

# HALTON HILLS RECREATION and PARKS NEWS & VIEWS

## Smoking in Public Recreation Areas - to be or not to be?

Comments from BOTH smokers and non-smokers concerning the possibility of eliminating and/or restricting smoking in enclosed public recreation areas (community centres, arenas, pools, ...) have been received over the last few months.

Members of Council, are also concerned and have requested that the Recreation and Parks Department prepare a report concerning this area with suggestions on how to regulate-control smoking in enclosed public recreation areas.

To quote from an article in a recent issue of the Non-Smokers Right Association magazine: "A survey recently completed by the U.S. Public Health Service, Adult Use of Tobacco - 1975, gives a big lift to the Non-Smokers Rights movement. Perhaps the most dramatic, and to some surprising, aspect of the survey was the strong support even among smokers for the protection of non-smokers from the effects of ambient cigarette smoke. Thus, 70 per cent of all persons surveyed agreed that the smoking of cigarettes should be allowed in fewer places than it is now. For the first time, a majority of current smokers (51 per cent) agreed with that sentiment. As the report noted, this means that more than half the smokers at the present time would like to see smoking allowed in fewer places than it is now, despite the fact that there are more and more restrictions on places where people are allowed to smoke."

In summary of these comments, and in order to assist us with the compilation of our report, we welcome your thoughts on this subject and would respectfully request your replies, both verbal and written to be received at either 36 Main Street South, Georgetown, or 40 Mill Street East, Acton on or before May 20, 1977.

We are listing below the Community Centres in the Town of Halton Hills which are available for rental.

### Cedarvale Community Centre

Corner of Maple and Main  
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Highway No. 7 Norval  
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Liquor Permits are NOT available for the above centres.

### Gordon Alcott Hall

Gordon Alcott Arena  
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Liquor Permits ARE allowed.  
For Rental Information on any of the above centres please contact Mrs. Chris Rivett, Recreation Department 877-5185 Ext. 60, 61.

## LES FRANCAIS

# Sacre Coeur Parish open to everyone

You don't have to understand French to attend Sunday mass at Sacre Coeur Church.

In fact, says Father Robert Levesque, the parish priest for the last three years, there are about 25 persons at each Sunday mass who don't understand French.

They come because they were baptized or married in the 1880 church before it became a French-speaking parish in 1966; because they live in the neighbourhood or because they like the atmosphere, Father Levesque told the Herald.

He said he asked them once if he should, perhaps, celebrate the mass in English as well as French but they replied that they had not understood the service when it was in Latin so now with it in French, there was no great difference.

Francophones in Georgetown account for about three per cent of the population, about 1,000, Father Levesque said, and with but a hint of wishfulness, added that about 350 come to mass. "We have 89 families registered."

The parish was an English one for 111 years until 1966 when Holy Cross Church on Maple Street was built, Father Levesque said. The francophones in the area saw the empty stone church and decided to purchase it from Bishop Paul Reding of Hamilton, who sold it at a low cost, he said.

The church then underwent a "small redecoration," he said, and a sacristy was added. The first priest was Father Francis Germain, who stayed one year. The second priest was a Redemptorist Father like, Levesque, Father Simard, "who was a good administrator."

Father Simard stayed seven years and built up Sacre Coeur centre to help the francophones get together, Father Levesque said.

Father Levesque is the parish's third priest. He was born 60 years ago in Montreal but moved with his family to upper New York State. At age 15 he went to St. Anne de Beaufre for religious studies in the Redemptorist Order. "I spoke broken French," he said. Then for almost 20 years he spoke nothing but French so that he had to go to a special college in Woodstock. "to pick up my English."

He said that French language and culture is 100

per cent preserved outside of Montreal. Living in an all French speaking parish meant he lost what English he'd acquired. St. Anne de Beaufre, because of many United States visitors, had a two language culture which got along amicably, he said. For three years he served a parish in Edmonton, Alberta but never felt accepted by the total population. At the time there were slogans such as "Speak White" seen in the city, and not enough effort was made to understand the francophone culture.

"But in Alberta you're very far from Quebec. It's like being in China," he said. "I feel at home in Georgetown."

The parishioners are an active lot who take great pride in their church, the rectory and the hall which was built at the rear of the church in 1968. Father Levesque said.

Father Levesque remarked on the youthfulness of the parish. They had tried to start a Golden Age club but couldn't get

enough members to form a board of directors and had to lower the age of admission to 50. Other than "La Femme Ajourdaire", which he hopes will have a good influence in the francophone families, there isn't that much for younger couples in the parish, he said. But he's hoping that soon will improve.

"People therefore come to the rectory with their problems," he commented. With the parishioners and handling all the business," the phone rings every 15 minutes.

About those who were educated in French in Georgetown and plan not to leave, "they'll stay our place," he said.

The name Levesque is one, that since the election of the Parti Quebecois to power in Quebec turns heads, but Father Levesque said he is not related to Quebec's premier, Rene Levesque.

He believes the parishioners are opposed to Quebec separating from Canada but if it does, "their reaction is they'll stay in

Ontario."

"It's too bad if they (Quebec) separate. (Ontario

Premier) Davis and (Liberal party leader Dr. Stuart) Smith said Franco-Ontarians

will have their rights. What we must do is make in our parish a climate of security.

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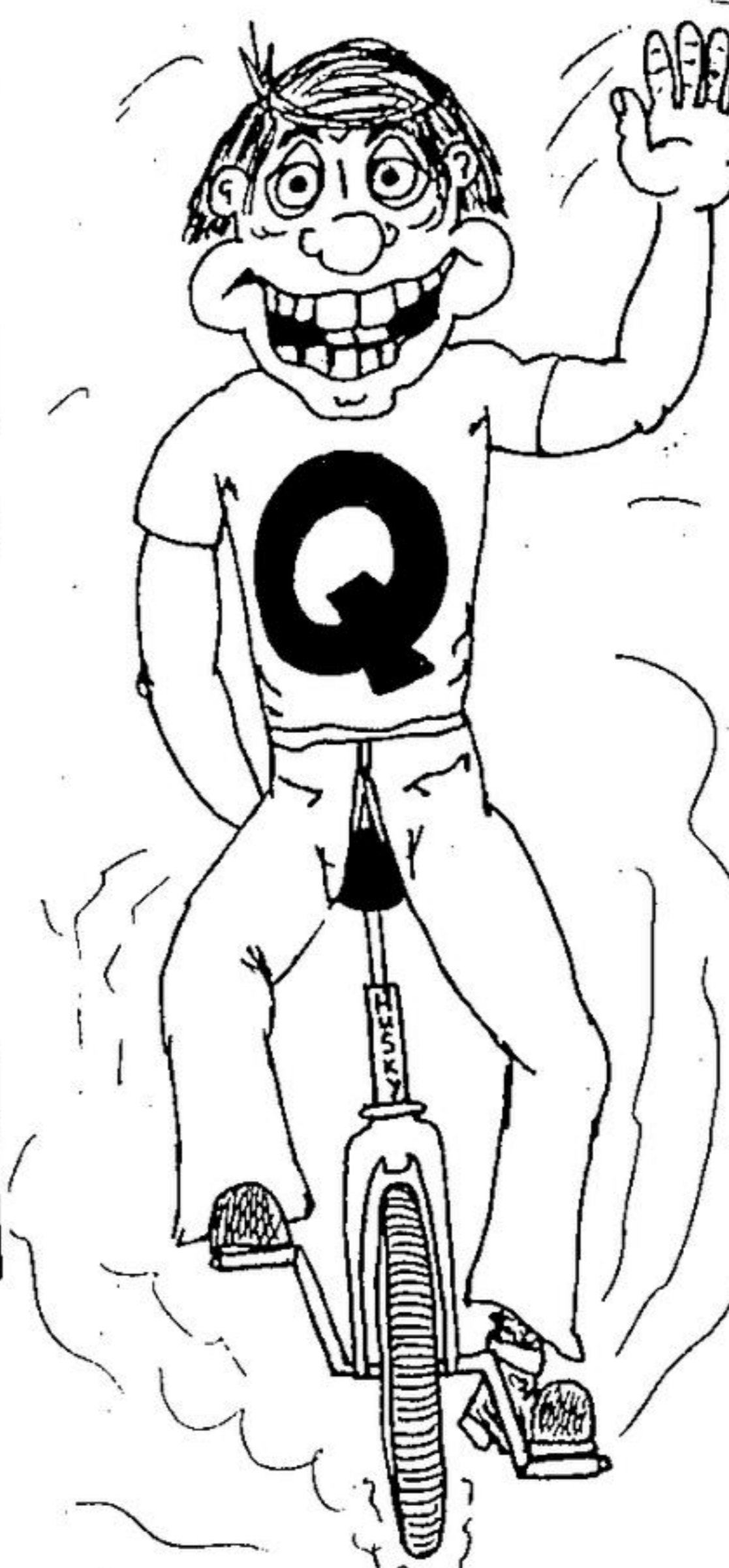


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