

readers write

Band situation explained

To the Editor of the Herald: As Musical Director and a long time member of Acton Citizens' Band, founded in operation since 1875, I must report to the Herald regarding the Bands annual grant.

The problem is one affecting regional government decisions since the beginning. Georgetown representatives and administrators in Halton Hills know little about Acton, appear to care less, and measure everything by what has happened in Georgetown.

Consequently statements are made about Acton affairs which are often misinformed or wrong. If representatives did not know the Acton Band situation they should have called me for information; come up to see us; or, talked to Councillors McKenzie and Duby, both former Acton Council members on the Acton Band Committee.

Since they did not, some of the unfortunate impressions created by their comments must be corrected.

Firstly the band did not demand its grant as reported but was asked in 1973 to submit a budget for 1974 as it always did. This was submitted. The band then cut back its remaining 1973 program to save money for operations in 1974 because a delay in receiving its grant was anticipated.

This delay has stretched out to a whole year and put the band in some difficulty. I personally have been working from 7.00 to 10.00 two nights a week, all year as director of the music program at no pay. Halton Hills councillors have not had to do this and probably would not.

The \$4,750 Acton grant is larger than the \$1500 for Georgetown Girls Pipe Band. The situations are, however, quite different. We have 82 people at present in our total program for girls and boys, men and women, of all ages (Senior Band, Junior Band, Junior and Adult instruction classes). This works out to a cost of about \$58 per person per year.

The Pipe Band has 24 members, all girls and women, which gives them about \$63 per person per year. This is not a criticism of their operation because a Pipe Band has different needs and requirements. It would appear though Acton Band operates at slightly less cost per person involved per year.

Pipe Band members must buy their own instruments which is a real credit to them and their interest in the band, but since this excludes people who cannot afford the cost, it is unfair. A band such as Acton's supplies most instruments. A set of pipes costs about \$200. A clarinet, the cheapest band instrument, costs \$145; prices for all other instruments go up from that. We cannot expect our Tuba players, who are workers or students, to pay \$1,000 for a tuba. We would not have a band unless we supplied instruments. Also Pipe Band

members pay for tuition which Acton Band supplies free as part of their public services. No one is excluded from the Acton Band program for personal financial reasons.

At one time Georgetown had a good Citizens' Band. That band died of starvation because the community would not give the financial support necessary to maintain it. We know this because Acton and Georgetown Bands had close contacts and often discussed the lack of support in Georgetown. By contrast, the much smaller town of Acton, to its great credit, was more enlightened and gave the Acton Band adequate funds in a grant established by plebiscite in the 1940's and again in the 1950's.

As a result Acton has available a cultural recreational activity enjoyed by many of its citizens and some from Georgetown and Milton as well. This band performs at no charge for all sorts of concerts, civic occasions and celebrations in Acton. In fact the Acton Band appeared at no charge for inauguration of Go-train service in Georgetown because no other band was available. This was at the request of Halton Hills' Mayor.

The band is a musical organization and not a fund-raising one. It did raise considerable money and contributed all the labor to build a self-supporting practice hall. This means all the money is used for musical programs and not partially for rent of a practice hall. If members had to spend time year after year, trying to raise money for operation, in addition to their musical activities, the band would quickly die. Look what happened to Georgetown Citizens' Band.

To conclude: the Acton Band submitted a brief detailing its complete history, operation, and programs to the Halton

Province has missed the point

To the Editor of The Herald: I hope all the people who signed up in support of GUARD when Induamin wanted to deposit 400,000 tons of garbage in their excavation near Acton will make every effort to attend the public meeting of the Regional Works Committee in the Regional Council Chambers on Nov. 13, dealing with Halton's garbage. I hope community leaders from Eden Mills, Acton, Ashgrove, Agerton, Zimmerman, Knatchbull, the Boyne will be there.

Any of these areas could become the recipient of Oakville or Burlington's garbage. The only way to be informed is to be there.

William A. Johnson, Chairman GUARD

Hills Recreation Director early in 1974. This is available for all councillors to read. The former Acton Council always had complete and open access to all band financial and musical program information. I would ask then that Halton Hills Councillors and Administrators who don't know the Acton Band situation, if they really want to be conscientious and fair, come and see our operation any Tuesday or Wednesday night from 7.00 to 10.00. If there are questions they should contact me or our Band President, Mr. G. Faton, or come to our Band Committee meetings held once a month and ask them. Then they could state facts to be quoted in the press instead of misconceptions.

Yours truly, George Elliott Director Acton Citizens' Band

THE ST. JOHN'S Christmas Bazaar drew a large crowd to Stewarttown on Saturday afternoon. The gift and food tables all were quickly emptied

Agricultural news and views

Some interesting questions face young farmer

By Henry J. Stanley, Halton Agricultural Representative

Can you afford to feed \$4 per bushel corn to livestock? This is one of the many questions 94 young farmers from across Ontario will be asking during this year's Junior Farmer Livestock Management Tour from November 10 to 15. Mary Anderson, RR6 Milton, Dave Reid, RR2 Georgetown and Earl McLean, RR5 Georgetown, are the delegates from Halton.

The "farm visits" portion of the tour program will be concentrated in southwestern Ontario in the counties of Kent, Elgin, Middlesex, Lambton, and Oxford. There participants will have an opportunity to learn how beef, dairy, swine and sheep operators are managing their enterprises in the 70's. Livestock husbandry, farm business agreements and stock selection will be the main topics considered during the week.

On Thursday the delegates will participate in the Inter-County Livestock Evaluation Competition at Shur-Gain Farms, Elmlea Hereford Farms and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Friday morning, the group will visit livestock marketing facilities in the Toronto area, including Canada Packers and the Ontario Public Stock Yards. That evening the group will be guests of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair at the Horse Show.

Guest speaker for the concluding banquet will be the Hon. Wm. A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture and Food. We are pleased that Mary

Anderson is going from Halton as this is the first time a young lady has been included on this tour. There is also another young couple from Kenora taking part this year, Mr. and Mrs. John Babcock. HOME ECONOMICS CORNER Lorraine Holding Vitamins, minerals, protein, iron. How does your family fare? How does your family fare? "Have you been practising some 'sneaky nutrition' while packing school lunches or planning evening snacks?"

Cleaners necessary in Acton

Special air cleaners were recommended for more than 11 townhouses proposed for land located 70 feet from Acton's Tannery, Beardmore and Co. Ltd.

Halton Hills planner, Mario Venditti, recommended that use of special electric air cleaners be a part of the agreement between the developer and the town. He added that the approximate cost is \$280 per unit. "These would take approximately 80 to 90 percent of the smoke and heavy air from the homes and send it outside," he said.

Marijuana charge

Clifford Wilkinson, 24, of 68 Church St., Acton is scheduled to appear in court on Dec. 11 to face charges of possession of marijuana. Acton OPP charged Wilkinson on Nov. 3 at 12:20 a.m.

The recent Nutrition Canada Survey revealed some interesting facts about the eating habits and nutritional problems of all ages and varieties of Canadians. Have you thought about how your family measures up? If you are wondering about the food you eat and how it affects your health, be sure to attend "All About Nutrition". This is a workshop sponsored by the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Ministry

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of Agriculture and Food for women and men throughout the province. Admission is free. The program will include information on Nutrition Canada, meal planning, food product labelling and an open-topic time. Various activities are planned; even a "Food Bingo." Halton residents are invited and encouraged to attend "All About Nutrition" on Thursday, November 14, 1974 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch. The place is Maple Leaf Mills Research Centre, Trafalgar Road (7th Line), two miles north of Hornby. Come One, Come All!

Venditti said. "The air would be constantly circulated in the homes and that may eliminate the odor problems for the people." The subdivision of 11 three-bedroom townhouses is proposed for property on Highway 23, across the road from Cobblehill Road and only 70 feet from the back wall of Beardmore's property.

Between the houses and the wall, the developer plans to have the visitor's parking spaces, two small roadways, and the playground area," said Ron Dodokin, a lawyer. The committee agreed that the solicitor should proceed with an agreement based on recommendations from the planner and further comments from the recreation and engineering departments.



No lack of antifreeze

If you have been worrying about getting enough antifreeze for your car, one word of advice. Don't. Many Georgetown motorists, frightened by the announced "antifreeze shortage" have been expecting to be turned away when it came time to winterize the family car. The only disappointment you'll find, is the price. Gone are the days of \$3.95 a gallon antifreeze.

Local garages and service centres report they have sufficient supplies on hand to meet the need in Georgetown. Supplies have been reduced compared to the stocks available last year but no severe shortage has been reported by any dealer.

The so-called shortage is not at the local dealer level but at the level of the supplier to the distributing oil company. The components of antifreeze are manufactured only by a few companies which supply all

distributors with the same product. Most suppliers have only been able to provide 75 percent of the allotment compared with last year's amount. Antifreeze, or Ethylene Glycol is a chemical compound which not only prevents the water in the cooling system from freezing but also contains rust-inhibitors and lubricants to protect the engine and cooling system parts.

Prices vary from \$6.98 to \$11.98 per gallon in the area. Many department stores have offered antifreeze at reduced prices but consumer protection

agencies have warned there are many low grade antifreezes on the market that will not perform as should be expected. Another warning. Some containers are measured in U.S. gallons which provide less antifreeze for the money than Canadian gallons. When buying antifreeze check the volume of the container. You may be paying more per ounce than you thought.

Since the major ingredient of antifreeze is a petroleum by-product the gasoline shortage may take its toll on the availability of this vital winter fluid, antifreeze.

8-year-old assaulted

Acton OPP are still investigating a report of indecent assault which happened Oct. 31.

Cpl. Bob Arbour of the Acton detachment said the assault apparently took place at midnight last Thursday when

an unknown man entered a Church Street East house and assaulted an 8-year-old girl who was sleeping on the chesterfield.

He added that the police are following up all leads in the case.

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