

# Validity of 25-year plan questioned at meeting

At an open forum Thursday at Gordon Alcott arena discussing the development concepts for Halton's future official plan the question was raised of the validity of forecasting on a 25-year basis.

Rash Mohammed, senior policy planner for the region said effective solutions take a long time to work out which costs so much money, and every five or six years the plan will be assessed according to the different attitudes of the people.

year 2001, the population for the Region is portrayed as 525,000. The present level is 229,000. The employment figure is forecast at 163,000 compared to the present 65,000.

The four concepts are: TRENDS: This concept reflects a high population and employment forecast. For the

LOCAL-PROVINCIAL: This forecast is of medium future population and employment. For year 2001 population is expected to be 460,000 and employment 162,000.

ALPHA PLANNING: An adjustment of the previous concept is made representing development commitments on

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR Reader dismayed over comments

To the editor of The Herald:

I read with dismay and outright indignation a quote from Mr. George Gray, (Chairman of the Halton Board of Health and P.C. candidate for Halton-Burlington) in the June 9th Prov. election, in the May 11th edition of the Toronto Daily Star, "shocking" that there are no nursing home beds anywhere north of Highway 401 in Halton. He said there used to be 10-beds in a private nursing home at Acton but because the premises don't meet Ministry of Health Standards, its licence has been suspended although 30 Senior Citizens remain there as boarders.

that particular geographical location." Now, here in 1977 with a provincial election coming up, all of a sudden, Mr. Gray finds the lack of nursing-home beds "shocking," after Mrs. Kelly battled those years for an extension to her 10 bed operation, and was turned down, time after time.

As a former employee and personal friend of Mrs. Kelly's for many years I strongly resent the remarks in the Toronto Star. With the enormous circulation of that paper I feel that even living over 100 miles from Acton, I am still most interested in what is going on down there. And to tell the truth, I don't like it, when statements are made without verification.

Well, an election is thrust upon us, a giant rip-off and for which we'll dearly pay, and I suppose any publicity helps a campaign.

So Georgetown will likely get a 100-bed Nursing Home, Acton as usual will be out on the limb to help defray the costs, and the P.C. will keep trying to close our little hospitals in Chesley Durham etc. God help us all.

Regional planning director Ed Cumming said on a survey of big traffic movements seventy per cent of traffic on Highway 401 does not have a destination for Halton. There is a severe out-flow of traffic of people travelling to jobs, but if employment is higher in Halton Hills the traffic will be reduced.

Transportation planner Dave McCleary forecasted the need for an additional lane on Highway 7, and the need for six lanes on the 401 or an additional lane on Steeles Avenue.

The different subjects summarized in the "Choosing a Future for Halton" are population, housing, jobs, shopping, industrial land, sewerage, roads, agricultural land, environment, health, day care, schools.

A heated argument evolved between local farmers and regional planners since farmers believe strongly that agriculture is "something you can't control."

Mrs. Peter Branch said her land is zoned rural, but in the official plan it may be zoned agriculture, putting a freeze on a severance of their land.

Bob White, policy planner said the problem with allowing farmers to sever land is houses appearing all over the place. Farmers exchanged their life experiences of problems facing retiring farmers, but Mr. White said he deals with problems of severances on a wide-ranging basis, and the same rules have to be applied to everyone. They are not applied on individual basis.



PREPARING FOR A TRIP

In preparation for the canoe trip 14 Ollivier 17, paints one of the canoes in the students of Georgetown and district high school's colors. school intend to make May 27-29, Janet

## Building Products staff move to Acton plant

Building Products of Canada Ltd. is still planning to expand its vinyl siding production according to an official at its Acton plant.

The Herald was told this week that a change in management policy will make the Acton plant into a local business by moving both the business and marketing managers for vinyl siding products into the area.

Since Acton is the only company plant manufacturing vinyl siding, it seemed reasonable to put the two men responsible for the product closer to the operation, he said. Bill Woodland, business manager for vinyl siding, is already looking for a home in Halton Hills he said.

The official admitted Building Products will be affected by the closing of Acton Wood Products. They are trying to find a new supplier for the skids they use in their operation, he said.

# Ontario Place. Opens this Saturday.



## That's entertainment.

The curtain goes up on a new season at Ontario Place May 21st. 10:30 a.m.

Anne Murray stars in the Forum on the Holiday Weekend, May 21, 22, 23 at 3 p.m.

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Puck's Canadian Circus sets up Canada's biggest big top at Ontario Place to entertain your family with trapeze acts, jugglers, clowns, and animals.

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Children's Village, our world-recognized entertainment land for youngsters and pre-schoolers, has the welcome mat out. The Forum, Circus, Theatre, and Children's Village are all free with your admission.

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Note: Some prices and policies change during the Canadian National Exhibition, August 17 to September 5.

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A Division of the Ontario Government, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Claude Bennett, Minister

## Bikes vs cars

"When people use the automobile for necessary transportation, that is one thing," declared Mayor Michel Croteau of La Rochelle, France, adding: "But when a man uses it as a sign of social status, that is something else. Then there are also those people who become swine when they get in their cars." Some months ago the mayor put 250 yellow bicycles, bought by the municipality, at the public's disposal.

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