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## Day-long festivities planned for arena re-opening

A mammoth bingo and a full day dedicated to the official re-opening of the Georgetown Memorial Arena are among the events being considered as a culmination of two months' work by town council's special committee to raise funds for the arena's restoration.

At the committee's third meeting Wednesday, new pledges and donations from local service clubs and organizations were estimated to push the total amount collected to \$37,400.

With only \$13,000 remaining to be collected through the public subscription, before Wintario allocates a \$22,292 grant for the reconstruction, the committee turned its attention to the planning of the arena's official re-opening Dec. 30.

The plans, subject to approval by council, call for a full day of entertainment and festivities at the Mill Street arena. Family skating will tentatively begin the day at 1 P.M., followed by exhibition games between

Acton and Georgetown Minor Hockey teams. At approximately 6:45 P.M., the Georgetown Lions Club takes to the ice for a 30-minute broomball showdown against a worthy opponent, whose identity has yet to be decided. The opening ceremonies will follow a figure skating demonstration at 8:15.

Ending the day-long celebration will be an exhibition match between Georgetown's Intermediate Raiders and junior Geminis Hockey Teams.

Representatives of the Georgetown Royal Canadian Legion, Snowmobile Club, Rotary, Canadian Red Cross and Elks, the Georgetown District Minor Hockey Association, and the Norval Community Association, last night discussed the feasibility of holding a mammoth bingo to raise additional funds.

It was suggested that the bingo could be staged simultaneously in the community's five public halls, with individual games televised over a closed circuit system from a local studio to each hall.

It is hoped that proceeds from the bingo and the opening day will enable the committee to raise not only the full amount intended to qualify for the Wintario grant, but the \$8,750 which council was to have provided through its budget.

Committee member Ron Snow estimated the total value of pledges and donations received to date, along with commitments from other sources to be realized during the next few months, at \$37,400.

Pat Patterson promised the committee a \$100 cash donation on behalf of Hugh McFarlane and the executive of the Norval Community Association.

Facility Superintendent Pat Sheehan called a \$150 contribution from the Gordon Alcott Tennis Club "A lot of money for a new club" to raise.

Hugh Campbell pledged \$300 from the Snowmobile Club, \$100 of which will be a cash donation and the remainder a pledge to be collected through fundraising activities.

Both the minor hockey association and its affiliated support group will donate the total amount of their shares from the Rotary Club's recent charity Skateathon, expected to total about \$2,750.

The Canadian Red Cross has promised to "go out of its way" to attract more donors to its Dec. 6 blood clinic. The Optimists Club has pledged \$10 for every pint of blood collected, with about 600 donors expected.

Mr. Sheehan introduced a new twist to the campaign by challenging all town councillors, election hopefuls and taxpayers to match the \$25 he has donated on behalf of his own family.

In addition, the Rotary Club, assisted by the Downtown Businessmen's Association, will be canvassing area businesses, industries and professionals for contributions.

Local developer Al Pilutti is currently seeking the same support from construction contractors, promising the committee earlier this month a \$2,500 contribution.

Trade Unions based in the town are also expected to be contacted by the committee.

Committee Chairman Coun. Ernie Sykes explained that many other clubs and organizations have expressed a desire to help the campaign, but have apologized for being unable to contribute due to a lack of funds. The Georgetown Girl Guides, Mr. Sheehan added, have promised to assist in the ongoing clean-up operations at the arena in lieu of a cash donation.

Coun. Sykes said that there "has been very little or no support from any Acton groups".

He further informed the committee that town treasurer Ray King received official confirmation from Wintario Tuesday that the \$22,292 grant has been approved.

Mr. Sheehan invited all interested citizens to help out in the clean-up operations by contacting co-ordinator Ian Ward. He informed the committee that a clean-up group consisting of hockey representatives

and local residents also met last night in the arena.

They will be painting walls and scrubbing floors and equipment beginning Monday, he said, while working in evening shifts through the week and two four-hour shifts on Saturdays.

Mr. Snow suggested that the arena's opening ceremonies should feature the unveiling of a plaque in the arena lobby commending the service clubs which participated in the campaign.

It was decided that admission to the days' festivities would take the form of souvenir badges to be purchased at the door for \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for students and \$1 for children. The badges, Coun. Sykes said, can be bought in bulk for 37 cents each. A separate admission will be charged for the Raiders-Geminis game.

## Better dialogue sought for handicapped students

By GEORGE EVASHUK  
Herald staff writer

Halton Human Services Council has asked the school board to work more closely with it so that an estimated one in four students in Halton who are "handicapped by some form of exceptionalism" may be helped.

In a pair of briefs presented to the board by Dr. Tom Marriott and Nancy Adsett of the human services council greater communication and integration between the board and the council were urged.

Dr. Marriott told the board members that teachers need more training to detect emotional disorders in their pupils and need to work closely with a variety of health professionals. As well, schools must be viewed not just as places where education occurs but as a "psycho-social support system" that can be both cause and prevention of a troubled child's behaviour, he said.

The figure of 12,900 students in need of special education was derived at from provincial guidelines based on a total school population in Halton of 52,000.

Not all these children require fully segregated classes, Mrs. Adsett said. Their time in special education classes can vary from four months to four years she said.

In reply to a question from trustee Elizabeth Robinson, Mrs. Adsett said that in the 11-to 13-age range, 70 per cent of the youngsters show a marked lack of

achievement in one area.

Mrs. Adsett said she was concerned that many students were sent to vocational schools without trying to solve their emotional and behavioral problems. It is not the teachers or school systems fault that no mechanism exists for working with youngsters in this age range, she said.

"It would be an enormous help to provide more structured classes for those with behavioral problems," she said. "A diagnostic learning program should help them."

As an example of how health and education professionals would work together, her brief contained a case history of a nine-year-old boy called Mark who was "a real leader of destructive behavior in class and on the playground."

Mark came from a broken home where the father often beat the mother and Mark too. The boy was hospitalized with a serious eye injury after he received at the hands of his father a beating with the buckle end of a belt for leaving a bicycle on the driveway, and Mark continued to believe himself responsible for his father's behavior.

Knowing the boy's background, "it is easier to understand why Mark is tense and anxious and hyperactive and why he has trouble relating easily to a male teacher," says the brief. But a teacher trained in special education can give the boy a taste of academic success and a child care worker can speed up the social learning process.

"Mark is a very much different boy now," Mrs. Adsett said. After being in a special education class, which he is expected to leave by the end of the year to rejoin his peers, Mark is "more comfortable" and "less impulsive" than before, she said.

However, should Mark or any other student in similar difficulties not be helped, it will cost taxpayers even more as he becomes an adult unprepared for a place in society. "We are looking at the costs of prevention versus detention or hospitalization," preventive hospitalization.

## Landfill motion overruled

Regional council last week turned down a bid for further work on site "F" beyond that drilling now underway. A motion called for the work to be postponed until studies on sites "B" and "D" are ascertained.

The report on site "F" drilling is expected to be ready next week. Drilling on sites "B" and "D" is expected to cost about \$37,000.

## Regional PUC restructure called

Regional council's administration committee will examine the task of restructuring public utility commissions (PUC).

"To ask the PUC's to restructure is like asking a monkey to guard the peanut stand," Coun. Carl Eriksen said.

Coun. Jack Raftis said it was up to the PUCs to request the province for restructuring. Regional council "shouldn't be in the PUC business," Mr. Raftis said.

Mayor Harry Barrett and Coun. Terry Mannel both felt that the restructuring of the public utility commissions would better be done internally. "The region can come up with a far more objective report than the province," Mayor Barrett said.

Coun. Mary Munro said implementation of restructuring would save ratepayers \$600,000 according to a two-year-old report of the Hogg Commission which has investigated PUC's across the province. As well, there would be a three to four per cent reduction in the hydro rate, Coun. Munro said.

## FOUND IN SPEED RIVER

## Mirex found in leachate, tests continue on Credit

Traces of the chemical Mirex were found in the leachate from a landfill site adjacent to the Speed River in Preston, the ministry of environment's Cambridge district officer says.

Michael Caranci said results of similar testing for Mirex in the Georgetown section of the Credit River are not available, although samples from both rivers were taken together almost a month ago.

Ministry officials say interpretive reports stating conclusions of the analysis of leachate, sediment, water and fish from both the Speed and Credit Rivers may be released within a week.

According to a Cambridge ministry of natural resources fish and wildlife supervisor Mirex is chemically the same as Dieldrin. Dieldrin replaced Mirex in the production of plastic pastes at Inmont Prestite, Georgetown.

"Mirex and Dieldrin are the same chemicals... they just have different names," said Doug Howell, adding "Mirex is a trade name for a

pesticide and Dieldrin are fire retardants." Inmont Prestite used Mirex from 1963 to 1968; then substituted Dieldrin; it now uses Dieldrin Plus.

Head of water management for the ministry of environment John Ralston said there is inadequate information on Dieldrin to determine whether it contains a cancer-causing agent. Mirex was found to be linked with cancer in rats.

Ministry officials agree detection methods of Mirex in river areas are good; even "a fraction of a part per billion" can be traced claims Mr. Caranci. However, no one interviewed by the Herald can define the differences between Dieldrin and Mirex and one ministry of environment official admitted it's possible both Dieldrin and Mirex are being detected by Mirex is getting into the blame.

He added if experiments to differentiate between the two chemicals are being conducted he is unaware of them. Mr. Ralston said the purpose

of river tests for Mirex is to "protect humans." He explained the leachate from the landfill site where the chemical was dumped, may drain into the nearby river, contaminate the fish and cause "bad long term effects" to people who consume the fish.

At this time research is inadequate to warn people against eating fish from the Credit and Speed Rivers, he said.

Inmont Prestite, despite incomplete information on possible dangers of Dieldrin Plus, are taking precautions. Corporate engineers have been commissioned to design an improved dust control system which hopefully will erase the need for four employees to wear masks, a company spokesman says.

When engaged in mixing the powdery chemical Dieldrin Plus, workers wear masks for safety. The plant's dust control system meets present standards... but may not meet future standards," Sherman Huppaport, plant manager said.



BARBER PETE HUMENIUK LOOKS OUT HIS WINDOW WHILE A GRADER PASSES ON MILL STREET. MERCHANTS SAY SALES ARE DOWN 25 TO 40 PERCENT.

## Cabinet supports OMB, corridor must be zoned

The provincial cabinet has upheld an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) ruling that Ontario Hydro shall not be exempted from seeking municipal zoning amendments for major installations, hydro solicitor T.C. Marshall revealed Monday.

## Reed questions use of lawyer

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed was expected to raise questions in the legislature Tuesday over the status of an Ontario Hydro lawyer involved in the Acton hearings of necessity.

Mr. Reed said Monday evening he believes there may be a possible conflict in the employment of Thomas Marshall as solicitor for the power utility while on loan from the Attorney-General's office.

Questions directed at Solicitor-General John McBeth will attempt to determine whether Mr. Marshall is still in pay of the department or whether he is being paid by utility.

Ontario Hydro is a crown corporation under the terms of the Power Corporation Act and should be considered a third party, Mr. Reed said.

Mr. Reed questions the use of a government lawyer to act against taxpayers on behalf of a third party. He will seek Mr. McBeth's assurance that the farmers opposing Ontario Hydro's planned high voltage corridor will be allowed government counsel on their behalf as well.

Regional council gave third reading to a bill Wednesday authorizing the construction of an eight inch watermain on the Seventh Line from Maple Avenue to the municipal building. Estimated cost of the project is \$37,212 which will be financed over 15 years by a .105 mill rate in Halton Hills.

Mr. Marshall stated at the hearings of necessity for Hydro's proposal to expropriate land for the Bradley-to-Milton transmission line, which began Monday in Acton, that the cabinet has advised Hydro to seek a specific zoning amendment from this municipality to allow for the construction of the line.

The cabinet decision was prompted by an appeal from Hydro following town council's refusal to exempt the utility from zoning restrictions which presently would not permit such construction in Halton Hills. Council's stand was approved by the OMB.

Contending that the cabinet could have overruled the OMB decision, Dick Howitt, solicitor for 22 landowners affected by the corridor, charged that the Acton hearings are as a result unnecessary unless the matter is resolved in Hydro's favor.

Hearing officer D.F. Meyrick deferred making a ruling on Mr. Howitt's assertion, as well as a similar argument that the results of hearings of necessity held in Durham three months ago must be made available at the Acton session. Mr. Meyrick said that "it might be healthy" if his own findings differ from those of Durham hearing officer, A.D. Miller when finally presented to Energy Minister Dennis Timbrell.

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## Advance polls

Advance polls will be open Saturday, Nov. 27 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at two locations in Halton Hills for voters who anticipate being away from the municipality on election day. Polls will be at the municipal building on Trafalgar Road and at the municipal offices, 40 Mill Street, E., Acton.

Those voting in the advance polls must swear an affidavit before the deputy returning officer that they will be absent from the municipality on Dec. 8.

## Sales drop 30% due to construction

Merchants on Acton's Mill Street, where for the past six weeks customers have been driven away by all manner of earth-moving, road-building machinery, aren't hearing the merry jingle of Christmas sales on their cash registers. But they are holding on, hoping bad weather won't delay the first coat of asphalt and working harder than ever to keep the customers they have.

Up and down both sides of the street they report sales down 30 to 40 per cent. For some of them the Christmas shopping season represents 50 per cent of annual sales and some feel early Christmas shoppers may be lost to Georgetown or Guelph.

"Business is not as good as it could be," Paul Nielsen told the Herald, "but it's not killing anybody. Besides what can you do?"

What the merchants on Mill Street have done is organize a contest with a \$100 prize for the person who guesses the date and time when the first coat of asphalt goes down.

In addition, there will be the Santa Claus parade Dec. 11 and starting 10 days before Christmas, a free bus for shoppers, he said. The bus will loop Acton on a 40 minute cycle. Beginning Monday, Dec. 13, store hours will be extended to 9 p.m.

In all the promotion is costing the downtown merchants about \$2,000, he said. As additional promotion, Mr. Nielsen said he would like to see bed races on Mill Street after the road gets a surface.

The final coat of asphalt is not expected to go down until spring next year.

Work on the street is ahead of schedule, Mr. Nielsen said, adding that the bulk of it was in the two blocks of Mill Street east of Main Street.

In places the road was excavated 14 feet and a watermain was broken, but if the weather holds out and the work crews continue their pace, the merchants can make it, Mr. Nielsen said.

"Don't listen to the doom and gloom guys," he said. "Some are screaming because they're losing the cream but those who have good relations with their customers are doing all right. Our customers are supporting us."

In Lovell's Meat Market, Len Lovell estimates business is down about 30 per cent. "But we've got a back entrance," he said. "The only business is actual town people."

Out-of-town shoppers are staying away "and you can't blame them," he said. It was similar in 1950 when sewers went in on Mill Street, Mr. Lovell said. The disruption caused by reconstruction "is just something you have to put up with."

Perhaps one of the hardest hit merchants is Sam Bloch, owner of the A and B Supermarket where sales are down 30 per cent. Food shoppers won't walk five blocks with bags of groceries, "so they just don't come," he said.

Business has not been bad enough that anyone has been laid off, but some of the part-time help was cut a bit, Mr. Bloch said.

The reconstruction of Mill Street has re-emphasized the need to have more parking in the downtown core, he said.

But for the time being, there is nothing more to do to overcome the loss of sales. "What can you do," he asked, "... you hope they'll finish it one day. The way I figure, they should go day and night to finish it. It's been five weeks already."

Across the street at Acton Delicatessen and Cafe, "business is down by 40 per cent," said Ingrid Bendicks who operates the European-style shop with her husband Edgar.

Mrs. Bendicks doesn't blame shoppers for staying away when the danger of falling off the sidewalk down onto the roadway is so great.

"I'm afraid to look when someone does walk out of the door," she said. "I'm surprised no one has fallen down."

Another newcomer to the commercial district is Yvon Gionet, of Guelph, who eight weeks ago opened The Gift Cupboard.

Mr. Gionet said he still gets shoppers from Georgetown, Limehouse, Rockwood and Acton but sales per day are dropping, down 35 per cent.

"Hopefully, they won't keep on dropping," he said.

Barber Pete Humeniuk said he is losing the walk-in trade who decide to get a haircut when they see no one is waiting, "but what amounts to is peanuts compared to other stores."

"It's not so bad that people are going around with long hair," he said, "but what else can you do? Everybody knew what was going to be done."

He felt reconstruction of Mill Street should have started earlier, about a month earlier, "so it would be finished now," he said. Taking the entire situation in a light philosophical view, Mr. Humeniuk quipped: "It's a hairy business."

Sales also have dropped at David and Alma Sweetman's shoe store, about 25 per cent. Mr. Sweetman said. They praised the loyalty of customers who still made it downtown although women with baby carriages and senior citizens are rare sights on the street these days.

## MP proposes riding name change

Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe MP Ross Milne is seeking a change in the name of the proposed redistributed Brampton-Halton Hills riding.

In a private member's bill filed Tuesday, the member of Parliament calls for the designation to be changed to Brampton-Georgetown.

Mr. Milne in a telephone conversation said the change is proposed to more correctly reflect the redistribution of the electoral ridings in this area.

The Electoral Boundaries Commission announced the change in June after a review of ridings throughout Canada following the 1974 general election.

There may be a possibility that recommended changes in the riding distribution may not occur because of legal action taken by some MPs from Northern Ontario.

Mr. Milne said the MPs are concerned over the reduction to 11 of the existing 12 seats in the region.

## Picket pays top dollar for heifer

TORONTO—Claude F. Picket, Georgetown, together with a man from Italy, spent \$32,000 Nov. 17 in purchasing a Holstein heifer at this year's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Mr. Picket and Lavro Ferrarini bought Oak Hedges Roeland Barb, a January, 1975, heifer at the Royal Canadian Holstein Sale which topped all auctions for registered purebred livestock.

Twenty-five head were sold at the auction for \$219,000 for an average of \$8,760. The purchased heifer was bred to Rosave, Citation II, and consigned by A. Ladina and Sons of Cremona, Italy. Barb's dam recently sold at public auction for a world record price of \$235,000.