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**MOVING IT!**

Give three young boys a set of wheels, a hill and enthusiasm and what have you got? Well, a great time, of course! For cousins, Chris Hart, 5, of 53 Normandy Blvd., right rear, 11-year-old Paul Boisclair, centre, and driver

Marcel Boisclair, 8, of Trenton, Ontario, the Howard Wrigglesworth School hill provided the best place for an afternoon of fun.

## Picked Up in Passing

### McDonald's fights MD

McDonald's Restaurant on Guelph Street, Georgetown, is doing it all...for those that suffer from muscular dystrophy. The restaurant is pledging all proceeds from the sale of sandwiches and balloons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday to the fight against the dreaded disease which afflicts young children. Officials say in a prepared statement that they are holding the fund raising blitz as part of the firm's summer promotion of MD Carnivals and to help the traditional supporters of the fight against MD-local firefighters.

### CVCA operation closes

Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) has announced that weekend camping at Terra Cotta Conservation Area will continue until Sept. 18 but the pool at the area will be closed from Sept. 6 to 9 and will be open only on the weekend of Sept. 10 and 11. The change in operation results from the return to school of students employed at the CVCA areas during the summer. The authority also announces that it has prepared two brochures, available at the various conservation areas, for fall nature walk trails at Orangeville Reservoir Conservation Area.

### Ice cream eating contest

Ice cream lovers get set to gobble up dozens of ice cream cones in the Second Annual ice cream eating contest to be held at Keniners Dairy Bar on Saturday (Aug. 20) Entry forms are available at the Dairy Bar, 62 Mill Street.

### CNE bus service

The Canadian National Exhibition opens today, an event which marks the end of summer. GO Transit has arranged an extra service leaving Georgetown every morning at 9:52 a.m. and 11:52 a.m. Buses will take passengers to the Port Credit GO station and will leave C.N.E. grounds at 7:48, 9:48 and 11:48 p.m. Total fare is \$2. From Acton, buses will leave 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Buses will return at the same time as Georgetown buses. The fare is \$2.50 from Acton.

### Single parents meet

Single parents in Halton Hills are invited to attend the organizational meeting of Parents Without Partners tonight in Stewarttown Community Hall at 8 o'clock. The organization is open to any person who is raising children alone. Its aim is to help the children of single parents to reach adulthood with a realistic attitude towards both sexes. Through discussion groups and guest speakers the members try to help each other to raise their children without the feeling of being penalized for having had only one parent. Parents Without Partners has branches all over North America.

### Named to alumni council

Tom Ramautarsingh, a Georgetown high school teacher, has been named vice chairman of the newly formed Council of Ontario University Alumni Associations. The Council is aimed at fostering communication among the Ontario University Alumni Associations. Mr. Ramautarsingh is president of the Wilfrid Laurier University Alumni Association.

## OK Acton firehall tender

Halton Hills council released tender forms for a \$200,000 addition to the Acton Firehall despite an Eleventh hour appeal by firefighters to delay it.

The Acton brigade is concerned that by spending \$200,000 all it would get is two extra bays but no additional parking for volunteers who must drive to the station. Fire Chief Mick Holmes told Council Monday.

He said the volunteer firefighters in Acton had held a meeting earlier that day and were opposed to the spending of the money to fulfill their first priority for larger facilities but ignoring a close second priority of more parking for

them. Having to later purchase parking at about \$100,000 would add too great a burden to the taxpayers the firefighters believe, Chief Holmes said.

Council questioned consulting engineer Alan Zeagan as to the cost of building a no frill firehall and learned it would be about \$200,000 exclusive of land.

Coun. Les Dubsy expressed his frustration. Council keeps ending up in negative positions while inflation is overtaking it, he said. It can't solve problems because it is doing nothing but sending recommendations back to committees. Doing it one more time would delay

construction by six more months, he warned.

Mr. Zeagan told council that a two week delay at this stage could delay the project until spring, 1978, unless council is willing to pay for higher construction costs in the winter.

On a recorded vote, council authorized open tendering with a Sept. 1 closing date. Opposed were Councillors Peter Marks, Peter Pomeroy, George Maltby, and Marilyn Serjeantson. In favor were Councillors Les Dubsy, Roy Booth, Russell Miller, Peter Morris, C.F. (Pat) Patterson, Garnet (Pat) McKenzie and Walter Blehn.

## REGION COOL TO BRIEF

### Acton brief heads to Queen's Park

Actonians for Acton, a group devoted to returning a sense of identity back to Acton by separating from Halton Hills, is 99 per cent ready to meet with provincial minister Darcy McKeough, vice-chairman of the group said on Monday.

"Contact has been made with Mr. McKeough and we are simply waiting for the province to reply," Norm Elliott said.

A petition of 2,000 names, "a fair representation of Acton's 7,000 population," and a brief recommending that a feasibility study on the possibility of Acton separating from Halton Hills and becoming an independent centre is complete, Mr. Elliott said.

Before meeting with Mr.

McKeough another meeting will be called among the 13-member group. "We should be ready by next week," he said.

Mr. Elliott appeared before Halton Hill 151 committee Friday, but said he was disappointed the committee referred the group to present its brief to Bill 151 committee of Halton Hills council.

"The region seems to forget that Bill 151 created regional government which directly involves the region," he said. Regional committee members termed Acton's problems a local matter at the meeting Friday.

"We could go to Halton Hill's council but I feel it would be difficult for councillors to be objective when they are so directly involved, and have been

for three years," he said.

Regional chairman Ric Morrow said he reminded the Acton ratepayers group that Acton would be responsible for parts of Nassagaweya and Esqueping townships if they were allowed to form a separate municipality.

"This had not been part of their thinking," Mr. Morrow said in an interview Monday.

Mr. Elliott said he did realize Acton couldn't separate strictly with town boundaries. "I don't think Actonians would disagree to including parts of Nassagaweya and Esqueping, where we have heard rumors that perhaps the townships would want to remain separate and keep their own identities," Mr. Elliott said. Anyways, he

added, "the need still has to be proven."

Mr. Morrow questioned whether the separation of Acton would benefit residents because Acton would have to support its own works department, its own recreation department, its own water supply and could they afford it? he said.

Mr. Elliott said one-sixth of every local tax dollar is included in a "cost-share program with Georgetown. We are paying for four town planners in Georgetown, whereas if Acton was separate, we would only need one planner," he said.

Mr. Elliott added that the inquiry is to tell whether Acton

can afford to separate. "We don't want out of regional government, we want to qualify for regional debentures, but we want to become re-established as a town."

Mr. Morrow said the province will review regional government after five years its been in existence, but may review Hamilton-Wentworth region earlier and may also review Acton earlier.

The region should conduct a feasibility study into the area and not procrastinate. "Regional councillors will have to take a positive attitude," he said. The region would probably use an independent study such as that done by John Roberts for Metro Toronto.

## Glen residents set deadline for return of water supply

By KAREN WARD  
Herald staff writer

Water in Glen Williams wells which are dry or polluted should be back to normal quantity or quality by Sept. 15, says an hydrogeologist.

William Morrison speaking in a special works committee meeting Wednesday, said the "dewatering" of excavations for the installation of sanitary and storm sewers in Mullen Place, a nine-lot subdivision, has caused the area wells to run dry.

David Estrin a lawyer representing 30 householders and 100 concerned Glen residents, said if the wells are not returned to normal, Mountclair Developments Limited should supply the residents with municipal water or pay for the drilling of new wells.

About 60 residents overflowed council chambers for the

meeting. Coun. Pat McKenzie acting as chairman reminded Robert Clipham, Mr. Morrison who was hired by Clipham and lawyer David Estrin, that the meeting was informal.

There is nothing "magical" about water being returned, to the wells, Mr. Morrison said. If water is not returned then it is an engineering problem which will be rectified. Two piezometers are installed in the subdivision to monitor groundwater fluctuations. Also a cut-off wall was installed around the sanitary sewer to eliminate the possibility of permanently lowering the water table.

"We recommended Robert Clipham to continue the temporary water supply to affected wells until the water levels reach the seasonal norm, which is an elevations of 750 feet," Mr. Morrison said.

But, according to a graph prepared by Mr. Morrison, the present level is only at 748 feet. Mr. Estrin said the 748 feet level has remained the same since the middle of July when the second pumping was being carried on.

On July 5 work again commenced, after the dry-well problems were reported on June 29, and a house-to-house survey was carried out by R.E. Clipham that resulted in residents receiving temporary water service. Dewatering was done at an estimated rate of 200 gallons per minute (GPM), Mr. Morrison said.

Mr. Estrin said it is illegal to dewater at 200 GPM without a permit from the provincial ministry of environment. If over 10,000 gallons of water a day is pumped, it will obviously affect nearby wells.

Mr. Morrison said that the ministry was informed July 5 of the Glen well situation. He said he appraised the situation

and told the ministry remedial action was being taken.

However, Mr. Estrin claimed the ministry was "negligent" for not investigating the situation. He said the ministry was not aware that further pumping would be required to put in the storm sewers.

A lack of communication, a lack of concern, and misinformation has resulted in "this unfortunate situation" that could easily have been avoided if everyone involved had been more careful," Mr. Estrin said.

Residents could be awarded \$500 a piece from the court just for the inconvenience of having to borrow water from neighbors, or not being able to wash clothes, Mr. Estrin said.

But residents shouldn't have to suffer the expense of further cost of court costs. "We will not wait for years to see results. We will only wait a month," Mr. Estrin said. His remarks were answered by loud murmurs of assent from the residents.

Robert Clipham, engineering consultant for Mountclair said that Mullen Place is supplied by municipal water.

Coun. Russ Miller acknowledged Halton region is conducting a study on hamlets recommending residents be hooked up to municipal sewers and water.

Robert Clipham said construction on houses (laying the foundations) will start once road construction is finished. He said construction could start in September since work on the storm sewers and sanitary sewers is completed.

Therefore, for the Glen residents, protection, Mr. Estrin said, the developer should do a further study to ensure a similar problem of upsetting the water table won't happen once

foundations are dug. "Building permits should not be permitted until the results of the study are reviewed by council," he said.

Fred Zorge, a partner in Mountclair Developments said he "can understand the anxiety that residents with affected

wells must feel but Glen householders have to understand we are bound by contracts with the municipality and the region that cannot be broken."

It is written into a subdivision contract that storm and

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## 71.6% OPPOSED

### Council rejects off street parking for Acton area

Motorists in Acton looking for a place to park their cars downtown are going to have to keep circling the block for a little longer.

Halton Hills council received a petition Monday with the signatures of about 65 property owners opposed to having a higher tax assessment to provide off street parking. It has also received a 350 name petition signed by the public supporting more off street parking.

Rhoda Shoemaker told council she had surveyed 88 owners and tenants and their parking requirements. With 53 employees and employees parking downtown, only three spaces are left for shoppers, she said.

Of the store owners, who are the ones who will pay the tax, 71.6 per cent are opposed to being taxed more to provide parking as are 74.6 per cent of the tenants surveyed, Mrs. Shoemaker said.

Council is split on what it should do to solve the problem in both the immediate and long term.

Councillors Roy Booth and Walter Blehn feel that with that majority of businessmen opposed, the issue should be shelved. Coun. Booth noted that by the wording of Mrs. Shoemaker's petition, it is obvious the businessmen are opposed even to the concept of paying to provide off street parking.

"Council should wash its hands of the issue," Coun. Blehn said.

Coun. Les Dubsy urged council to act on the matter. The parking problem won't just go away. He recommended that the issue of the petitions be referred again to the works committee. He was joined by councillors George Maltby, Peter Marks, Garnet (Pat) McKenzie, and Marilyn Serjeantson.

Coun. Marks said a planner's report due in two weeks will contain three options which property owners should examine, especially as the cost of solving the problem is not known.

The parking problem in Acton is 15-years-old, Coun. McKenzie said. If the merchants want to survive, he added, they need to beautify the downtown and provide off street parking as well.

Coun. Marks asked Mrs. Shoemaker if now would be a good time to buy land for parking needed in the future, when land costs will be higher.

"Yes," Mrs. Shoemaker replied, "as long as you don't expect me to pay for it."

Some councillors felt a meeting between the downtown merchants might be held after the planner's report is delivered.

Coun. Russell Miller, acting mayor, broke a tie vote to park the problem with the works committee.



**MONKEY SEE... MONKEY DO**

Janie Hayward, Janie DeWinter and Tina Newman of George Kennedy playground learned from their playground leaders this summer to "Hear No Evil," "Speak No Evil," "See No Evil." The

"Monkeys" participated in the playground finale "Circus Program 77" involving 14 playgrounds in Halton Hills. The night was a huge success.

## TWO FATALITIES, POLICE ASK ASSISTANCE

Two traffic fatalities occurred in Halton Hills over the weekend.

A pedestrian, Victoria Ann Campbell, 25, of Brampton died in the early minutes of Saturday morning when she was struck by a car driven by Gary Corbett Newsen, 22, of 50 Byron St.

Michael Dennis Smart, 15, of R.R. 3, Georgetown died Aug. 12 when a car he was a passenger in left the road on 10 Sideroad, seven-tenths of a kilometre west of Trafalgar Road, police said.

The car, driven by Gary Weston, 17, L6 C9, Halton Hills, was a total write off after it struck a hydro pole and flipped over, police said.

Supt. Floyd Schwartz, police headquarters at 83 District 1, Halton Regional

Police, requires assistance from anyone knowing of Victoria Campbell's whereabouts between 11:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12 and 1:00 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13.

Supt. Schwartz said he would appreciate talking to anyone who may have been in the area of Guelph Street, east of Sinclair Avenue, between this time period when the accident occurred.

Anyone who may have observed a person walking along the highway or who has any information concerning the fatal accident should contact him at 878-6611, local 231. Supt. Schwartz can also be contacted in person at his district office at 83 Mill Street in Georgetown.