

Picked Up In Passing

Ontario Hydro warning

Ontario Hydro has issued a warning against allowing persons to enter area homes to inspect insulation after claiming to represent Ontario Hydro or local utilities. Hydro stresses that it does not carry out such surveys nor does any contractor working with it. Residents are encouraged to request identification of such persons claiming to be associated with utilities before allowing them to enter their homes. All Ontario Hydro and utilities personnel have a pictured identification card in their possession which includes an employee number. The request for entry usually comes in the form of a telephone call prior to the person visiting the home.

Art-in-the-park June 18

Credit Valley Artisans (CVA) will hold its Second Annual Art-in-the-Park at Cedarvale Park June 18. The event will include a sale of crafts by area artisans, both members and non-members of the CVA. Judging will be done for the "best of show" following a judging by qualified judges.

Pioneer Days flower show

Pioneer Days celebrations in downtown Georgetown will be held June 17 and 18. Among the festivities planned is a flower show sponsored by the Georgetown Horticultural Society at Knox Church with public viewing on both days. Entry forms are available from Webb's, Fendley's and Pauline's Florist Shops.

Grants for two projects

An adventure Day Camp '77 and the development of a town master plan are two Young Canada Works Projects approved for the federal constituency of Halton. The day camp at Acton will receive \$11,220 while the master plan project will receive \$7,022 employing a total of 14 students. Both projects are funded from \$44,805 allocated to Halton from the Ontario total of \$11,005,000. The country-wide program is funded by \$26 million from manpower and immigration ministry to alleviate high unemployment in communities. 21,000 students are expected to be employed through the program.

Cable reps attend

President Art Jamieson and operations manager John Oliver of Halton Cable Systems will be attending the annual convention of the Canadian Cable Television Association May 23-26 in Calgary.

Harry J. Boyle, chairman of the Canadian-Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission will be guest speaker for the expected 1,200 delegates. Also to speak will be John Roberts, secretary of state responsible for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Federal grants for programs

Halton Liberal MP Dr. Frank Philbrook has announced the granting of \$4,877 for two programs this summer in North Halton sponsored by the Student Community Service Program of the department of the secretary of state. The Georgetown YM-YWCA will receive \$2,419 for a Day Camp d'été as an intercultural activity of the program of the service club for English and French children in the area. The second grant is to the North Halton Contact Centre for \$2,458 for a community outreach program to update and expand information on the centre into areas not familiar with its services. The programs will run for 12 to 16 weeks.

HRCA grant awarded

Halton Region Conservation Authority (HRCA) has been awarded a provincial grant of \$43,050 to further develop Mountsberg Conservation Area.

HRCA will carry out the work which includes the improvement of lands, installation of heavy service gates, woodlots and woodlot habitat improvement, renovations to Chapman, McDonald and King Houses, drive shed and main barn, including painting and staining the exterior.

Wintario grant

The Fifth Georgetown Scouts and Venturers will receive a \$1,500 grant from Wintario to help finance the costs of transportation to the Scout Jamboree in Prince Edward Island this summer.

Smoking withdrawal course

Halton Lung Association will be conducting a Smoking Withdrawal Clinic at Stewarttown school for five days May 30 to June 3. The clinic is open to everyone and will be held in the school library each evening during the week from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Registration is by calling 877-9667 in the evenings.

Volunteers needed

Blood donor convenor Henry Kroes says the Acton Red Cross needs volunteers. Volunteers play an important role in helping families through minor disasters, supplying clothing and finding places for the family to sleep. Volunteers are always needed in the blood clinics. The next blood donor clinic will be held June 8 at Acton high school. Mr. Kroes can be reached at 853-1668.

Choirs take honors

Harrison public school took part in the Halton Music Festival and two of its choirs took honors. The Junior Choir of 35 voices or over won five other competitors. The Primary Choir of under 35 voices won over four competitors in its class.

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1,000 jobs coming: Gray

Sale closing nears for Domtar plant



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Georgetown may soon have almost 1,000 new jobs, possibly in three to four weeks, says George Gray.

About 150 jobs would be light manufacturing in the Domtar Fine Papers Ltd. plant, which would be expanded, Mr. Gray, the Progressive-Conservative candidate said Monday addressing the Georgetown Rotary Club.

But for the actual sale of the vacant plant to the buyer, which Mr. Gray declined to name, negotiations are complete.

Mr. Gray said Domtar have been lenient in negotiating the sale of the plant which closed early in April. Until the actual sale takes place, Mr. Gray said he could not reveal what exactly would be manufactured.

There may be 20 new jobs at Beaumont Knitting Mills' former Georgetown yarn mill which closed shortly before Christmas last year. Again Mr. Gray was unable to give specific details other than it is a "processing industry" but not food processing.

He said the committee of which he is chairman that formed after Domtar announced its closing now is negotiating with a West Toronto steel fabricator who wants to expand. That plant would have about 700 jobs.

A further 700 jobs may become available in Milton, Mr. Gray said. Identifying the company only as a major Canadian one with popular products on many retail shelves, Mr. Gray said it was uncertain when the plant would be built. There was not enough land for construction of the plant in Georgetown or Acton, Mr. Gray said, the plant is "light manufacturing but labor intensive," he said.

He said the prospective plant owners were prompted into building and expanding by the recent drop in the prime lending rate by the Bank of Canada to 7.5 per cent from 8 per cent.

Mr. Gray obviously delighted to announce the possible job openings during an election campaign took even more delight in setting straight a reference made about him the week before when MPP David Peterson, a Liberal from London was guest speaker at the Rotary Club.

He said that rather than being appointed chairman of the Ontario Producers Turkey Marketing Board, he has been elected to that position by Ontario's turkey farmers. He enjoyed his 12th consecutive victory May 11.

And as for being chairman of the regional board of health, Mr. Gray said he was one of two citizens on the nine-member board and the first one to be chairman. The other seven members are regional councillors.

Jim Snow, minister of transportation and communication, was guest speaker at the dinner.

Reveal NEC study for Site F location

Opponents of Site F as a regional garbage dump aired their beefs to the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) last Wednesday in Milton.

Although they got a sympathetic hearing, they learned that the Tremaine-Brittania Road site, which is over looked by Rattlesnake Point, is outside the NEC's development control area.

Bill Johnson, New Democratic Party candidate in Halton-Burlington and an avowed environmentalist, surprised the commission and about 200 persons by leaking the news that the NEC's own planners had prepared a report on Site F.

Gerald Coffin, NEC executive director, said the report was prepared to brief the commission members to receive that day's presentation and would be made public after the commission got a first hand look at the proposed garbage dump.

David and Anne Katz of the Tremaine-Brittania Citizens Group showed the commission slides of the area taken at different seasons. Saying that the garbage dump would be an eyesore from the Rattlesnake Point lookout and also take prime farm land out of production. Mr. Katz urged NEC to take a firm stand against Site F.

Brian Grady, a director of Milton and District Hospital, said the garbage dump would be only a mile away from the hospital and its presence would affect the ability to treat the sick.

YOU'RE SAFE!

Left fielder Darren Kuchmash of the Georgetown Midgets slides safely into home plate during the season opener for the community's entry in the Halton County Midget League which began Sunday at the Fairgrounds. But despite the good luck of the Georgetown fielder, the Midgets went down to an 11-8 loss at the hands of Oakville in their first 1977 encounter. The Midgets' next home game will be played at the Fairgrounds, May 29 when they host Brampton. For details of the season opening game see The Herald sports pages.

Cedarvale library site rejected

Bowing to public pressure and a petition containing 3,031 names of residents opposed to the development of Cedarvale Park for a new library, Halton Hills council Monday withdrew its support for the location.

Council, a representation from the group opposed to the site and library board are expected to meet shortly to discuss the impasse. No date has been set.

School trustee Don Long presented the petition circulated for three days prior to the council meeting. He argued that council was remiss in approving the use of parkland for such a facility.

Two resolutions, approved following a sometimes confused two hour debate on the petition, resulted in council's action.

"I think council's first motion said it is opposed to that (the Cedarvale) site and the second motion means that the library board plus five members of the group will meet to come to grips with finding a suitable location," Mr. Long said following the presentation.

Mr. Long said the petition came in response to the March 22 approval of the Cedarvale site by council for the \$750,000 project and the "confusion" in status of the project which has left the public concerned over where it will be located at the park. Initially, he said, proposals placed the library in the valley but later it was located on a popular toboggan hill.

The petition called for opposition based on the use of parkland for a library and the loss of a toboggan hill; the isolation of the site; and the hazardous traffic conditions in the area.

Mr. Long called the 50 per cent response to the expansion of the present Church Street location as a "representative sampling" of public opinion in Wards 3 and 4. Respondents were evenly split on whether to locate a new library at Chapel Street school or the Georgetown Market or Alcott arena.

He said the principle of use of parkland for a cost-free municipal project, whether for a library or municipal office, must be averted. Mr. Long could not provide figures on who opposed the project solely on the basis of cost.

"Open parkland benefits the entire community," Mr. Long said, adding that "disposition of open parkland for any worthy cause is to be avoided, and the temptation to use this land doesn't have an immediate cost must be resisted."

Mr. Long cautioned against setting a precedent and urged council to reconsider its policy of five per cent cash in lieu of parkland for new developments.

"We do not have a particularly good record in creating new parkland," he told council. "I recognize the argument of taking five per cent cash but there are a lot of people concerned about the principle of giving parkland away for any other purposes."

Coun. Mike Armstrong called for a delay in action until the library board is informed of council's action and urged council to "call the shots" on capital expenditures since the library board is an autonomous body.

Acton Coun. Peter Marks said he had "to support the position I took a month and a half ago not because its printed in granite—in stone—but because some of the alternatives we have do not meet the best criteria for financing, social needs or traffic."

Coun. Roy Booth said council was swayed in its decision in March by a "smooth-talking lawyer—a member of the board"—and urged council not to procrastinate in working to select a new site. "The people have spoken and its a voice we have to listen to," he said.

Council later defeated a proposal by Councillors Marilyn Serjeantson and Walter Blehn for engineer Alan Zeegan to investigate and report on an up-dated renovation cost for the existing Church Street facility.



OPERATION RED BALL

More than 2,500 stickers, like those held above by Jaycette Susan Barrow, have been distributed to nursery, public and separate school children in Georgetown as part of Operation Red Ball. The program, designed to show firefighters the location of sleeping children under the age of 12 years in the event of a fire, has been taken on by the Georgetown Jaycettes as a community service project. Reception to the program has been good, but the ladies remind parents that the stickers should be applied on the inside of windows in rooms where children sleep. If two children sleep in the room, two stickers should be applied. An attempt Saturday to distribute stickers to shoppers at Georgetown Market proved disappointing. Mrs. Barrow reported, and an attempt will be made again.

61 seek seniors homes

Ontario Housing Corporation has approved the installation of an elevator in the proposed Acton senior citizens apartments. The approval follows its removal and objections from the planning board.

Due to the number of applications for accommodation, officials of OHC said they wish to build the apartment project in "one step" rather than in two phases as originally planned.

Christa Hale told planning board that 61 names have been gathered from individuals indicating they wish to live in Acton. She said the project must still receive approval from a number of government agencies.

Council sought the inclusion of the elevator after plans were modified removing it from the original design. OHC architect Glen Haber said the plans for the building show a second level entrance into the building with either a one flight walk up or walk down.

This design, he said, would mean no need for an elevator, but council, led by Coun. Pat McKenzie, said the elevator was part of the original design and should be constructed.

Optimists honor police, citizens for involvement

Nine-year-old Jimmy McMullen of Acton was the victim of a bad traffic accident Aug. 9.

His body, covered with a blanket was in the ditch. There were no vital signs when an off duty Halton police constable, Brian Farrell, came upon the scene.

Constable Farrell began applying mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and revived the boy who was taken to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto suffering from a fractured skull.

Last Tuesday, Jimmy now 10-years-old and in apparent good health, met Constable Farrell for the second time since the near-fatal accident. The meeting took place at a dinner sponsored by the Optimist Club of Georgetown during Respect for Law Week when six persons were honored for their activities in assisting police.

Constable Farrell received an engraved plaque from the Optimist Club and a present from Jimmy who is a student at Ospringe public school. Jimmy met Constable Farrell for the first time shortly after leaving the hospital.

"He's nice," Jimmy said of the constable who breathed life back into his body. Asked if he would like to be a policeman when he grows up, Jimmy answered "I guess so."

Bob Meade and Dave McEnery, mechanics at Silvercreek Service Centre, received plaques for their part in interrupting a break and entry at the station, Oct. 20. They caught one thief recovered the money and later identified another who was convicted.

The optimists also honored Jim Jones, now of Acton, but formerly of Georgetown, where he was a police officer. He joined the five-man force under former Chief Roy Haley in 1965. Mr. Jones is an insurance appraiser now and also an auxiliary police officer, the only one on the Halton Force. As an auxiliary police officer, he serves without pay.

On July 31, 1976 a tornado swept along Georgetown's Main Street, knocking down trees, hydro and telephone lines, breaking windows and creating an emergency situation in the town.

David Alexander of Milton was in Georgetown to return a borrowed book to a friend as well as attend a few other chores. He came upon the aftermath of the tornado and for five hours directed traffic away from live hydro lines in the vicinity of Edith and Park Streets.

Optimist Al McQueen, a Halton police detective and head of the youth bureau, said Mr. Alexander's contribution was unique. Although not a resident of the community, he came upon an emergency situation and "he did something about it," Mr. McQueen said.

A Toronto resident, Brian McKillop, was also honored by the club but he was unable to attend the ceremonies because he had to work.

Mr. McKillop witnessed a robbery on Feb. 14, 1976 and his description of the suspects and their get-away car led police to catch the thieves within minutes. Mr. McKillop sent a letter in which he urged citizens to get involved in assisting police.