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# Design unveiled

Halton Region last week approved a modified preliminary design of a new regional headquarters building and the incorporation of the regional health unit administration into the facility.

Approval came following a special meeting Wednesday when architects Shore, Tilbe. Henschel and Irwin unveiled the two-storey split-level design.

Council had earlier placed a limit of 40,000 square feet on the design of the structure which will be built on 10 acres of land acquired from the province at Bronte Road and

the Queen Elizabeth Way. The approval of the health

A placid skiing holiday for 48

students at Georgetown and

district high school generated

more excitment than usual as

they battled their way home

from Vermont last week plow-

ing through snowdrifts five

The annual skiing expedition

by the high school students

took a turn for the worst last

Monday as the bus they were

riding in found itself caught in

the middle of a storm which

caused caos in Upper New

York State and parts of south-

The state was still digging

itself out this week from the

Domtar Fine Papers of-

ficials confirmed Monday that

the Georgetown coating mill

operation will continue to April

I Instead of closing Feb. 25 as

originally announced. No

Meantime, Del Majurey,

The cause of a fire in a

semi-detached house belong-

ing to Mr. and Mrs. Frank

Zadravec, 10 Main St. S.

Georgetown, is unknown and

being investigated, sald Area 2

The sole occupant, Mrs. H.

The house was ready to be

demolished a few years ago,

Buikema said, so uctual dam-

ages in figures would be diffi-

cult to estimate. Some smoke

seeped into the next door.

Fire Chief Ken Buikema.

Cronk was unharmed.

reason for the extension.

Investigate

fire cause

feet high in places.

ern Ontario.

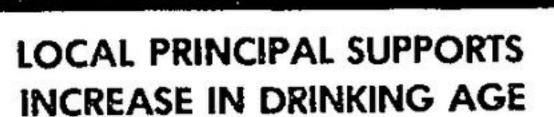
unit addition requires the construction of a sub-basement in one wing of the three-sided open space work area of the bullding at an additional cost of \$220,000. The total package will not exceed \$2.25 million. More than \$1.7 million remains in reserve for the project from the sale of the former Halton County building at Milton.

Architect Stephen Irwin told council the design calls for a courtyard to be the focal point of the structure encompassing the centre of the building. It will be covered by a roof with a three-sided two storey "stepped" administration area surrounding it.

Council chambers will be built in the form of a rotunda with two, and possibly three, committee rooms adjacent to it. The chambers will be directly opposite the courtyard and main entrance.

at the annual of the first

Mr. Irwin said the building is designed to be built within 130 feet of the property line on Bronte Road to allow "for a certain prominence of the building on the road" which would be lost by constructing on a declining grade toward the back of the property. The courtyard, he said, would be an orientation point for visitors to the building.



Georgetown is typical of most Ontario communities where lowering the drinking age to 18 has meant high school students come to class with alcohol on their breath, says Michael Furlong, principal of Georgetown and District high school.

Mr. Furlong, elected chairman of the Ontarlo Secondary School Headmasters Council (OSSHC) last week in Toronto, said high school principals "overwhelming supported" a legal drinking age of 20. Lowering the age to

school age "creates problems." Principals were concerned "that lack of inforcement results in younger

and younger people becoming involved

48 GDHS students skiers

dead and hundreds stranded

Encountering the storm

shortly after leaving Killington

Vermont, the group headed

"north toward Quebec Instead

The drive was slow as the

bus slammed through drifts as

high as passenger windows.

The trip was scheduled to end

late Monday evening but the

weary students didn't arrive in

Georgetown until about 6 p.m.

The 24 hours extra they

spent on the road caused some

president of Local 474, In-

ternational Paperworkers

Union at Domtar, said Monday

that contrary to some

published reports last week

imply, the union employees

"are very much dissatisfied"

with the company's and

Canada Manpower's job

placements and the pension

placed," he said.

members."

settlement.

"There isn't one member

Of those 30 or 35 employees

who did find jobs, it was by

their own efforts, he said. Only

two of the office staff have

been placed, "but no union

As for pensions, those bet-

ween 45 to 55 years of age can

get only 25 per cent of their

pensions as well as the in-

terest, he said. There have

been "numerous meetings"

between the union and the

company he said, and the

union is hoping for a better

of northwest," Roland Beshir

without fuel or food.

told the Herald.

Tuesday.

Domtar plant closing

extended one month

battle U.S. snow storm

in alcohol," he said.

The "effective drinking age" is down to 15 from the legal limit of 18, he said. "We see it not so much in school but at extra-curricular activities."

Asked if there were high school students drinking when he was a youth, Mr. Furlong said there were, "but not in public." Students are drinking more in public these days, he sald.

At Georgetown and District high school there has been the "odd occasion where a student has had a glass of beer for lunch," he said. However, "I'm not too concerned about 16-yearolds drinking."

storm which left at least 22 concern since "we were not

anticipating anything like this

and no one had any money left,

except maybe \$5, and that's

what we were worried about,

· A chaperone on the trip used a

credit card to house the strand-

Malone. New York overnight

Malone is about 30 miles

from Cornwall where the

group crossed the border to

find eastern Ontario clear

without problems of drifting

"We plowed right through

one snowdrift just before Ma-

lone. . . that's when all the big

drifts started to hit us," Ro-

land sald. State police closed

the town shortly after the

group arrived since three of

the four roads into the munici-

pality were clogged with snow

Robert Heaton, a fellow-

student on the trip said the bus

driver continued to keep the

bus moving because to stop

would have meant no vehicles

The students: Roland, Rob-

ert, John Peters and Brian

Rogers commended the

resourcefulness of the bus

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Divisional Court Tue-

eday reserved judgment

on an application by

opponents to the Bradley-

Georgetown high voltage

transmission corridor for

the hearing of evidence on

alternate routing. Details

of the arguments by solic-

tors for the Interested

Citizens Group and Ontar-

io Hydro will be published

next week.

and abandoned vehicles.

getting through.

Roland sald.

students said.



BONHOMME CARNIVAL

### French carnival

All small towns in Quebec hold winter carnivals, so the French Canadian Association decided Georgetown should join in the traditional merrymaking. The first Winter Carnival will start Feb. 18 and continue until Sunday.

Four French girls will be selling tickets for carnival events, and the girl who sells the most tickets will be crowned students in a motel outside ed Snow Queen, at a dance Saturday night Feb. 19, at Holy Monday. The more than \$200 Cross Church. cost was repaid this week, the

The winning ticket-holder receives \$500, and second prize s \$100 and any profit will be donated to Sacre Couer

Church. The four excited girls are Aline Perron, 16, who attends Etienne Brule school and lives at RR3 Georgetown; Helen Presseault, 16, attends Georgetown and district high school and lives on Langstone Crescent; Bernice Dugay, 16,

Waterdown, and Marguerite Chiasson 21, attends Sheridan College in Oakville, lives at RR3 Georgetown.

The girls were well acquainted before the Carnival preparations, and are having fun competing for the honor of Snow Queen. The new Queen will receive gifts and represent the association in sport shows throughout the year.

Bonhomme Carnival, the frosty snowman, will be visiting stores and pluzas in Georgetown next week. A parade will be held Saturday, Feb. 19, and different festivities held throughout the weekend, including ice sculpturing. painting in the snow and a Log Cutting Contest.

Behind the winter scheme, Rudy Cadieux, Jackie and Roger Primeau invented the idea of the carnival. Supervising the selection of Snow Queen are Gabrielle and Char-

#### attends Notre Dame school in les Migue Renaissance seeks meeting with board

Ken Campbell, founder of the renaissance Committee has informed Tom Wells. Ontario Education Minister and Reverend Garry Morton, Chairman of the Halton Board of Education, that if the motion of censure against himself and the committee were not withdrawn by the Halton board of eudcation, he will be forced to

go to the courts. Mr. Campbell regrets even considering this action, he said in a press release, and wants to appear at a next board meeting Feb. 9 to discuss the situation.

The previous board passed the censure motion Dec. 11 1975 and re-affirmed It Dec. 15, 1976 when retiring Trustee Dick Goodin requested its withdrawal.

Campbell recommends the board withdraw the motion of censure. He proposes the Board provide a public forum to hear alternate viewpoints on controversial educational

He proposed the board chairman serve as moderator for the forum, with trustees serving as a panel to hear, examine and challenge the validity of viewpoints. The general public should be permitted to questlon and comment on the issue,

Mr. Campbell feels disturbances relating to a Values Eduction project which culminated in the motion of censure, would have been avolded if there had been a public

# Repeal bylaw, complex dies

Council Monday formally rescinded a bylaw approving a \$900,000 expansion of the towns Seventh Line offices despite protests from two members that the action is "prema-

Councillors Les Duby and Mike Armstrong voiced the only opposition to the move in a recorded vote late in the meeting.

ture."

The bylaw, approved last June, proved to be the catalyst for widespread ratepayer opposition on the basis of need not being proven.

A petition containing more than 1,700 names was presented to council Aug. 3 and resulted in a stalemate on the former council and referral to the newly elected council for further action.

The issue also figured prominently in the Dec. 6 elections and most observers feel resulted in the defeat of Ward 3 Coun. Ern Hyde, an outspoken supporter of the project.

Acton Coun. Les Duby said new members of council had not been privy to the background and study which preceeded the passing of the bylaw last year, and urged a delay in action until all members are more knowledgable about the project.

Mayor Tom Hill, however, said council must decide on one of two actions: either send the bylaw to the Ontario Municipal Board for formal provincial approval or repeal the

Two weeks ago Coun. Roy Booth suggested the repeal saying council's procrastinations in dealing with the issue would only drive the cost of the project upward. Council also called or a space survey of various town departments resuits of which are expected by the end of the month.

Coun. Booth added that the public would surely oppose any further approval of the project and urged council to shelve the bylaw and save the expense of an Ontario Municipal Board

All other members of council with the exception of Coun. Pat McKenzie who is on vacation. voted in favor of repealing the

The status of the project is not in doubt, however, since most council members have voiced privately a need for ultimate expansion of the town offices.

It was revealed two weeks ago that a public institutions inspection panel, the successor to the Grand Jury abolished last year, had inspected the town offices in November and found them "totally inadequate for the duties that are performed under regional

#### First Robin

Bob Mitchell, of 40 McGllvary Cres., reports sighting the first robin of the year outside his home Friday. Mr. Mitchell informed the Herald the bird sat for "about 10 minutes on a tree" before flying off (probably for warmer climes) as a photographer attempted to race to the location for a picture.

government." The inspection panel also found that the building and engineering departments, located in a garage, "are not only hampered" but have reduced

Mr. Hyde who expressed outward concern over the findings of the inspection panel said Monday he felt "the public was deliberately mislead by some of the (former) council members" on the issue for

space in which to work.

political reasons. "If this (the expansion of town offices) could be such an obvious need to an independent objective public body," he said "then it had to be obvious to every member of council and at one point it was."

The expansion issue was the main issue in the recent election campaign, he said, "Evey

at every candiates meeting." Mr. Hyde also questioned what happened to a copy of the inspection panel report which was sent to the Halton Hills Administrator Clerk Doug

prior to the election. Findings of the inspection panel's visit to the Halton Hills municipal offices on Nov. 4 are contained in a report presented to Judge Alan Sprague the

following day. Halton Region Sheriff Robert Sprowl said a copy of the report was sent to Mr. Pritchard, and all other department and administration heads of the various institutions inspected, the following

Mr. Pritchard, however, said he has no knowledge of receiving a copy of the report,

candidate used it. It was raised adding that the pressures of the election preparation and the large volume of paperwork near year-end may have resulted in it being overlooked. He said he is presently searching for correspondence from Pritchard at least three weeks the ministry of housing dated

> There is certainly no intent to deny council the information Mr. Pritchard said in a telephone interview. There's a definite need for expansion of the town offices, he sald, the question remains when; and

Nov. 26 which has also gone

when funds will be available. Mr. Sprowl said, however, that the report sent to Halton Hills was addressed to the municipal offices: Seventh Line, Stewarttown. The correct address is either RR2, Georgetown or 36 Main St., S.,

## Chapel school inspected, town use not defined

Georgetown's Chapel Street school, for which Halton Hills has offered \$125,000 to Halton Board of Education, has had a once-over look by a group of councillors and a consulting

Councillors Roy Booth, Russ Miller, Pat Patterson and Pete Pomeroy, with consulting engineer Alan Zeegen and Pat Sheehan of the Recreation department entered the 108-yearold school Thursday for a ton to bottom tour.

Closed in 1974, the school brought nostalgle memories to Ruth Forgrave, of Georgetown who taught there for three years in the 1930's and has had many close tles with It since

In an interview she told the Herald she had warm feelings for the school, its "only wood. . the smell of the school. . . beautiful, large classrooms with high ceilings."

"It would be nice to see the old building put to good use like offices or cultural uses," she said.

Her husband Ernle recalled that the property had originally been purchased by the Methodist Church prior to 1885 for five shillings an acre. It was used as a cemetery until 1885, when the bodies were removed In 1892 the Methodist church sold the property between St. John's Church and the school for \$119,000 quite a sum in those days, Mr. Forgrave re-

The 11-room school was closed because of declining enrolment in the area and the superiority of other newer schools said Emerson Lavender, director of education for the Halton board of education. "There was nothing wrong with it structurally."

Chapel Street school was one of five or six schools closed in the past five or six years. Mr. Lavender sald "The significant thing in Georgetown and

Halton is enrolment has de-

clined." He said he could not be certain of the condition of the heating plant and recalled that there were "bad drafts in around the windows."

According to Reg Irish of the Halton board's operation section, the gas-fired steam boiler in the 14,300 square foot school was "renovated quite recently." As well there is a 6,500 square-foot paved parking lot.

he said. Mayor Tom Hill said he has no idea at all what the building will be used for if the town buys it. The building's uses will be decided by council

following a office-space survey

When the tour at the school was over, after the group had weaved their way through dozens of empty school desks and flipped through old textbooks and encyclopedias and walked around the building, Coun.

by the town's department

need it for first," the mayor

heads. "We'll find out what we

Booth said he was impressed by what the tour revealed. Consulting engineer Alan Zeegen said the structure "doesn't look in bad condition" although to make a definite statement the stress loadings would need to be assessed, he added. "My overall impress-

ion is it's quite reasonable."

## Council extends purchase offer

An offer to purchase the Georgetown Chapel school has been extended by council until June 30 to allow study of

renovation costs of the facility. The school which sits on about two acres of land in central section of Georgetown has been declared redundant by the Halton board of education which offered the property to the municipality last year.

The extension approved Monday brings the purchase offer into conformity with a resolution passed last week by the board of education which extended the deadline for

Council allowed the extension but rejected twice advances by Coun, Roy Booth that council approve the

\$125,000 cost for the facility. Coun. Mike Armstrong strongly opposed any bld to purchase the property, but while approving the extension of the closing date, he added "the dumbest thing this council can do is renovate it." Cost of renovating the school property could match the expected cost of restoring Cedarvale community centre complex, parts of which were closed last year because of unsafe conditions. A report on the centre's structural condition is expected shortly.

"I suspect we will have a very large cost in reconstructing Cedarvale," Coun. Roy Booth said. "...We are looking at 10,000 square feet at the school instead of 3,000 square feet." He noted there are several regular citizen groups including the Red Cross and Air Cadets which use the Community Centre.

Council will discuss the proposal at its Feb. 22 meeting when approval is expected of a capital budget. Council members last week toured the school with architect Alan Zeegan who is preparing structural reports on the Cedarvale centre and the old Acton town hall.



COUNCILLORS WEAVE THEIR WAY THROUGH CHAPEL STREET SCHOOL THURSDAY.

#### LIBERAL LEADER TELLS SUPPORTERS

# Don't applaud Levesque

By GEORGE EVASHUK Dr. Stuart Smith, leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, has warned Canadians must not applaud Quebec Rene Levesque when he comes to sell English Canada on the benefits that will accrue if Quebec separates.

"If we applaud him," Dr. Smith told about 260 persons in Norval last Tuesday at a meeting where Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed was acclaimed the Liberal candidate," he'll take that back to Quebec and say: 'See, they don't want you."

But before people in Ontario "boo" Premier Levesque's expected sweet talk, the half-million strong Franco-Ontario community should be given the same rights and services that the English community has in Quebec.

"Let's put our own house in order," he said.

He said the Franco-Ontarlo community had suffered from not being able to speak French in some Ontario courts or to get services in their language when they are predominant in a community, as in Northern Ontario where he has toured recently.

Rene Levesque can be made to look like a llar when he says that outside of Quebec, French is second class, Dr. Smith said, if the French community can call out and say "we're first class citizens (here)."

But if they have to say otherwise, it helps the separatist aims of Premier Levesque, Mr. Smith said.

He said it was perfectly obvious that Western Canada will strike a private deal with the United States to get goods cheaper there than from Ontario manufacturers and in turn have a guaranteed market for their 

oil, if Quebec leaves Confederation.

"When the market out west goes," Dr. Smith said snapping his finger sharply, "20 to 30 percent of the gross national product goes like that." Violence in the street could result from

Quebec leaving Confederation, the Ontario Liberal leader sald. Besides sitting on their hands when

Premier Levesque speaks and giving Franco-Ontarians the same services, and services and rights Quebec's English community has, Canadians can also begin teaching their youngsters a second language when they first go to school, he said. It is a genuine advantage to have two

languages in Canada, he said. "We have it;

the American's don't and I like it." Dr. Smith

said he was born and raised in Quebec and

white he had a "certain affection" for the

people there he had "a greater affection" for Canada.

Dr. Smith also criticized the performance of the provincial government under Premier William Davis in the areas of Farm Income Stabilization program, its handling of the Gray Coach affair, and group homes in On-

The government has no idea why cost for some group homes for either the elderly or adolescents was \$85 per day but \$30 in others,

"Superminister" Margaret Birch made only a single copy of the 20-month-old report available on the lost afternoon of the session just before the Christmas recess, Mr. Smith said, and that report says that the treatment the children obtained was the same regardless of the rate.