



### COUNTRYSIDE MORTGAGE GOES UP IN FLAMES

The North Halton Mentally Retarded Association celebrated their mortgage burning on Thursday for Countryside residence. Mike Evans treasurer, Reg McQuinn, manager for Scotiabank, Shirley Carroll resident

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Library board affronts citizens: reader

To the editor of The Herald: Recent newspaper reports have published allegations, by library board members, that citizens didn't know what they were signing when approached by the petitioners two weeks ago. This suggests a smear on their intelligence and on the integrity of those who sincerely petitioned each person on behalf of saving our parkland (in this instance, to oppose the building of a new library in Cedarvale Park).

This serious matter prompted many responsibly concerned persons to seek the opinions of other residents by approaching them with a petition to present to council. The results were overwhelmingly in favor of opposing this project in the park and on the site used by hundreds of children for winter pleasure.

It is, as well, a place of beauty all year round. For this too, there is as much validity as for any other reason, for

preserving it totally, since its assets include the hillsides and the river valley and flats combined. Our only other park of consequence is that used for fall fairs, track events, ball sports, Highland Games, etc., which is well suited by its large flat surface for these occasions.

One would think that the "great feeling and respect" the board members have for libraries would be extended to other requisites, equally necessary, for the wholeness of our community. Should one be explicable for the sake of the other? One-mindedness, to the exclusion of all others, is certainly to be deplored in considerations of this nature.

An affront has been made and I hereby protest their attitude towards the citizens' sincere concern and efforts, and feel that, if it persists, confidence in the board is lacking and the privileged position held by those responsible for this attitude should be reviewed.

However, the opportunity is now present for the council, library board and the five-member citizen's group to come together and confer, to rectify the present situation and find a basis of reference to resolve it.

Hopefully, concrete results

## Nursing bed need not sudden

To the editor of The Herald: In the May 18th issue, Mrs. Sheila O'Rourke writes regarding Mr. George Gray's and Georgetown's sudden awareness of the lack of Nursing Home beds in North Halton.

Many people, including Mr. Gray, have been aware of the problem for sometime, and have been attempting to do something about this situation.

Being former President of the Senior Citizens group in Georgetown, I can assure Mrs. O'Rourke that we, as a group, clearly know the need for nursing home beds and have made many efforts and representations to further this cause over the past three years.

Yours truly,  
Norman Smith,  
Past President  
Georgetown Senior Citizens Association.

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#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Form library site committee: reader

To the editor of The Herald: The people of Georgetown are witnessing the responsiveness of citizens who care about losing parkland, who care about losing our natural toboggan hill and who feel that the traffic hazard will be greatly increased if Cedarvale is permitted to be used as the new library site.

I (as an individual) took time off my very busy schedule to explain and to ask for support of over two hundred Newson Ewing area taxpayers

in order that the proposed Cedarvale library site be retained for our children, adults and future citizens. Our towns growing and areas like Cedarvale should be increased not decreased.

The question is not that people are against the members of the Library Board, or the building of a new library, but rather the inappropriate nature of the site that was offered or chosen. In my mind members of our Council should set up a committee comprising

members of the Council, Library Board and the Citizen's Group with the terms of reference to explore and recommend the feasibility of alternatives on a priority rating basis. Council then can make a decision from this Committee's report.

This is democracy at work and Georgetown should be

proud to see citizens participate in the decision making process. We will benefit from such a Committee's report and recommendations.

Yours sincerely,  
Tom Ramautarsingh.  
PS. The issue is of paramount importance and I would gladly accept if asked, to serve on such a Committee.

## Varian wins \$13,920 contract

A federal contract worth \$13,920 has been awarded to Varian Associates Ltd. of Georgetown to provide the transport department with electron tubes. It was one of 257 unclassified contracts worth \$10,000 or more that were awarded by the department to Canadian companies during the week ended May 6.

## Summer camp for asthmatics

Halton Lung Association is continuing with plans for a summer day camp for children with asthma this year. It will be the fourth year for the camp. Under the direction of Dr. R.W.T. Haddon, it will be held at E.J. James public school, Oakville, and at the Wedgewood Park Pool from July 4 to Aug. 19. Provided free of charge through the Christmas Seal campaign, the summer camp activities include daily physical conditioning exercises and better breathing techniques. More information can be had by calling the Halton Lung Association at 845-0858.



## RED CROSS PET PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Peggy Haines, Leandra Baker, Tanya Baker, Jamie McCallum, Debbie Bryant and Rick Wioncz were the five winners in the pet contest award for the Red Cross. Net profit was \$265.

will be initiated for more sensitive approaches to such matters in the future, concerning everyone, so that confrontations of this kind will not be necessary.

Never-the-less we must all be alert to the possibility that it could happen again.

Sincerely yours  
Bruce M. Harding.

#### Norval note

Mrs. May Hunter is home and progressing well following 12 weeks in the hospital, 3 in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital and 9 weeks in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton. She had an arthritic hip replaced with a steel and plastic joint. We extend wishes for continued good progress and a speedy recovery.

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