

# Alleviate Acton flooding problem, town urged

Residents of Acton's Kingham Hill Estates subdivision have appealed to council to exercise control over the subdivision's developers to repair damage to several homes caused by recent flooding.

Spokesman Ron Henry, Monday accused the developers, Old Lane Estates Ltd., of inadequate engineering considerations at the site, which has left all run-off water from the adjacent phase four development with no place to go but into the basements of neighboring townhouses.

Pointing out that such accusations inevitably detract from the high regard with which the developers have been previously considered, Coun. Peter Marks moved that the matter be referred to the works committee for further consideration.

Mayor Tom Hill informed Council that town engineer Bob Austin had expressed dismay that the problem was to be presented initially to council rather than the committee, and had added that the matter

was actually a civil dispute and thus out of the town's jurisdiction.

Mr. Henry explained that six lots in the newly-developed phase four area of the Kingham Hill subdivision fronted onto the existing townhouse lot. The residents in the older development, he said, first complained to the developers last May that soil and debris were being washed down the grade between the two subdivisions and were damaging lawns.

The problem, on which no action was taken, later became further complicated by severe winter weather, which prompted additional concern over the possibility of a torrential spring run-off this year.

Mr. Henry stated that Mr. Austin was contacted and at that time assured the residents that the developer intended to

investigate the matter as soon as the temperature rose.

A heavy rainstorm March 4, however, he said, resulted in several basements being flooded by water that was traced to the adjacent development. In response to the resident's most recent complaint, Mr. Henry concluded, the developers have contended that the townhouse dwellers had been misled as to the nature of the problem.

"We would like council to take affirmative action to prevent the recurrence of such damage," Mr. Henry stated.

"Under the terms of the town's subdivision agreement with the developer (July, 1975) we contend that drainage and erosion control are public works."

Mr. Henry suggested that the town "exercise very vigorous control" to force the developers to take action themselves or to rectify the problem

using town staff and charge the costs incurred to the developers.

"I respect Mr. Austin's opinion (that the matter constitutes a civil dispute)," Coun. Marks said, "but I think we do have a responsibility to ensure that the final grades are set the way they should be. It's not enough to suggest that it's totally a civil matter."

Coun. Pat McKenzie expressed disappointment that the

problem has not been investigated by the developers since he and Coun. Les Duby visited the site two weeks ago.

"I want to see this resolved in the proper manner so that these people don't suffer the consequences, I saw there March 5," he said.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR Concerned citizens to aid community

To the editor of The Herald:  
At an executive meeting of the Halton Hills concerned Citizens Action Committee, held on Wednesday March 16, it was resolved that we expand our executive. Anyone seriously concerned who wishes to become active, please call: 877-2828 or 854-2366. Citizens of Acton, Glen Williams, Limehouse, Norval and Stewartown are encouraged to participate.

The Domtar situation, we have been made aware of people related problems in many areas, and have gained expertise in directing help.

The problems stem primarily from insufficient knowledge regarding the various government levels: local, regional, provincial, and federal, and their related agencies.

We feel strongly an ombudsman should be appointed. This need is urgent, and will not improve until the economic situation improves.

Since the inauguration of our committee, we have been actively participating in aiding people with problems regarding, unemployment insurance, pensions, manpower, compensation cases, land separations, taxation, welfare and related issues.

The Domtar situation is far from resolved, and after the eventual closure of the mill our services will be in great demand.

William A. Johnson  
Chairman

## Gledhill school reunion

To the editor of The Herald:  
GLEDHILL PUBLIC SCHOOL, located at 2 Gledhill Ave., in the east end of Toronto, is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year.

Plans are underway for the week long celebration, which will culminate in an Open House on Saturday, May 14, 1977.

In order to make this event a success, we are trying to locate all former students and teachers and ask them to contact the school at the above address.

We feel that many of these people we are trying to find have moved out of the Toronto area, and it will be through your help that we will be able to locate them.

If you could find space in your weekly publication to make mention of this event, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanking you in anticipation of your assistance, I remain, Yours very truly,  
Arthur B. Kelly,  
Publicity Chairman

## Lorne Scots gather

To the editor of The Herald:  
Members and ex-members of one of Canada's largest infantry regiments in World War II will be gathering in Brampton this June for their second all-ranks reunion since the war.

Plans have been laid for the three-day affair to be held, June 10, 11, 12. Committees are now striving to up-date the mailing list to ensure that no former members will be missed as invitations are being sent out. While the majority of those who served in The Lornes, come from the Counties of Peel, Dufferin and Halton, the war-time unit included personnel from the Maritimes through to British Columbia.

Names and addresses should be sent to the Lorne Scots Reunion Committee, Box 163, Brampton, Ontario.



## DIRECTOR HAS DOUBLE RED FACE! CAN'T COUNT, SPELL

To the editor of The Herald:  
I have enclosed a couple of clippings taken from The Herald of March 16, 1977.

It seems that Emerson Lavender, director of education, not only has trouble spelling, he can't count either! (Editor's note: The spelling reference is to a spelling bee in which the director misspelled a word.)

If you will read this article below the "Proposed Acton School Crest" you will see that he says the stylized maple leaf on the crest has only nine points, and that the Canadian flag has ten.

For his information the Canadian flag has eleven points, and so does the flag on this "Proposed Crest" if you count the two at the bottom that I have marked. I presume the designer intended that to be part of the maple leaf!

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## Ashgrove WI hears fire safety explained

By Mrs. JOHN BELLBODDY  
Herald correspondent

On Tuesday afternoon March 15, the Safety meeting of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Ford Wickson with President Mrs. John H. Hunter presiding and opening with a short Easter thought, the ode and collection.

Secretary Mrs. James McPhail read last month's minutes and called the roll which was answered by Danger Spots in the home.

The program in charge of Mrs. John Riddell and Mrs. Clayton Wilson was then given. They introduced the guest speaker Larry Brassard, Halton Hills Fire Prevention officer, who showed two films on "Is your home electrically safe" and "Learn not to burn".

## Arbitrator appointed

A three-man arbitration board to hear Halton board of education's grievance against an embargo placed by Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation has been formed. No date has been set.

Kenneth Swan, a law professor at Queen's University will be chairman. Douglas Laidlaw is the board's representative and Elliot Posen represents the teachers.

The board is grieving an embargo which has prevented any of the 35,000 teachers (O.S.S.T.F.) represents from applying for 180 chairmanship positions in seven high schools still organized under the traditional headship system.

Never throw water on a grease fire, put the lid on so as to quench the flames, and Mr. Brassard said, treat every electric appliance with care.

Mrs. Guy Wilson gave the motto "People are like fires, they take on a brightness if you stir them up a bit!"

Irish dialogues were enjoyed from some of the members as well as from a record player.

Mrs. W. Bird announced the Institute euchre for April 1.

Mrs. John Bird reported the near completion of the Tweedsmuir history book which she has been working on.

Mrs. Vern Pickett gave the flower report.

Two short courses were discussed: needlepoint and accessories for the home.

A nominating committee from the Sixth Line was appointed to look after next year's officers.

Mrs. Norman Haist gave the courtesies and after singing of Canada and the W.I. Grace, the meeting closed with a social hour.

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