

Baron found insane as trial ends

After 30 minutes deliberation, an Ontario Supreme Court jury last Wednesday found Horat Baron, 50, not guilty by reason of insanity in the Oct. 27 shooting of his wife and two other persons.

Justice Samuel Hughes said that the temporary insanity verdict was the only decision open to them in view of evidence given Tuesday by a psychologist and a psychiatrist.

Justice Hughes told the jurors, agreeing with Baron's attorney, Louis Silver, and Halton Crown Attorney James Treleven that there was no doubt that Baron had committed the crime for which he was charged.

Baron was arrested at his rural Acton farmhouse Oct. 27 shortly after his wife, Hilda, 58, and two boarders at the farm, Gunter Mayer, 45 and Mr. Mayer's nine-year-old son, Wayne, were all wounded in the chest by shots fired from a handgun. Baron pleaded not guilty to three counts of at-

tempted murder. Justice Hughes informed the jurors that, as a result of their verdict, Baron would be "held in custody until the pleasure of the lieutenant-governor is known" as to which institution he will be transferred for treatment.

Mr. Treleven charged, "His evidence (heard Tuesday) is not reliable."



HALTON-BURLINGTON Progressive Conservative held their annual meeting last Friday night in Milton. Highlight of the meeting was the election of the association's new executive which includes (front row, from left) George Kee, Milton director; Gail Malby, second vice-president; Fran Baines, re-elected president; Irene Saunders, secretary; Jane Holloway, Burlington director; (back row, from left) Fred Dawkins, Acton director; Glen Magnuson, Georgetown director; Eric Gudgeon, treasurer; Mel Phelps, first vice-president; and George Gray, PC candidate for Halton-Burlington. Missing from the photo is Nassagaweya representative Ken Murray.

Annual PC meeting told Election this year was a sure thing

It was rather obvious at the annual meeting of the Halton-Burlington Progressive Conservative Association Friday night in Milton that this is not destined to be an election year.

The mood of the meeting was low key with the main points of the evening the election of the new slate of riding officers and a dance that followed.

Jim Snow, former Halton MPP and now representative of the Oakville riding, told the 60 PCs at the meeting that the province came very close to having an election this year but "now that Dr. Smith is back down to earth it doesn't look at all as though we're going to have another election in the near future. A few weeks ago it looked like a sure thing."

He warned them, however, that they should be ready in case an election is called.

Town treasurer off to San Francisco

Town treasurer Ray King has received town approval to attend a conference of the Association of Municipal Finance Officers to be held in early May in San Francisco.

Funds for the trip are included in the town's current budget. Councillor Ern Hyde objected strongly to allowing King to attend stating "I don't believe that he could ever gain what it's going to cost this municipality to send him to San Francisco. He's just going to have one helluva paid for holiday."

Councillor Ric Morrow, however, felt that the trip would be "an investment" helping a staff member keep in touch with new information in municipal finances. Councillors agreed.

Where's Highway 7?

Travelling through Georgetown on Highway 7 (Guelph Street) is easier said than done, according to Councillor Harry Levy. Councillor Levy has asked the town's works committee to look into getting some signs up along Highway 7 indicating that it is indeed Highway 7.

There are no such signs between Norval and the west side of Georgetown he stated. He also asked that the track in the Georgetown Fairgrounds be graded in order to make it a little easier on the feet of the many people who are now using it for jogging.

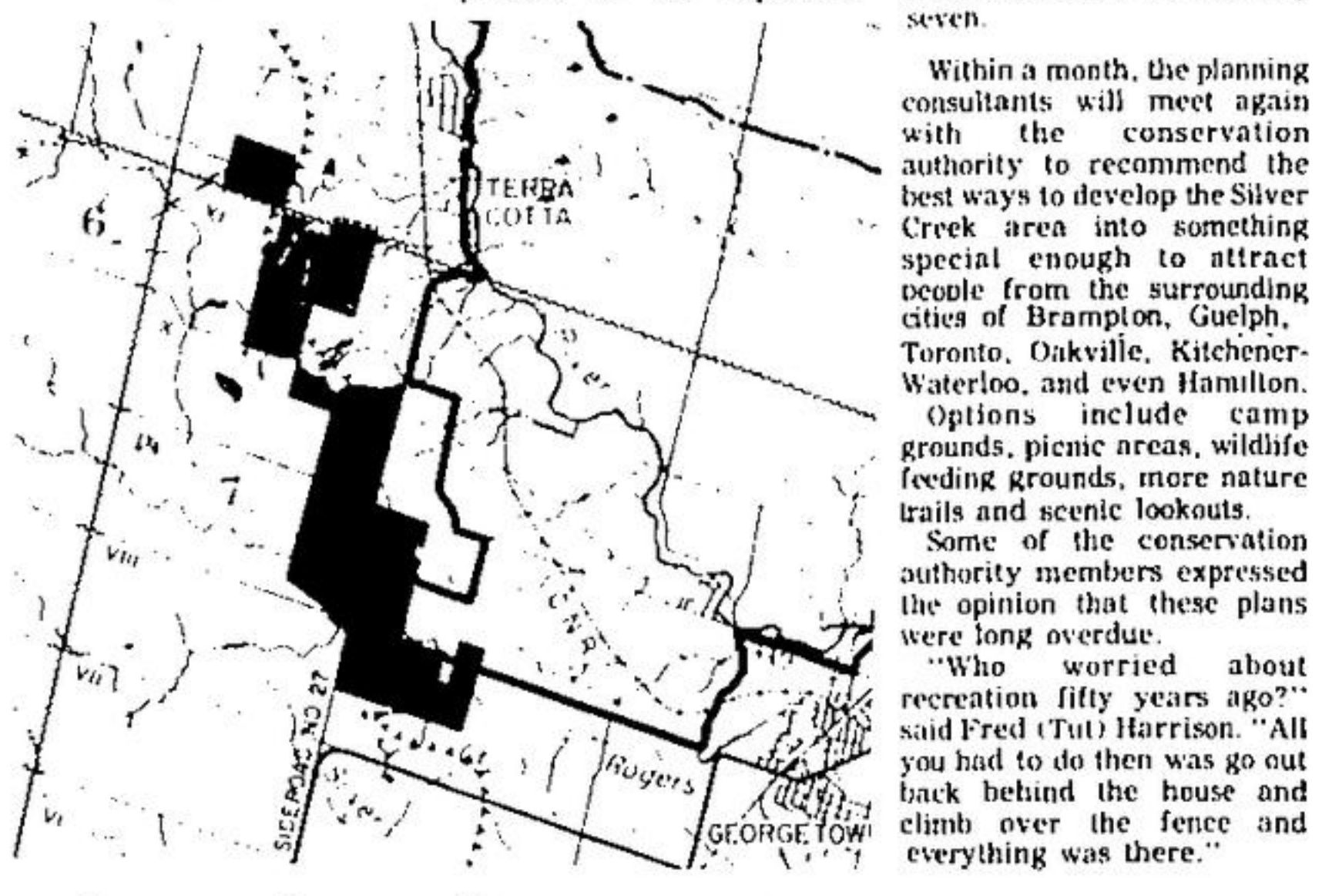
Major plan for Silver Creek proposed

Silver Creek...where rugged granite slopes form scenic lookouts, wildlife inhabits natural forests, rambling rivers carve through open meadows.

Silver Creek...with a bit of development, the perfect tourist attraction: a fresh air oasis away from the stifling metropolitan monsters the nearby cities turn into when the temperature and the pollution index both continue to rise, and rise and rise...

Silver Creek, being analyzed by William Coates and Associates, Planning Consultants, to determine where and how this precious portion of the Niagara Escarpment could be developed for recreational purposes.

Last Tuesday, afternoon, Mr. Stewart of Williams Coates and Associates presented his firm's preliminary research on the geography of the Silver Creek area to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.



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Pastor Rev. E.J. Friesen
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11 AM Missionary Sunday Communion Service
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Clergy Comments Overcharged hearts

by Rev. E.J. Friesen
Halton Hills Pentecostal Church

In our day, multitudes are in the grip of fear, worry and anxiety. A prominent neurologist has said, "Anxiety, in one form or another, is the most common symptom confronting the practicing physician."

Bigger and better Pioneer Days '76

Plans for making Pioneer Days, which this year will be June 24, 25 and 26 in downtown Georgetown, are being laid out now, said Charlie Crimes, chairman of the Pioneer Day Committee.

"I would really love to make Main St. a real old-fashioned street," Mr. Crimes said in an interview shortly after the works committee had allowed Main St. to be closed off to traffic from James St. to Church St. for the three day event.

This year there will be a draw for a colour television set, Mr. Crimes said. A new attraction which the committee had approved for this year would be the appearance of obedience Plus, a firm specializing in the training of dogs, said Mr. Crimes.

Although not all the companies and organization that participated last year have not yet committed themselves, a number, including the Georgetown Majorettes, the Volunteer Firemen, the Credit Valley Artisans, the Brampton Barber Shoppers, have indicated willingness to get involved again this year, Mr. Crimes said.

"The committee will be downplaying the idea of a glorified sidewalk sale," Mr. Crimes said. "The idea basically is to create interest in the downtown."

He said he would like to see the downtown revert back completely to how storefronts looked 100 years ago, but acknowledged that the building owners then the tenant-merchants must first become interested.

Let there be light

The town's works committee is going to take a second look at brightening up the corner of Princess Anne Drive and Mary Street.

Seeing that the works committee had recommended, on a report by Georgetown Hydro, that no action be taken on brightening up the corner with another street light Councillor Ioy Booth last Tuesday night asked the works committee to take a second look.

"If they walk there any time at night they'll easily see it's a dark spot," Councillor Ern Hyde noted that there was a light within 75 feet of the intersection and it should provide adequate lighting. However, he added, it might have to be repositioned on its pole to do so. That will now be investigated.

Optimists Bicycle Safety Clinic

The Georgetown Optimists Club has been given approval by town council to operate a Bicycle Safety program in the Gordon Alce Memorial

Arena hall. Besides approval council has also recommended that the Optimists receive a \$20 grant to aid in operating the program.

Place your bets

The Georgetown Knights of Columbus hosted fellow members of town service clubs last Friday night at a Casino Night held in the Holy Cross auditorium. Besides refreshments the men who attended were treated to a number of games of chance including the Wheel of Fortune which Tom Nolan of the Georgetown Knights of Columbus (left) was operating.

There was no cheating at the Black Jack table as Father Pierre Wood kept a careful eye on the curds (centre).

Showing the interest and fellowship the Casino Night created are (in the bottom picture) Larry Allen, representing the Georgetown Elks; Earl Johnson, representing Masonic Lodge 219; John Rodina, State Advocate, Knights of Columbus, the evening's guest speaker; Eric Stone, District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus; and Karl Klein, Grand Knight of the Georgetown Knights of Columbus.



Levy's last stand to no avail, new policy sticks

Councillor Harry Levy made one last attempt to protect the Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament, the Georgetown and Acton Figure Skating Carnivals and other established "special events" held at the town's arenas from having to rely on annual grants from the town to remain alive.

But his often-heard arguments were to no avail last Tuesday as town council stuck with a decision made by the general administration committee that organizers of all special events must apply annually to the town for grants which may vary in size.

Explaining the general administration committee's reasons for taking the flexible stand, Councillor Roy Booth stated "We felt that we could not come up with a straight forward, blanket policy to cover all groups organizing special events. If we feel that they need \$10 per hour we'll give them \$10. If we feel they need \$15 we'll give them \$15."

Councillor Levy pointed out to council that the Bantam tournament had made a sizable cash contribution to the town this year through profits at the carnivals which were over three times those normally made at the Gordon Alce Memorial Arena's cautions.

-Region briefs

Halton supports OFA on policy

The region of Halton has supported the Ontario Federation of Agriculture's request regarding notification to owners of farmland or proposed severances and development permit required under the Niagara Escarpment and Planning Acts.

The OFA will be requesting the Commission to notify farmers within 2,000 feet and non-farm owners within 400 feet of the potential new use of the property.

Industrial Commission planned

Regional council has given approval in principle to the setting up of an Industrial Development Commission for Halton. However, at its meeting last Wednesday

regional council temporarily balked at spending \$13,000 on setting the commission up. That will be discussed at an upcoming meeting of the region's budget committee.

No rest for the...

They just don't want holidays. Regional councillors for the second time in two meetings have voted against breaking the regular schedule of meeting for summer holidays.

The public works committee suggested that only two meetings of regional council be held during July and August as regional chairman Allan Masson had earlier suggested but last Wednesday that idea was voted down.

Halton budget nearly done

Halton's final budget is still some distance away from being finalized but it's getting closer. At last Wednesday's meeting regional council the budget of the Halton Region Conservation Authority, the Halton Centennial Manor and the Children's Aid Society were all given council approval and sent to be included in the 1976 budget.

While the Children's Aid Society's \$169,670 budget remained untouched, the Manor's budget was increased by \$100,000 to \$3,100,000.

The conservation authority's budget despite severe criticism two weeks ago by Burlington Mayor George Harrington, was also passed untouched as a result of a report from the region's clerk-administrator that the region could only appeal its portion of the budget but not items included in it.

Lions Lottery

James Carney was the big winner in the latest draw of the Lions Club Lottery. Holding ticket 451 in the Lion's fifth draw were Mr. Carney won the week's big prize of \$100.

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