 151 of the Georgetown and District High School.

A meeting was held in September between the Region's conservation groups to discuss the joint approach which might be taken in reply to the MacLaren Report. Ron Reid attended for Probe, and reported the proposal to landfill 200 acres near Ashgrove is not very attractive to local residents.

Another Probe member attended a Garbage Coalition meeting in Port Hope, at which a future project was discussed. It was concluded that the most important matter needing attention in the coming months was public education to reduce garbage, and political pressure. A small group of volunteers consented to contact

public officials to urge better handling of waste.

Ric Symmes and John Mitchell attended an Engineering conference in Malton on energy, availability, finance sources and conversion methods. The speakers, with one exception, did not mention conservation of energy. The main thrust was the ways and means to bring to market sufficient resources so that present and projected trends of profligate energy usage can continue.

Probe also reports that the Halton Region Works Department still intend to install the leachate pumping facility before winter. Georgetown Works Department are anxious to fit leachate collection equipment to the old dump and run piping round to the planned pump-house.

A litter stop fence is still planned for the foot of the new dump to prevent materials from going into the river.

SCHOOL CROSSINGS

Adult guards until students ready

Adult crossing guards should be on duty in Georgetown until the student patrols are ready to take on the job.

That's the latest suggestion made in the town's crossing guard dilemma.

This recommendation was put to Halton Hills council following a meeting last week of parents and Sergeant Peter Bromley, Safety Officer for Halton Regional Police.

The meeting was held to introduce the School Safety Program to parents who expressed concern for the im-

mediate safety of the children who must cross busy streets to school.

Earlier this year Sgt. Bromley conducted surveys in Georgetown to determine the need for adult crossing guards and safety patrols.

Council then assessed the recommendations made in his report and agreed to follow the plan outlined in the report. A serious shortage of crossing guards followed.

The report suggested that school safety patrols take over from adult guards in some areas of the town.

Councillors Mike Armstrong and Harry Levy were present at the meeting with parents last week, to express the views held by council on the matter, and to make the recommendations to council.

"Finances are available for the crossing guards," added Councillor Levy when asked if money was the reason for the reduction in the number of guards.

"Had school safety patrols been ready as planned when school began there would have been no problem," said Sgt. Bromley.

Downtown is treating

A mammoth Halloween party is planned by the Georgetown Downtown Business Association, Thursday, October 31.

The main street will be closed off to traffic and decorated with corn stalks and pumpkins, hay wagons and bales of hay.

Merchants and their staff will dress for the occasion and hand out treats to little goblins. A loud speaker system will provide music and announce red hot specials from the stores. Plans are in the offing for a square dance, fiddlers, hot chocolate stands, pumpkin pie booths, apple cider booths and possibly a beer garden.

Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed man and woman and to the best dressed staff members.



CHRIS PATEY Marilyn Crescent, joins the volunteer fire department at open house. It's on each Thursday evening at 7 until the end of the month, to give the public a chance to see the equipment used to fight fire and talk to the members of the department to get more information on fire safety. It happens every year during Fire Prevention Month.

Ashgrove told to fight

Where to dump the garbage is big question

Where to dump the garbage? It's a problem for big city people and it's becoming just as big a one for folks miles away from the city.

Ashgrove, just a little to the south of Georgetown is in the garbage "limelight" these days because of a dump proposal in its neighborhood.

And Ashgroves have been told by those who make it their business to keep an eye on "dumps-in-the-wrong-place" to "beware."

Ashgrove residents were warned to start "making a noise" or else face the consequences of having thousands of tons of garbage dumped "on their doorsteps."

The warning came from Bill Johnson, a member of the Group United Against Rural Dumping (GUARD) who spoke to about 30 residents on Thanksgiving Day.

"It's up to you people to start making a noise now, or else face the consequences of having thousands of tons of garbage dumped in your backyards," he said.

The residents attended a meeting to discuss the report on solid waste management for Halton compiled by James MacLaren Ltd., environmental consultants.

The report recommends two sites located in Ashgrove as landfill sites for the future.

Both sites are east of the Fifth Line and east of the Sixth Line on lots 12 and 13 between Sideroads 15 and 10.

Mr. Johnson told the group to prepare to fight the recommendation now, and to make as much noise about it as possible.

"Plan 38 recommends that the garbage from the South will be dumped on you people," he said. "The former Township of Esquewaug will become the garbage dump for Halton, and you've got a lot at stake."

Mr. Johnson said there are a number of errors on the map which accompanies the recommendations and report. He added that water courses are missing from the map, as well as the entire community of Ashgrove.

He accused planners of omission "by design." The initial maps did show the community but these new ones don't.

He added that a landfill site in Ashgrove would have runoff water and ground water leading into the Middle Oakville Creek which flows to Lake Ontario.

Residents were also told that interested groups in Halton are preparing a brief as a critique to the report on landfill sites.

"It doesn't matter where it goes in Halton, we should be concerned," he said. "They propose to use 200 acres as a site for 20 years, and I believe that in 20 years they'll look for another site."

John T. Armstrong one of this town's most popular mayors died Wednesday evening at the age of 61 at Georgetown Memorial Hospital of a heart attack.

Mr. Armstrong was the mayor from 1962 to 1969.

"Jack" Armstrong as he was known to friends, was actively involved in the expansion of Georgetown especially with the Delrex development.

In 1964 the Delrex housing project and plaza was started under Mr. Armstrong's supervision. Mr. Armstrong spent his whole life in Georgetown.

He was born May 21, 1913, and attended Chapel Street Public School which was recently closed, and Georgetown and District High School, Guelph Collegiate, commuting by train each day to Guelph.

After Guelph, Mr. Armstrong did a variety of work during the depression, and in the war, after failing the army medical, he played trumpet in a professional dance band called "Modernaires." He also played violin.

After the war, Mr. Armstrong opened a general insurance business at his home, and became an agent for Mutual Life Insurance Company. The business was carried on from home until 1965 when it moved to its present location at 124 Main Street South. At the time it was the largest general insurance business in Georgetown. It is now operated

by Paul Armstrong, one of his sons.

Mr. Armstrong was also involved in many community programs and associations. He was past president of the Lions Club, a past master of the Masons, a member of the Oddfellows and Orange Lodge and also past president of the Georgetown Raiders hockey team.

Mr. Armstrong was also active in St. George's Church in Georgetown, where he was both people's warden and rector's warden.

Politically, Mr. Armstrong was a Tory. He was president of the Halton Conservative Association in 1971, '72 and '73. He is survived by three sons, Martin, Paul and Georgetown councillor Mike, and his wife Edna, nee Hardin; a son Peter predeceased him.



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Double service was provided by these Acton Brownies, last Saturday at a Halloween Bazaar. Tracy

Dunbar and Miriam Alexander worked so hard they were in two places at once when this picture was

snapped. The other two brownies selling homebaked cookies and cakes are Lisa Morrell and Debbie Watson.