



Hey fellas, the big ones are under here
Silvercreek bridge in Cedarvale park is a popular fishing hole for youngsters

Chapel area ratepayers present petition to town

A petition signed by some 200 Ward 3 residents, urging the town to ensure that the Chapel Street School property remain zoned for single-family, semi-detached homes only, was presented to council Monday night by the Chapel Area Committee.

The newly formed committee of ratepayers, concerned over recent proposals that could mean the loss of a much-used park area on the school grounds, asked council to respect the "historic and moral rights" of neighboring

St. John's United Church when the fate of the school is finally decided.

In a brief presented by D.G. Saper of Morris Street, the committee hinted that the federal or provincial governments may choose to buy the school grounds, recently offered to, but refused, by the town. If the property, however, is sold to interested developer Al Pilutti, the committee stated, the town should guarantee that the area will remain zoned for medium density residences.

The committee, chaired by

Kit Woode of Chapel Street, further asked council to abide by the open space standards dictated by the Municipal Planning Act, so that neighborhood children would still have a park area in which to play in the event the school grounds are developed.

The brief was referred by council to a special committee, formed last week, which includes Ward 3 councillors Walter Biehn, Roy Booth and Pete Pomeroy and representatives of St. John's church and Halton Board of Education.

Mr. Pilutti approached council two weeks ago to buy the property from the board and re-sell it to him for development. Such a proposal was deemed illegal, however, since the town could only purchase land for municipal uses. The town, concerned over financial restraints, refused to buy the school building and two-acre grounds at the agreed price of \$125,000.

The 11-room school, built nearly 100 years ago, was closed by the board in June, 1974.

Scouts plant 18,000 trees

Scout troops and Cub packs from Halton Hills were busy planting 18,000 trees at two sites near Limehouse last Saturday morning.

About 150 boys from the 4th, 5th, and 8th Georgetown Cubs and Scouts planted 5,000 white ash, black walnut, cedar, and pine saplings at Duff's quarry on the Fifth Line of Halton Hills while 250 boys from Acton, Limehouse, Glen Williams, Norval, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Georgetown Cubs and Scouts planted Cedar, Red Pine, Norway Spruce, and Burr Oak at Waterfalls Playground on the Sixth Line.

Planting Trees for Canada is part of a nation-wide Scouting project held annually to teach conservation. The boys went around collecting pledges from Halton Hills residents prior to the planting and funds raised go towards Scout activities. Many of the boys planted well over their allotted 100 trees even though 50 was all they required to earn their conservation badge.



Saturday was the day Halton Hills cubs and scouts planted trees for Canada. Greg Peacock of the 4th Georgetown cubs was determined to help even though he had a sprained ankle and had to get around on crutches.

Kitty Kitty Kitty . . .

I thought I saw a pussy cat! You did? You did! You saw a little grey cat with tiger stripes. And it's trapped in Chapel Street School.

Allan Peters from the maintenance department of Halton Board of Education searched the school Friday and again Monday by food on cat. Monday, he left food on the basement floor near where the cat has been seen. Tuesday morning the food was gone.

Peters opened a hole in the basement window and put down more food in hopes that the cat can be enticed out of the building. The feeding will go on until the Board is sure that the cat is gone or it has been caught.

The Herald learned of the cat from Patti Cook of Dayfoot Drive. When a reporter visited the school on Monday afternoon several children in the area spoke of seeing the cat in the basement window last week and also of hearing it crying at the Chapel Street door on the weekend.

John Levoy of Dayfoot Drive said he has personally seen the cat and offered to search the school if a key could be found to open it up.

"It's only young, less than half grown I'd say. The kids were trying to poke food to it through the slots in the window but I don't know if it got it. How long can it last before it starves?" he questioned.

No one is sure how the cat got into the school although a panel in a door was smashed during a break-in there and just repaired early last week. There is also a hole in the basement wall which is large enough to admit a cat-sized animal.

Concerned pet lovers have contacted the mayor, the Halton Board of Education, the Halton Regional Police, and Halton Hills Animal Control.

June 9 election brings out candidates' statements

JULIAN REED

Julian Reed, Liberal incumbent, believes the member of the legislature for Halton-Burlington needs "guts" to stand up to the government on the issues that affect local residents.

"He still needs guts to stand up to the government and not be relegated to a position where he's told to be quiet at the appropriate times," Reed said in an interview Monday.

Voters in Halton-Burlington will take to the polls June 9 and Reed concedes that he will have to wage a personal campaign based on "whether the people believe I deserve a second term."

He said the issue on which the legislature was dissolved, the rent review legislation, does not have as high a profile in Halton as it might in Metropolitan Toronto.

Reed, first elected in 1975 and holding the Ontario Liberal Party energy critic post, called Premier William Davis the "crassest of politicians" for calling the election when important matters such as the recently

announced budget have yet to receive approval.

Even if the legislature is convened immediately following the election, he said, it will still likely take three to four months to gain approval of waiting legislation.

"I called on voters in all ridings to respond to Premier 'Davis in a way I can't, by letting him know by their vote that they disapprove of this round of political expediency."

Reed pointed to the defeat by the government last year on a money bill—farm income stabilization—and the fact that no election was called then. "It was not opportune for him (Davis)."

"Most people perceive that minority government was working reasonably well," Reed commented. "We were doing things that you can't do under a majority government."

These efforts included influencing legislation such as in the education area.

"It was the Liberal caucus that was responsible for the

Morrow condemns cut

Halton Region chairman Ric Morrow has condemned a major budget cut proposed by the administration committee saying it is unsound fiscal policy.

Commenting following committee meetings Wednesday, the chairman condemned the proposed removal of \$200,000 from the present working capital fund, but mellowed his criticism for rejecting the raising of an additional \$400,000 this year through taxes.

The administration committee proposal would reduce the present \$600,000 capital working fund to \$400,000 placing the difference into the operating budget to offset the expected tax increase.

Regional treasurer Don Farmer has called for a working capital fund of \$1 million for the municipality which administers a gross budget of at least \$25 million.

"It (budget cut) violates sound business practice and I am extremely surprised that anyone on council would suggest it," Mr. Morrow said.

The capital working fund is used to offset operating costs during the periods when tax

revenues have not been received by the municipality. The existence of the funds reduces the region's need to borrow funds for day-to-day purposes.

Mr. Morrow said the legality of the committee's decision is being investigated since the funds are not classified as part of the operating budget, but are contained within the capital budget.

Earlier he said, the committee had rejected a modified increase of the fund by \$100,000 instead of the originally proposed \$400,000.

Because of the impact on taxpayers he said the region could live with a reduction in working capital funds raised through 1977 levies.

Mr. Morrow also commented that he could see council delaying the raising of additional funds for one year, but under no circumstances could he see justification for reducing the capital working fund.

While the reduction of the mill rate to taxpayers is a worthy thing, Mr. Morrow said, it's also a deception to the public of how

much government is costing and plain poor business planning. New York City operated under a similar policy—using capital funds for operating expenses—before it became bankrupt.

Mr. Morrow said it may be difficult initially to establish the working capital fund, but the ultimate benefits will be derived through lower costs for borrowing and a lower capital debt per capita.

He pointed to his policy as chairman of finance committee for Georgetown where a similar policy, now carried on by Halton Hills, shows the lowest per capita debt of all municipalities in Halton.

Revised figures contained in a second draft operating budget to be presented to council today show Halton Hills with a per capita debt of \$43.07 at Dec. 31, 1976 while the region is \$236.79, Oakville is \$134.32; Milton \$115.76 and Burlington \$122.07.

Mr. Morrow said he believes the action taken by the committee reflects the parochialism of regional council and may be a lack of commitment to regional government.

Fate of Acton town hall to come up Monday

A last minute appeal by the Acton Chamber of Commerce and Coun. Les Duby postponed a council decision Monday on the fate of Acton's 56-year-old former town hall building. A works committee recommendation that the Willow Street structure be demolished will instead be considered at a special council meeting next Monday night.

At that meeting, chamber representatives and other concerned Actonians will present a brief to council

aimed at altering plans to tear down the building to make way for the expansion of the adjacent firehall and a parking lot for the volunteer firefighters.

Council last night accepted Coun. Duby's motion for a one-week delay, despite objections from Coun. Russ Miller, who pointed out that any delay in the matter could prevent the long-overdue expansion of the firehall this summer.

Chamber president, Louis Charlebois said prior to last



Air Cadet tag day
Georgetown Air Cadets went out in force Saturday for the annual tag day. Michelle Jenkins, above, offers a tag to a Herald Photographer who happened on the scene.

Temporary layoff at DRG Stationery

DRG Stationery Company has announced a temporary shutdown of its production facilities in Georgetown. The two-week shutdown will be effective May 2nd to May 13th inclusive.

The decision is due to record high inventory levels as a result of unusually late orders being placed.

It is anticipated that production shifting will return to normal levels and that there will be a good backlog of orders for the balance of 1977.

The temporary shutdown will affect approximately 60 members of the Canadian Paperworker's Union, Local 1173. Nine hourly-rated employees will maintain the warehouse

operation during the two-week period. Business will continue as usual in the offices.

All employees affected have been offered the opportunity to take vacation entitlement if they so wish.

Company officials also announced that additional production equipment will relocate to the Georgetown plant in the very near future. This additional equipment will result in approximately 20 new jobs.

DRG Stationery Company, formerly Gage Stationery, relocated to Georgetown in October, 1970. The firm is part of the Dickinson Robinson Group of Companies in Canada and is a major supplier of social stationery and school supplies.

One dead, 2 injured in traffic mishap

A Toronto man died and his wife and baby son were seriously injured Sunday when the car they were riding in struck another on Sixth Line and 17 Sideroad, Chingacousy.

Dead is John Davidson, 26. His 23-year-old wife, Laurie, is in Toronto Western Hospital where her condition is reported as stable. Their 18-month-old son, Jonathan, is also in stable condition at Sick Children's Hospital.

Driver of the other vehicle Herbert Binns, 27, and his wife, Joanne, both of Toronto, were uninjured in the mishap at 2:45 p.m.

Halton police responded to the call after a citizen phoned them with the report of the accident even though it was uncertain if the accident was in Esqueving Township or Chingacousy, Superintendent Floyd Schwanz said. Peel police, who are investigating the accident as it was in their jurisdiction, said no charges will be laid.

Halton Hills fire department also responded to the call.

While acknowledging the need to expand the firehall, Coun. Duby pointed out that the works committee reached its decision only a week before council was called upon to do the same. As evidenced by several phone calls he received, he said, the public would like an opportunity to make comments on the proposal.

Coun. Pat McKenzie, however, stated that he had received no such calls and suggested that any person genuinely concerned would likely phone all three Ward 1 councillors.

"Council is on the right track," he concluded. "I don't mind a delay on this but any future presentations must consider how to finance the building's restoration and providing parking."

Coun. Miller, who, along with councillors McKenzie and Duby, had met earlier with volunteer firemen, stressed the urgency of the proposal, claiming that some firemen must park their cars blocks away from the firehall during emergencies because there are no closer spaces available.

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BILL JOHNSON

Bill Johnson, New Democratic party candidate in Halton-Burlington, says Ontario is an environmental disaster and if elected, he will present a private bill to ban non-returnable bottles.

"Premier Williams Davis is making a phony issue of Quebec, saying he wants a strong mandate to keep Quebec in Canada," Mr. Johnson said.

"The Tories have lost a lot of support because they are willing to accept the huge unemployment figures," he said. "The NDP has been a strong opposition and the

proposed regional central dump site.

Reed hinted that national unity, while an important issue in all ridings may not be a large-scale issue in Halton since it has only been in the past few months that Premier Davis has come around to the thinking of Liberal Party Leader Dr. Stuart Smith.

"All that has to be done is fit the pieces together for a smooth campaign," Mr. Gray said.

people are ready for an NDP government."

"The Liberals offer no policy and no leadership," he said and may fall out of the race altogether, "making a two-party system."

Mr. Johnson is a former employee of Domtar Fine Papers in Georgetown, which recently closed, and now works for the Federal Ministry of the Environment in Burlington as a stationary engineer. In his campaign he will rely on volunteer help and hopes to open an office in Milton soon.

change in policy simply by virtue of the fact that we brought out a policy that reflected the general view across the province and the government adopted it," he said.

Issues in Halton-Burlington will be generally local, he said. These include the impact of two Ontario Hydro high voltage corridors which will cut the riding into four segments; the Niagara Escarpment Commission and its bureaucracy; the economic climate in the riding and "the big issue in Milton: Site F."

the return of majority government which he feels will improve the economic situation in Ontario.

Foreign companies are afraid of setting up businesses because of the economic situation. He has expressed concern on various occasions about the vast deficit in the balance of trade; this concern was endorsed by the closing of Domtar plant in Georgetown.

"The situation in Quebec will continue to boil and ferment, and is going to require attention, statesmanship, and ability in order to maintain confederation," he said.

Mr. Gray opened his headquarters today in Georgetown's Market and later this week will open of-

GEORGE GRAY

George Gray supports Premier William Davis's decision in calling an election for June 9.

"An election with the result of a majority mandate is necessary to create stability enabling the Tories to deal with government policies in Ottawa effectively," George Gray said.

Some voters have expressed concern over the amount of funds needed to finance an election; a figure for Ontario close to \$20 million.

"Election money is spent within the province, moving through the different ridings to pay for necessary items used in elections," he said. The distribution of funds will assist the economy and an election creates more work.

The major issues Mr. Gray believes are concerned with