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## Create community feeling in region, eliminate divisive elements: Morrow

Halton Region Chairman, Ric Morrow believes there should be a "community feeling" on regional council to prevent division.

"We don't need those members of representatives whose sole aim is to defeat the purposes and aims of regional government itself and wish to return to an outdated system," he told an accountability meeting held in Burlington last week.

"We need positive efforts from all members of council," he said. "Even with that attitude, on behalf of all representatives of the region, our job will be difficult and challenging, but it can be done."

Critics of regional government don't understand what is being done, Mr. Morrow stressed. "I, for one, strongly congratulate the provincial

government for having the intestinal fortitude to do what was right, to provide the basis for a new government which has the potential to handle and deal effectively with these problems."

He said he believed in regional government "long before it was initiated." Mr. Morrow said the former county system was outdated and "designed over a hundred years ago before we had cars, rapid transit, sewage plants and sophisticated social services as we know them today."

Under the county system, the seven municipalities found it very difficult to agree on anything. "There was duplication of such services as landfill sites and staff."

"The townships are being forced to divide the countryside up into lots with little

regard for planning, simply because it enabled townships to raise tax revenues for the purposes of holding down the mill rate," he said.

"No co-ordinated effort existed to project population needs for housing, for transportation, or to simply deal with this very large neighbor of ours, the City of Toronto, growing at such a rapid rate and with so much political clout as a local government."

He told the meeting the Bill 151 committee (which is a regional committee composed of representatives from a cross-section of the municipality) has recommended the provincial government abolish the board of health and make it a committee of regional council directly under its control.

The Bill 151 committee, which takes its name from the enabling legislation which

formed Halton Region in 1974, is reviewing the entire legislation to determine its effectiveness in the region's first three years of operation.

Mr. Morrow said consideration is also being given to investigating the possibility of bringing the Children's Aid Society under direct control of the region. Other areas include the police and conservation authorities.

Regional council's interest in these agencies results from the present legislation which requires public funding through tax levies but no direct control on spending by the elected representatives.

"In political life we are held accountable for many areas over which we have neither the responsibility or control," he said. "and I believe that efforts should be made to return these areas to the control of elected representatives."

"We should oppose any efforts by levels of government to set up boards, commissions or authorities or societies which are not under the control of the elected representatives who set mill rates."

The Children's Aid Society this year brought down a budget 62 per cent higher than 1976 while the police brought down a 24.3 per cent increase in its budget. Regional council has no authority to control these budgets.

One of the first benefits of regional government, Mr. Morrow said, is the formation of a regional police force. "No longer do we have separate municipal forces stepping on each other's toes concerned about boundaries. Now, we are more concerned with law enforcement protection of the citizens and creation of a cohesive community identity within the region."

## 76th WI annual held

Members of Halton Women's Institutes mixed business with pleasure at the 76th district annual held Tuesday at Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown. Luncheon was served by women of the church auxiliary.

The theme for the affair was Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee and while branch members deposited "pennies for friendship" they disclosed interesting events that occurred during her 25 year reign.

Secretary G.H. Ironside said \$203 was donated in pennies. The Women's Institute will approach town council within Halton and request that various areas such as Norval, Milton Heights, Campbellville, Esquesing and Nassagaweya be referred to by their established names.

"The small communities are losing their identity, and when

someone asks where I live I want to reply Nassagaweya, not Milton," Fran Pearce said. A request will be sent to the federal ministry of transport that enacting legislation be passed to standardize seat-belts making all the openings on the same side, and all be the same type.

The request was voted as an emergency issue; and will be passed onto the safety council with pertinent background information.

A new executive was nominated.

New executive members are: Mrs. Glen Campbell, president; first vice-president Mrs. John McNabb, third vice-president Mrs. E. Norton; federation rep., Mrs. G. Ironside, alternate, Mrs. Leonard Andrews, public relations officer, Mrs. H. Wilson, assistant public relations officer Mrs. J. Wheelahan; secretary-

treasurer Mrs. G. Hargrave; assistant Mrs. H. Wilson and past-president Mrs. L. Jameson.

Conveners are: Mrs. L. Giffen, Mrs. G. McMillan, Mrs. Leonard Andrews, Mrs. El Norton, Mrs. J. McEnery, Mrs. L. Jameson, Mrs. G. Campbell, Mrs. G. Hargrave, Mrs. T. Ewart, Mrs. W. Lasby, Mrs. H. Robertson and Mrs. R. Cowan.

Provincial board member Myrtle Reid is investigating immigration laws; is concerned with a need for Canadian material in schools; the Niagara Escarpment

Commission, the Ontario Food Council and nuclear wastes.

As guest speaker she listed several upcoming events for the Women's Institute and is interested in expanding the Junior Women's Institutes in the area.

Mrs. Reid told women members that provincial president, Mrs. H. Maluske wrote a letter to the Queen on behalf of the Women's Institute congratulating her of the 25 anniversary to the throne. A reply of thanks was received in a black lined envelope acknowledging the letter.



Mrs. J. Taylor presented the retiring secretary-treasurer Mrs. G.H. Ironside with a Women's Institute cup and saucer at the 76th District Annual meeting of Halton Women's Institutes.

## Area deer herds over-populated

Rare glimpses are caught of deer wandering through small communities, until someone accidentally runs into a deer usually killing the animal and damaging a car.

Three deer have been sighted at varying times at Meadowdale conservation area by Credit Valley Conservation Authority staff, information officer Joan Hollings said Friday.

"People think this area is built-up, but they forget about the surrounding bush lots," Mrs. Hollings said. "Deer are fast moving creatures, but they are blinded by light, explaining the large number killed by cars on roads."

Poachers use flashlights that will first attract the deer, then later blind them, making the kill easy," she said.

There is a wildlife corridor through the Silver Creek area and along the Niagara Escarpment, and Bruce Buckland wildlife management officer of ministry of natural resources in Cambridge knows the corridor well.

"Deer are over-populating the area and the only possible solution is to allow a controlled gun season three days of the year," Mr. Buckland said.

It seems cruel, he said, but conservation officers picked up 265 dead deer off the highways last year. "And this figure does not include the number of deer killed by wild dogs, or by poachers," he said.

Charges are laid every year for poaching but Mr. Buckland said he knows he's just scratching the surface. Archers are allowed to hunt deer for three days and he hopes more people will learn archery and participate in the hunt.

Last year 96 archers participated in harvesting 32 deer and reported seeing 1,300 deer. "Archery is recreation in itself and would help solve the problem of over-populated deer areas," he said.

The possible life span of deer

is estimated at 10-to-12 years but the average life span is three years. Since the gun deer hunting season was banned 10 years ago the number of deer killed on the road rose from 87 to 265, he said.

Most of the deer are healthy in the area, but a case was found of arthritis, and if the disease ever spread throughout the herd, the result would be serious, he said.

Deer do cause farmers problems by eating apple tree buds, and crops. The problem can not be solved by transferring the deer up north because northern communities are faced with the same serious problems, Mr. Buckland said.

Farmers find deer carcasses left on their land proving the visit of poachers and conservation officers have been told of a deer killing but find no deer.

When officers pick up deer the animal is aged and results determine whether the meat can be salvaged. Edible meat is donated to charity organizations, and parts of the deer's body is shipped to the Ontario Veterinary College for autopsy, he said.

Unedible meat has been donated in the past to kennels for dog food and to the African Lion Safari. However, in hot weather the deer bleats up easily and the meat becomes tainted quickly and is not used at all.

The body is buried either on conservation land or where the body was found, if impossible to move.

Mr. Buckland said the ministry is working with the university of Guelph to try and determine the size of the deer herd, but it is not an easy task. He has flown in a plane to observe deer herds and counted 68 crossing a stream together.

During winter months deer do herd together. He said a possible 4,000 deer were sighted during the plane trip.

## ACTON MIN—SCHOOL A SUCCESS... BUT...

## May not be held next year

By GEORGE EVASHUK  
Herald staff writer

Despite overwhelming support from students who attended Acton High School's second annual mini-school, last Wednesday, there may not be another one next year.

Ken Ellis, the learning resource teacher who organized the day long event in which about 30 guests volunteered their expertise in 26 subject areas, said an evaluation is being undertaken to find out why attendance was less than expected.

In an interview Friday, he said about 520 students were expected to show for the final event of the day, an exhibition of trampoline work by Trampchamps, who are back by popular demand after performing at last year's mini-school, but only 420 or so students showed up.

He felt that the good weather last Wednesday may have accounted for some students skipping school and also that it was the second year in a row and the novelty of the courses may have worn off.

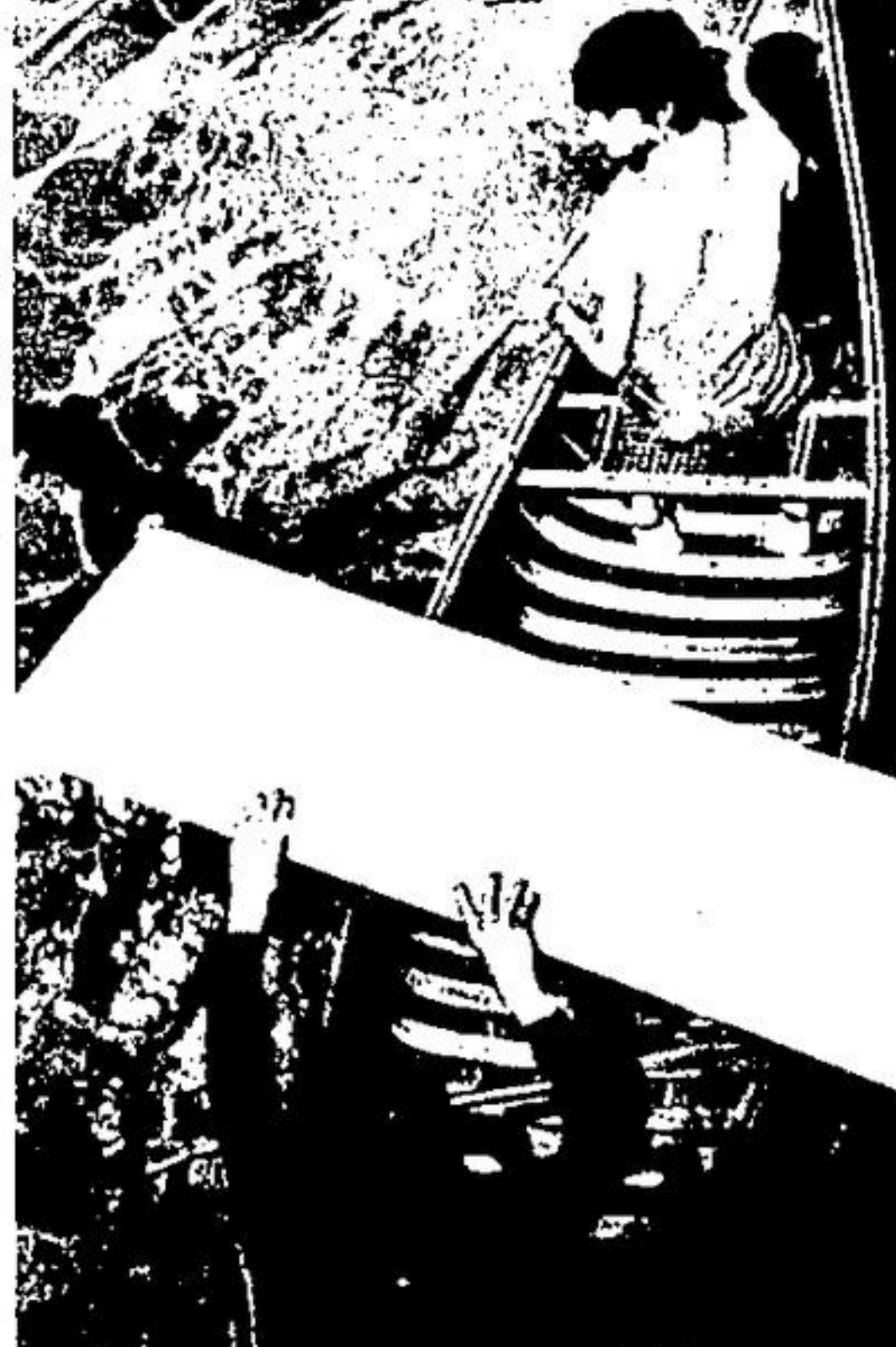
Three instructors did not show up which meant students had to change their choices at the last minute, he said.

However, those students who did attend and filled out evaluation forms had many suggestions, ranging from making some of the courses longer than 75 minutes to having the mini-school in the winter months and their suggestions are being evaluated, Mr. Ellis said.

Mr. Ellis felt that the mini-school might better be run every other year which would ease the search for resource people who all volunteer their time.



Halton Police Constable Bill McGrath outlined for about a dozen students the procedures in police crime laboratory. In the foreground is a blow up of a fingerprint and part of a portable crime lab kit.



Low bridge at the swimming pool in Acton high school. Clayton Pierce steadies himself by hanging onto the diving board while in the bow, Frank Pappillon looks back to wonder, perhaps, what's holding the canoe back.



Michael Donat makes his move while Trevor Gardiner, (left) looks on. Chess was part of 21 different activities students could choose during the mini-school.



Sir, a doberman pincher, appears to have everything under control. Trained as a guard dog by June and Bev McQuain of Llewellyn Kennels in Morrison, Sir had the

auditorium at Acton high school's mini-school all to himself while he went through his paces with his trainers.

**Gas stolen from trucks**

Police said unknown persons siphoned gas from trucks owned by Burns Transport, 71 Todd Road, Georgetown May 20. Gas has been siphoned every evening for the past week when trucks are backed up in front of a loading ramp in front of DITG (Gage) Stationary.

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