

# Council salaries

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 need for a raise and its timing. A 10 per cent increase would have Mayor Hill drawing \$12,100 from the town's coffers. Councilors salaries would rise to \$5,940. There has been no increase for three years.

Coun. Roy Booth said the \$540 raise for councilors wouldn't make that much difference to councilors, "but it's a principle." He suggested that councilors hook their and the mayor's salary to a cost of living clause. "Then it's no hassle."

He said that costs and workload of councilors had increased in the last three years without a corresponding pay increase. He warned newly-elected councilors that although \$5,300 may seem like lots now, later, as the workload and time involvement increases, "it's not really all that much."

And by putting councilors into a higher tax bracket with a bigger bite, only about a third of it gets into your pocket, he told committee. He said the mayor's salary was "ludicrous." Even with the 10 per cent increase, Coun. Booth said, "I think he should get a considerable amount more."

The total cost to the town would be \$6,480, or about 10 cents per person, Coun. Booth said.

Coun. Peter Marks supported the idea of a raise. The committee has a responsibility to recommend for some type of "equalizing factor," he said.

The average 20-hour week councilors put in did not constitute a "hobby job," he said. "\$5.50 (per hour) isn't excessive for looking at a \$10 million budget."

Councilors need the raise to increase the quality of their members and treat their work as a profession, Coun. Marks said.

Coun. Marks tried to amend the motion so that any councilor could refuse to accept

## KINDER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Separate school supporters in Acton may register children for the next school term at St. Joseph's Church on Feb. 21 between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Registrations will be for Kindergarten to Grade 6 but if sufficient registrations are received for Grades 7 and 8, those classes will be provided.

The education committee of Halton Roman Catholic separate school board has recommended that John Briggs, principal of St. Joseph school, Oakville, be the principal at the school in Acton which likely will be renamed St. Joseph School. Both these items will be dealt with by the board at its monthly meeting, Feb. 22.

the raise. "That's the rankst form of politicking," accused Coun. Walter Biehn. He said he was disappointed that the issue was coming up now and that councilors' salaries had been converted "to so much an hour." The money could be better spent on other things, he said. "Councilors are well paid."

He suggested that as the country is suffering under inflation, council should try to hold the line on wages and perhaps at the same time have that work to good effect on contract negotiations with Canadian Union of Public Employees whose collective agreement with the town expires March 31.

Coun. Booth observed that council held the line for two years and it hadn't made any difference in contract negotiations.

Coun. Marks amendment failed to pass. Coun. Peter Morris said he is opposed to raising salaries until just before the next election in 1978. He told committee that Milton councilors earn less than Halton Hills councilors.

Coun. Pat Patterson is opposed to the increase. Referring to a development officer recently approved for hiring by the town for between \$13,000 and \$15,000 per year, and the cost of a library, "Where is the money coming from?" he asked. "The people are not in a position to pay higher taxes."



TWO CUBS WATCH ANXIOUSLY AS THEIR HOME-MADE CARS RACE TOWARDS THE FINISH LINE AS SPECTATORS CHEER THEM ON.

# Kub Kar Rally draws 77 Cubs

Car designers proud of their product entered the race at Knox Church on Saturday determined to win. Spirits mounted as Cub leaders tried desperately to call out the names of three Cubs to race their car on the track.

The two tracks used would only hold three cars at a time, and with 77 excited boys waiting, the leaders had to raise their voices over the hub-bub just a little.

The "Kub Kar Rally" was represented by five out of eight packs and Terry Colter assistant district commissioner, was pleased at the number of parents came to watch the race.

John Jameson, 4th Georgetown Pack, won first place, Phil Dodson, Acton, came second and Brian Edmonston, Acton, placed third. Runners up were Anthony Walton, James Eskine, Victory Longo, John Burkow and Scot Hamilton. On reserve are Brian Stacey and Jim Tretzel. These Cubs will compete in the regional car rally, Saturday at the Scout Hall in Milton.

The packs represented at Knox Church were 1st Georgetown pack, 4th Georgetown, 5th Georgetown, 8th Georgetown, Lamhouse and Acton. The boys did most of their

work on the cars themselves, while some may have needed a little assistance.

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# Offices, space needed

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 purchase of some additional furniture, the finance department can utilize the building for a minimum of three years, he said.

Area 1 Fire Chief Mick Holmes did not submit a report as his position in Acton requires him to remain there and committee said it is aware of his problems. But Area 2 Fire Chief Ken Buikema said in his report that the department current offices in the finance building are insufficient, the windows let in cold drafts and a telephone panel in the area cause disturbances when Bell Canada works on it.

Chief Buikema told the committee that since the fire department moved to Maple Avenue, no one is there during the day to receive shipments of merchandise. The old building contained a dispatcher.

It means deliveries have to be prearranged with suppliers for someone to receive them, a problem two or three times a week, he said.

Clerk administrator Doug Pritchard said in his report on the municipal office on Trafalgar Road that washroom facilities are "completely inadequate" to serve any of the large meetings which occur there. As well, there isn't enough room to store sealed ballot boxes, currently stored under the stairs, and other material, he said.

The building needs its wiring system investigated, better ventilation in council chambers, and repairs to the brick facing, he said. "I could go on." However, remedying the hazards was the first priority, he said.

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made concentration almost impossible.

The planning department has always been under the impression it is working in temporary quarters, he said. Department efficiency is becoming a problem and planning department clerks are infringing, on each other's space.

"We need more space," Mr. Venditti told the committee, "and as close as possible to all departments."

Recreation director Glen Gray told the committee that although he would consider moving himself and a secretary to some central location where he could be in close

contact with other department heads, the recreation staff is fine at the Gordon Alcott Arena and the Mill Street office in Acton.

Coun. Roy Booth asked treasurer Ray King to provide a budget item which would allow money to be put aside now for the "ultimate" purchase of an addition to the municipal office as much as "five or ten years down the road."

The committee directed the department heads to return with more detailed recommendations for accommodating staff and town documents.

# Man upset over drainage

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 told the owner at the site Saturday afternoon that the swale could not solve the problem and that seepage would probably increase if the snow is cleared from the ditch.

Mr. Nowina was similarly critical of a town-employed plow operator whom he found clearing snow away from the wrong area later that day. The

task, he said, requires a simple hand-held digging tool rather than a 30-foot plow, as Mr. Nowina proved later when he cleared the ditch himself.

Finally after becoming "thoroughly frustrated" by deputy engineer Ted Ballinger's assertion that the department could do nothing for him, Mr. Nowina said he showed Coun. George Malby how a catch basin across the road is hand-

ling the run-off on that side efficiently.

"There is a certain amount of urgency here," Coun. Malby said, acknowledging Mr. Austin's offer of a report within two weeks. "Is there not some way we can assure this gentleman that he won't be boiling out his basement in the middle of the night?"

Mr. Austin described the problem as being an old one, which several years ago was solved temporarily by a ditching system which led the water run-off past the neighbouring town hall. A swale, he admitted, cannot solve the problem at present, and the installation of a catch basin would involve extensive reconstruction of the surrounding area to ensure that it would represent the lowest level.

## Acton man charged

An Acton resident involved in a disturbance at Prospect Park is alleged to have approached a police cruiser and kicked the right rear fender causing \$60 damage. A suspect was arrested.

# Annual winter camp held for local Scouts

The annual winter camp for North Halton Scouts was held at Godfrey Memorial Camp in Hockley Valley.

The Scouts started their weekend by loading their home made "Klondike" sleds high with camping gear and raced each other to a lodge. Tents were set up quickly with each troop's flag attached to the tent poles. Each group had a box full of food supplies, first-aid kits and Coleman stoves.

The camp chief, Brian MacCourt said the boys responsible for their own cooking and their own camp.

Troops from Acton, Linthouse, Norval and Georgetown totalling 65 Scouts and 25 leaders competed in 12 events. Two trophies sat on the fireplace mantel tantalizing the Scouts.

The events help the Scouts in wilderness survival, but the camp is mostly for enjoyment, Mr. MacCourt said.

Different events were snow-

show race, competition in building snow shelters and ice sculptures, sled races, shimming across a rope tied between two trees, rescue events for first aid use, rappelling event where the scouts climbed down a revie and held onto ropes, and wood transport from forest to fireline on sled. Some of the events were timed, and some were competitions.

The fireplace heated the whole lodge, and clothes were kept dry by hanging them from beams in the ceiling. The leader's didn't sleep in the lodge, they roughed it with the boys by sleeping in a wooden three-sided shelter.

After all the events were finished the boys gathered in a horseshoe for a "Scouts Own". The scouts sing songs, and a leader tells a moralistic story. Scouts and leaders broke camp Sunday afternoon and headed home for supper and hot baths.



## VALENTINE BAKE SALE

Fran Van Arragon, left, and Tina Kamminga display some of the baked goods for sale Friday in a valentine bake sale sponsored by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded. The bake sale ran from about 10 a.m. until late afternoon at the Carpet Corner shop on Main Street north.

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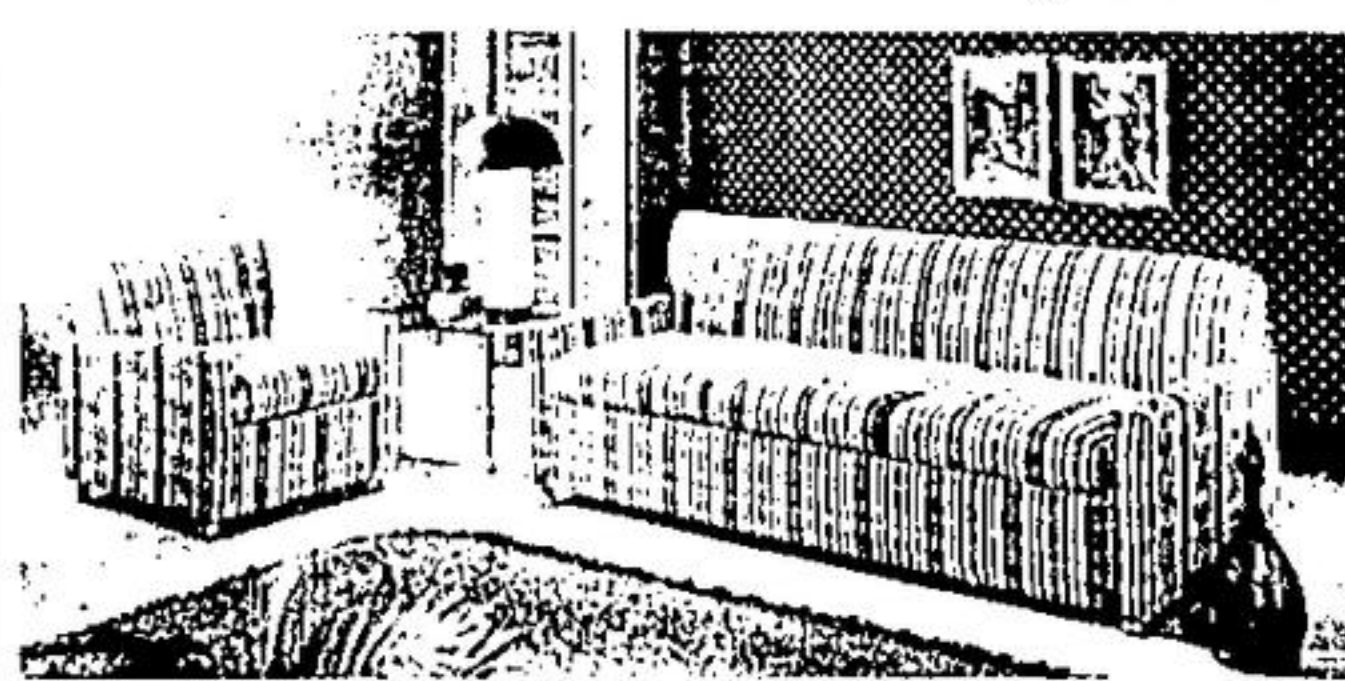
Responding to complaints from Acton-area residents, the town works committee Monday passed a resolution by which Halton Region will be asked to outline the preventative measures it has planned to alleviate the flooding of the Churchill Road reservoir. According to Coun. George Malby, the reservoir, located off Churchill Road North at the Town Line, has again overflowed, producing a "large puddle" on the road surface. The problem has already been raised at regional council

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## SLEEPING BEAUTY SALE!

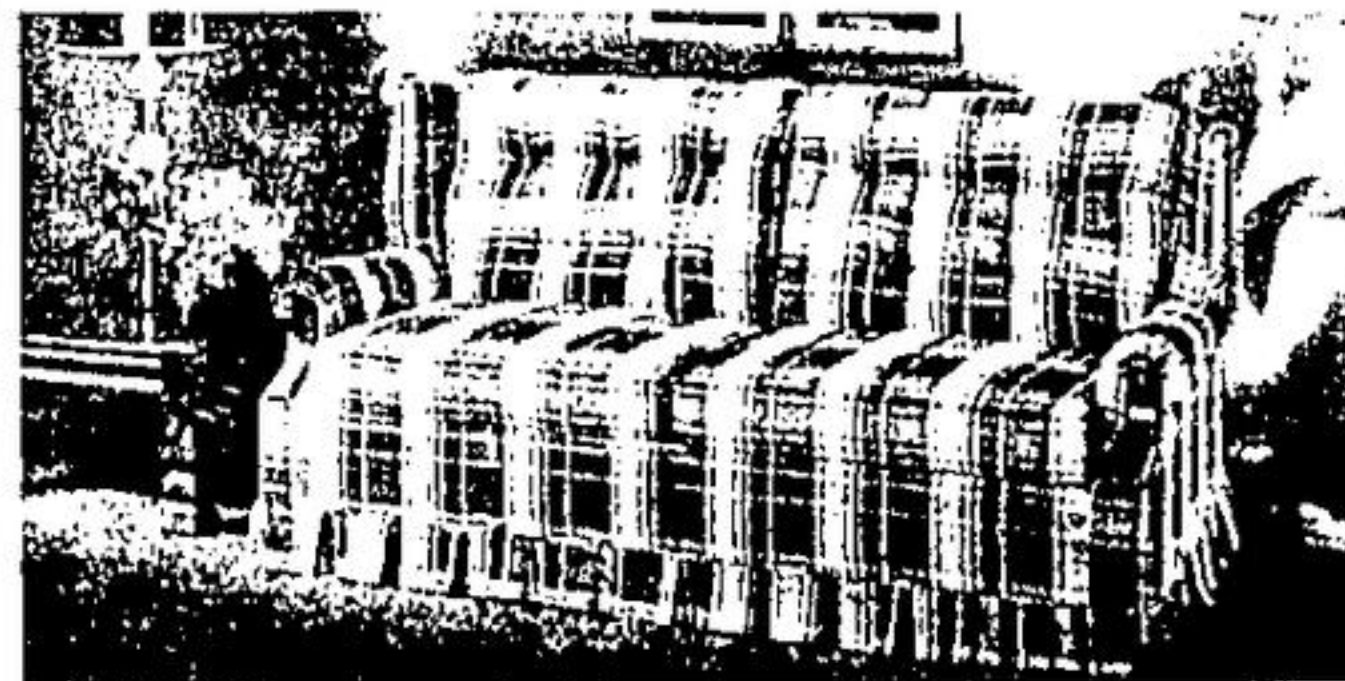
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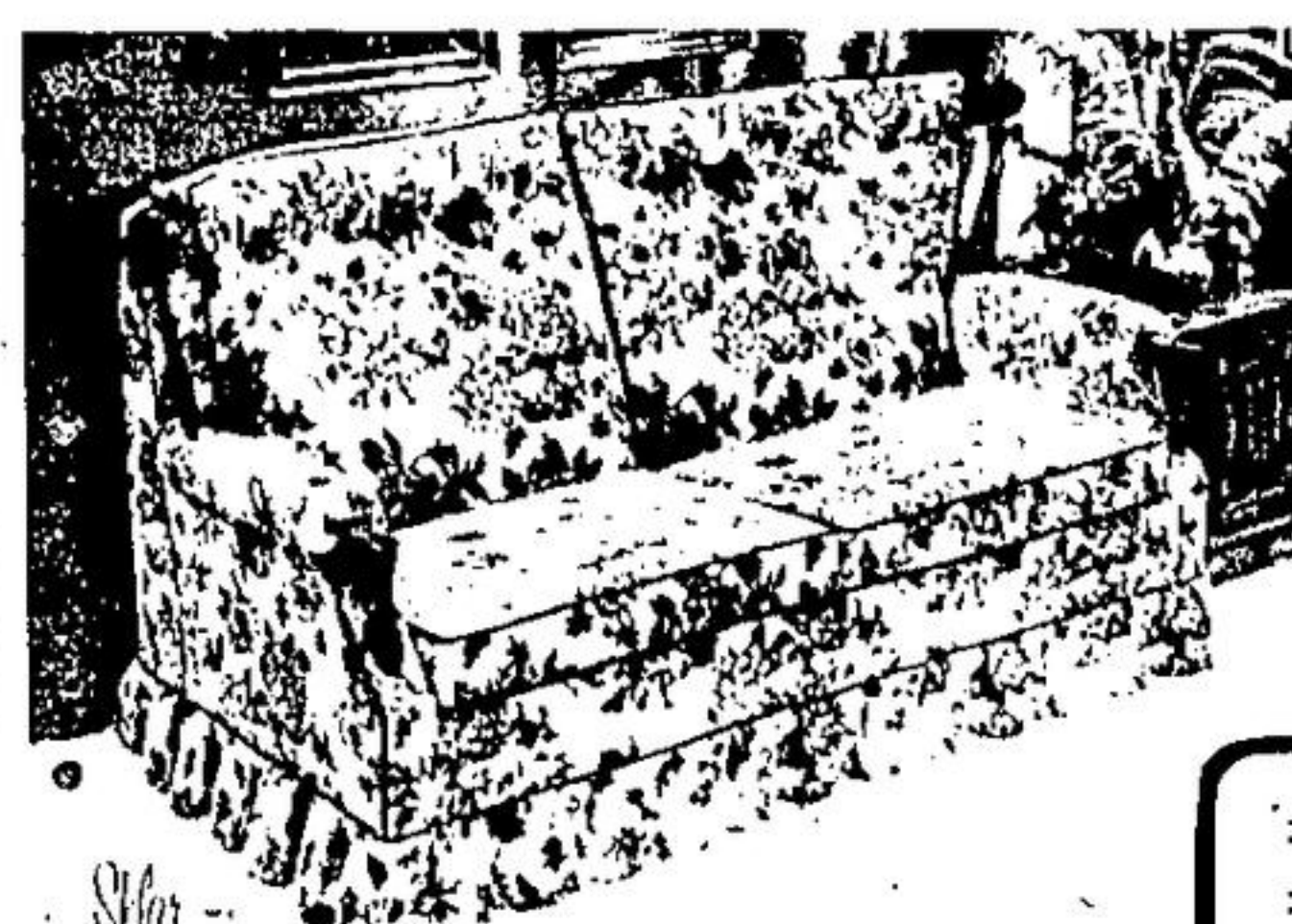
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