

Picked Up in Passing

No future listings

Halton region public works committee has authorized payment to a real estate agent fees for listing and completing sale of surplus property in Stewarttown but it doesn't want to use another agent if possible for similar actions in future. The committee feels the regional property agent can handle such matters in future and a sign could be erected on the property notifying the public of sale. The property in Stewarttown was sold for \$57,000 and a commission of \$3,420 was paid.

Budget restraint

Halton administration committee has urged a 7.8 per cent maximum increase over the 1977 regional budget. The regional budget this year increased by 22 per cent over 1976. Chief Administrative Officer Ernest Reid said he has called on staff to be realistic in setting next year's budget figures. It is possible that to maintain a seven per cent increase some programs might have to be cut or delayed.

Water office hours

Georgetown water office hours will change Nov. 1, to 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to conform to the hours operated for all other regional offices. The present hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. which were in effect when the regional government took over responsibility for water in 1974. The change in hours comes after the "number of customers paying their water bills in person is gradually diminishing and the number of customers paying bills between 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. has become very minimal."

Transit study aid

Halton region planning department is seeking help from those residents contacted for participation in a public transportation survey. The department would like the completed questionnaires returned as soon as possible to allow conclusions to be reached. The questionnaires were mailed to selected areas of the region during the week of Aug. 15. Of 10,000 questionnaires sent out more than 2,000 have been returned but the staff feels a more representative sampling could be arrived at if at least another 1,000 questionnaires are completed and returned. Analysis of the survey will be released to the public once the survey is completed.

Fundraiser named

Burlington resident Marg Turner has been named chairman of the fundraising committee for Halton Pro-Life, a charitable organization providing information on basic life issues. Mrs. Turner has been executive director of Coalition for Life, a national pro-life lobby group. She has also done volunteer work for Girl Guides and the Canadian Mental Health Association. This will be the first fundraising attempt by the Halton Pro-Life.

Scholarship

Alan Robert Reed, 115 Rexway Drive, received a \$400 scholarship to Brock University in St. Catharines. Students applying to the university with a grade 13 average in excess of 80 per cent were eligible for an award. Mr. Reed did attend Georgetown and district high school.

\$545,535 fire damage

The annual report of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office shows Halton Hills fire fighters responded to 92 incidents during 1976 which resulted in seven injuries and damages totalling \$545,535.

4H competition

Billed as the "most demanding of all 4H shows" the annual 4H Silver Dollar Competition this year will see four Halton 4H members taking part. They are: Donna Stewart of Hornby; Marilyn McNabb of RR2, Georgetown; Beth Marshall of Milton and Holly Huren of Campbellville. The competition will be judged at the Erin Fair Sept. 3. Contestants must enter a calf for judging, have a "senior level knowledge" of cattle, and write an essay on "Public Relations sells Milk."

Federal grant

Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook announced a \$1,000 grant to the Human Services Council Regional Planning Sub-Committee last week. Dorothy Craig of Milton will be in charge of the project which will inventory existing health and social services in the region, document standards for the same services in other regions and set a regional standard for Halton. It will also hold workshops to inform the community on how to use the health and social services available in the region.

Treat warble now

The Ontario ministry of agriculture and food reminds beef and dairy farmers that September to November is the time to treat cattle for warble fly larvae. Warble control products are available at farm supply centres and cost only 25 to 50 cents per head, yet prevent large financial losses to the producers.



Glider wings earned

Major Vic Bridgette, Chief Flying Instructor at No 1 Glider Pilot Training School, Mountain View presents Cadet Glider Wings to Ken Heaton of 756 Georgetown. Ken spent six weeks at Trenton Air Cadet Camp and completed Glider training up to the solo level. He had 59 flights.

Norval residents prepared to march over water problem

Norval residents are "getting ready to march" and fight for their rights to receiving town water instead of suffering with dry and polluted wells, Hugh McFarlane, president of Norval Community Association, said in an interview Thursday. A telephone survey, conducted last week, showed that only 12 to 17 per cent of 45 wells tested throughout Norval are not polluted. Of 68 persons

contacted only 58 per cent had an adequate water supply. Norval taxpayers pay higher fire insurance and health insurance because of the polluted well situation, Mr. Patterson said. Ron Gilmer a Norval resident was quoted during the survey as saying, "ratepayers of Norval pay taxes and deserve the same rights as other Halton Hills residents." Coun. Pat Patterson believes

homeowners face. Esqueusing residents pay higher taxes than Georgetown. The Herald Norval correspondent Dorothy McLean said her well is polluted so she has to bring in drinking water and put baking soda in bath water. "It is a frightening situation for someone on a fixed income," she said. "I am fed up with persons responsible that keep passing the buck," she added.

Mrs. McLean spent over \$400 this year to have a new pressure system installed that pumps polluted water into the house. Ric Morrow Halton regional chairman stated in a letter to Mr. Reinhardt that construction for pumping water to Norval would start this fall. However, the ministry of environment has not approved a subsidy. The total cost is

\$427,000 and the province has said it will pay \$292,000. Mr. McFarlane said a strategy meeting will be held between MPP Julian Reed, Mr. Reinhardt, Coun. Patterson and himself soon. Norval residents joined ranks three years ago to form the Norval Ratepayers Association and water has been its

main concern. "It is one of the reasons meetings have been so well attended," Mr. McFarlane said. But, he said, the residents are starting to lose faith. It annoys the ratepayers to hear the commotion over nine wells in Glen Williams drying up. "We've suffered for three years," he said.



JUST BREEZIN' ALONG...

Just letting the breeze float through your hair is obviously part of the benefit from riding a trusty steed. At least that's the impression 2 1/2-year-old Laurie McQueen seems to convey as she rides the merry-go-round at the Georgetown Market at the weekend. And to enjoy oneself

during the last two weeks of August one obviously doesn't have to go to the Canadian National Exhibition for the thrill and enjoyment of a ride. Laurie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don McQueen of Hewson Crescent. Herald Photo by Bob Rutter

Meals on Wheels expands service

By KAREN WARD
Herald staff writer

North Halton Meals on Wheels, which was in serious financial and organizational trouble in June, has hired a new co-ordinator and is planning to expand their services of delivery meals to senior citizens and disabled persons to Acton, director Ruth Poulos said Monday. Acton has been "screaming for delivery of meals for a long time and we are shooting for November," Mrs. Poulos said. The new co-ordinator is Nora Vilkauskas of Georgetown. She is a housewife with lots of spare time which she wants to donate to helping in the

community, Mrs. Poulos said. Mrs. Vilkauskas will also bring knowledge from her nursing background to the position. Although not previously involved with Meals on Wheels she has been out on deliveries, meeting the 15 recipients and working with the drivers. Mrs. Vilkauskas has also worked with senior citizens.

Acton board member soon. "Great plans are underfoot," Mrs. Poulos said. Board members will be approaching service organizations for a yearly

pledge around \$120 to assist Meals on Wheels. The plans for expanding to Acton are very exciting for Nora Vilkauskas and her back-up crew, she said.

27 at party charged

Twenty-seven persons charged with causing a disturbance will appear in Milton court on Sept. 29, following a party Aug. 28 on the Sixth Line north of Halton Road 12 where beer bottles were thrown at police officers and cruisers. A front windshield of a police

force vehicle was smashed and minor dents and scratches to the roof of another police vehicle were caused, police said, from unknown parties throwing beer bottles. Police required assistance to arrest the 27 persons and transport them to police headquarters.

CHARGED WITH UNNECESSARY INJURY

Struck, spurred horse, court told

Olympic equestrian Jim Day frequently spurred and beat it on the head with a riding crop during two schooling sessions, a Provincial Court at Milton heard Monday. The incidents happened at Sam-Son Farms on Trafalgar Road, three miles south of Hornby, on June 1 and 2 as Day, a general manager of the equestrian centre, rode a belting, rearing and spinning show jumper named Pied Piper.

Day, 31, and a member of Canada's gold medal winning equestrian team at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, pleaded not guilty to wilfully causing unnecessary injury to the 12-year-old chestnut gelding owned by Susan Franklin, 17, of Mississauga. Provincial Judge William

Sharpe will hand down a decision in the case Sept. 12. The charge was laid by the Ontario Humane Society. The court heard that Pied Piper was found to have 15-20 spur marks on each shoulder and welts three to five inches long over its sides, rump and neck when examined by veterinarians following Day's two sessions at riding the horse.

Also, the horse was bleeding from one nostril and as of July 30 had only 35 to 45 per cent vision in one eye as a result of injuries suffered during this schooling. Miss Franklin testified she allowed Day to ride Pied Piper originally bought for \$3,500 in an effort to break its rearing, bolting and spinning behavior on occasions when

Day testified he rode Pied Piper at Miss Franklin's request on June 1 because the behavior of the horse was dangerous to her. But the horse reared and spun and nearly knocked him off backwards. At one point Pied Piper bolted and galloped into the side of a barn. Day agreed that he had hit the horse on the side of the head with his crop and dug in his spurs repeatedly. If the horse couldn't be straightened around, he explained, he prob-

ably wouldn't be useful for any type of competition. Day indicated that he had a similar experience with the horse the following evening when it was "pretty well out of control." "I have never had a horse that difficult," Day said. "It was a very tough situation." Day said he would whip a horse on the head only under extreme circumstances and claimed the welts and spur marks he left were superficial. Jim Elder, captain of Canada's Equestrian Team, told the court that under the circumstances he would have definitely done the same thing as Day. "You are talking about one horse in 10,000 which presents such difficulties," Elder said.

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50% OF INFORMAL SURVEY SHOWS POOR WATER WELLS

By DOROTHY McLEAN
Herald correspondent

Norval Community Association took a quick telephone survey of the wells in Norval last week to up date information on the quantity and the quality of the water. Many were away on holidays but 68 homeowners out of 94 with wells were contacted. They were asked to report the condition of their wells at the present time and to express their thoughts on the years of delay in getting water piped from Georgetown.

The survey showed that 50 per cent of the wells had inadequate water supply. Seventeen wells had clear water but all the rest were polluted to varying degrees. A very shocking and serious situation. It is costing some homeowners \$300 a year to purchase water. Remarks on the delay ranged from "ridiculously frustrating stupid," to "we're not asking for luxury, just the necessity of life, water." A few remarks were unprintable.

Some were worried about the health of their families. For the majority patience is at an end. It is no help to tell homeowners with polluted wells or dry wells that money for the project may be included in next year's budget, especially when they have heard the same thing for several years now. Art Reinhardt, chairman of the water committee for the village, will hold a meeting soon to plan what action can be taken.

Bleak outlook for jobs

By GEORGE EVASHUK
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People looking for work in and around Halton Hills this fall and winter will have a tough time, according to a number of Canada Manpower spokesmen contacted this week by The Herald. Generally, there's an upswing in the fall, said Bernie Tolson, Manpower counsellor in Georgetown. "This year, I feel that the upswing may not be as great as in the past few years."

Workers have been rehired. Jobs in the service industries have been strong all along, Mr. Dingman said, but people don't seem to want to take such jobs. Mr. Dingman is hopeful that fall would bring a stabilization of the unemployment rate in Guelph, which is usually below Ontario's seasonally adjusted rate, but cautioned that he is "not all that optimistic."

Bob Howsam, manager of the Milton Manpower office, said there is always a demand for the skilled licensed trades. Milton, with 25 restaurants, also has a good supply of service jobs but clerical jobs are in short supply. The job market in Milton may pick up in October when

Unless a couple of tentative plant expansions, such as the proposed Scott Paper Ltd. move into the vacant Domtar plant and the long-awaited expansion of operations by Neilson's Ltd. takes place, "Halton Hills will have a bleak employment picture this winter," Mr. Tolson said. People under 25 years are the most prominent unemployed, Mr. Tolson said. That's because the great percentage of them have no skills to offer on the job market. Older unemployed workers also have problems, mostly because it is an employers market and they have a harder time making the mental adjustment to being out of work, he said.

He predicted that the job market in Milton would not be too different from the Metro Toronto labor market. Wheelabrator Corporation of Canada Ltd. moves into the vacant Barber-Green plan which closed recently, Mr. Howsam said. Wheelabrator is moving about 150 employees from its present location in Oakville and plans to build a 10,000 square foot extensions to the 50,000 square foot building purchased from Barber-Green Canada Ltd. Milton could use a number of smaller enterprises employing between 15 to 30 workers, Mr. Howsam said. Ideally, there should be a mix of manufacturing service and clerical jobs, he added.

The integration of services so that people seeking unemployment insurance cheques and those registering for work can go to only one location is expected to occur in Georgetown in May, 1978. That's when the Manpower offices in Georgetown will be moving to larger premises, says Bernie Tolson, counsellor at the present office on James Street.

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Industrial report due next month

Marketing strategy for attracting new industries to Halton will be brought before Halton regional council by mid-September, says the regional development officer, Bill Marshall.

Over the past eight weeks meeting with people from Sheridan College, Banks, Canada Manpower, and local planning officials in order to get an overall view of the local municipalities. Once he knows the strengths and weaknesses of the region a strategy can be developed and the advertising campaign aimed at the appropriate area. "We can't offer tax incentives to draw industries to Halton Hills," he says. "We won't be able to offer any special incentives."

Promotional materials and the beginning of an advertising campaign should be ready by late fall, he says. Marshall confirms that discussions are continuing with Scott Paper Ltd. and with two or three other large companies, but refuses to reveal any details. "Until the company opens its doors you can't be sure that the negotiations will be successful," he says. "It wouldn't be right to predict a certain number of jobs will be available in the area in two or three years from now because the discussions we are having now."

Local planning officials will have to examine the needs of any industry wanting to come into an area and determine whether or not they want it. If they want it and can't meet some special needs, then the region would be approached to see what help can be given.

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