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They came in all sizes to the 17th Annual Steam Era at Milton over the holiday weekend to see over \$1 million of steam equipment as presented by the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association. Above, seven-year-old Curt Bosch of Waterdown, Ontario, fills a model steam engine with water. For more pictures, turn to page 13. Photo by George Evashuk.

Picked up in Passing

Canadian unity

Opton Canada, Guelph, a non-partisan organization dedicated to a vision of Canada that meets the needs of all Canadians, are sponsoring an open dialogue with Senator Eugene Forsey at the University of Guelph on Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the University Centre. Mr. Forsey's speech on the Constitution Crisis in Canadian Unity will examine the question of more power to the provinces and a special status for Quebec. An open discussion period will follow the address.

Contract awarded

OTTAWA - A federal contract worth \$41,695 has been awarded to Varian Associates of Georgetown to provide Transport Canada and the National Defence departments with electron tubes, the department of supply and services announced Monday.

Safe boating classes

Brampton Power Squadron, serving Halton Hills, Brampton, Mississauga and Caledon will hold registration for Boating Classes at the J.A. Turner Secondary School, Kennedy Road South of Steeles Ave. in Brampton on Monday and Tuesday evenings, Sept. 12 and 13. Classes will begin Oct. 3 and run for 22 weeks. For further information call John Brousseau 459-2374.

Windfall tickets available

Tickets are still available for Windfall 77, a night to remember with a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. at Georgetown Memorial arena, and dancing to follow with music from "Rosa Hillier and the Entertainers", on Sept. 10. Advance tickets are available from Union Gas office, Bank of Commerce or from any Lions Club Member. For further information call 877-1707.

Volunteers required

Volunteer mothers are always of assistance to the Honey Pot Nursery School in Acton at the Glen-Lea Plaza. The school program runs from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Anyone interested should call Lorraine Barton at 853-0040.

CVCA 1978 passes

1978 passes for Credit Valley conservation areas will be sold Nov. 1 and will be valid from January until December 31. Previously, season passes were only honored during the summer months. The Credit Valley parks and recreation advisory board passed the recommendation made by information officer, Joan Rollings.

Winter opening

Terra Cotta conservation area will be open to the public for two-day weekends for winter programs. Information officer Joan Rollings said persons were annoyed that the area was not open on Saturdays.

Blood donor clinic

Georgetown Red Cross will hold a blood donor clinic at Holy Cross Auditorium Monday afternoon and evening. A second clinic for students at Georgetown and district high school will be held Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Halton crime drops

Last year, Halton's crime rate was down and police cleared a higher proportion of cases, the 1976 regional police report shows.

The number of criminal offences was down slightly in Halton although it continued to rise provincially, according to police. Traffic accidents and injuries were lower which accompanies compulsory seat belt buckling and lowered speed limits.

In 1976, there were 11,857 criminal offences reported, 198 or 1.6 per cent less than in 1975. Also, 52.15 per cent of crimes

clearance had 252 police officers. With 252 officers, there is one officer to every 902 residents. "The highest in Ontario," Chief Skerrett said.

Police cleared more assault cases in 1976 than in 1975; 107 more were cleared, although only one more assault case was reported.

Traffic collisions were reduced seven per cent in 1976 than in 1975. Police report stated the largest drop was in the number of crashes resulting in injuries. There were 21 fatal collisions in 1976, four fewer than in 1975.

were cleared in 1976 and that compared to 50.9 per cent the previous year.

Chief Ken Skerrett said in the report, "I am happy to announce that the reduction in the crime rate and the increase in our clearance rate has been achieved through the combined effort of every member of the force, who together with the citizens of the community have shown their determination to eliminate the annual crime increase which exists across the province."

Last year, the operating budget of \$7.4 million, the Halton

Association opposes clinic

By MAGGIE HANNAH

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Opposition from the Halton County Law Association to a proposed legal clinic for Halton Hills brought members of the clinical funding committee to a public meeting last week to hear both sides of the question discussed again before the final decision is revealed, probably Sept. 16.

Following an application and presentation last March by members of the Halton Hills legal clinic committee, the Law Society of Upper Canada decided to establish a clinic in the town to dispense free legal information and advice on a six-month trial basis.

It was to have a budget of \$22,815 and the staff was to include two permanent duty counsellors, a para-legal assistant, and a secretary for each of the two offices to be set up, one in Acton and one in Georgetown.

An objection by the Halton County Law Association forced the law society and the Ontario legal aid plan to reconsider its decision. Dermot McCourt of the legal aid plan's support staff said.

The proposed clinic would be the first one in Ontario outside a major metropolitan centre. The fact this clinic was to be

a pilot project to help determine whether there is a need for such clinics in more rural areas is why the funds were allocated on a limited basis for a limited time, he said.

The clinical funding committee is composed of Ottawa lawyer, Jim Chadwick, Toronto lawyer Lee Furrer, and Attorney General's representative Graham Scott. They hear applications for legal clinics across the province and make recommendations to the Law Society of Upper Canada. The society funds the clinics under the legal aid plan.

Peter Heslin, a Georgetown lawyer and president of the Halton County Law Association, said the group does not feel the quality of legal service would be good enough to justify the establishment of a clinic.

Many of the matters to be dealt with in a clinic could really be handled by an existing social services, he said. He also feels the cost of the clinic would be exorbitant and pointed out that in the two years that he has been the area's designated legal aid lawyer he has received only a dozen calls for his service. Mr. Heslin said the \$25,000 which was originally asked for by the applicants for the clinic

could be better spent in larger cities or Northern Ontario.

If the law society decides against establishing the clinic legal aid will make additional services available to Halton Hills residents, he promised.

He suggested that having Halton lawyers staff an office to offer legal aid to area residents one or two nights a week would only cost about \$5,000. He questioned the need for a clinic to "spoon feed area residents" when such a service could be established so much more cheaply.

Monty Hyde, secretary for the Halton Law Association, said he is not aware of one situation in the town where people have been denied service through legal aid.

He believes that Georgetown's population is predominantly "very wealthy" and thus there is little need for a free legal clinic in the area. He also questions how the results of the clinic would be judged at the end of the trial period.

David McKenzie, area director of the Oakville Legal Aid Clinic, pointed out that there is a direct line from Georgetown to the clinic and he receives approximately 15 calls a week from here. That represents five to 10 per cent of the regional total.

RESIDENTIAL GROWTH COMING

Planner optimistic about town's future

By GEORGE EVASHUK

Herald staff writer

Economic forecasters are predicting the coming winter to be the worst since the Dirty Thirties when the country was in the terrible grip of the Depression; and it looks as if that will be the case almost everywhere in the world. Yet an optimistic economic prediction has been forecast for Georgetown.

The town is "heading toward stable economic waters," town planner Mario Venditti told the Herald. He hinges his prediction on the fact that the addition to the sewage treatment plant will release an economic boom that could leave Georgetown "very financially well off."

The planner does not accept the gloomy picture painted by commentators on the economy. In his estimations, the addition to the sewage treatment plant will start a building boom, if not this fall, then spring.

Although the commercial and industrial sectors of Georgetown are expected to have moderate growth, Mr. Venditti believes that in the next five years there will be a "tremendous amount of residential development," which will basically complete existing neighbourhoods.

No new subdivisions are planned and as the issue between S. B. McLaughlin and Associates, who want to build about 1,350 homes south of Silver Creek is what is now farm land, and Halton Hills is before the courts, Mr. Venditti declines to comment.

The residential development is planned to provide almost every variety of dwellings, including high rise, medium and low density homes, senior citizen accommodation, town houses and condominiums, he said. He noted that Georgetown lacks a hotel which could provide good accommodation to visitors, especially those to the industrial sector.

The town's industrial basin has only 130 out of a total 550 acres left for development, Mr. Venditti said. That's about enough for about 15 lots, each of which provide permanent employment and increase the town's tax base at the same time. From the time a lot is purchased and a factory built to when employees are earning paycheques is about 18 months, he said.

If noted that the rate of job replacement in Georgetown is "quite good." With access by the GO Transit system and Highway 401, light manufacturing industries are attracted. To predict how many jobs there would be, Mr. Venditti declined, but noted too, that large new plants often were automated while a medium sized plant could be labor intensive.

"The complexion of the town is changing away from the commuter," Mr. Venditti said, "not entirely, but somewhat."

A new shopping mall is proposed adjacent to the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena and across Guelph Street an expansion and conversion of the Georgetown Market into an

enclosed mall is also likely. Infilling of commercial enterprises will occur along the Guelph Street strip which previously were residences built on land zoned commercial, he said.

In downtown Georgetown there is "a lot of activity... a good sign of life," he said. The businessmen there are currently in the early stages of improving the core while others are developing their own properties now. A high density building is scheduled to be erected at the corner of Mill Street and Park Avenue.

Georgetown is still "hard-pressed for commercial entertainment" such as a movie house or theatre, he said, but it is only a matter of time, he said. When the population rises above the figure needed to support commercial entertainment, it will be developed, he said.

The development on all three

sectors will also give Georgetown more parkland. A master park plan and recreation study is already underway, he said. All the scheduled development is an integral part of Halton Hills' official plan, which he said, is expected "sometime this fall." The draft of the plan has been delayed because of staff turnover, he explained. The official plan controls the growth for 10 to 15 years with fairly specific goals for the first five years.

The draft plan will first be presented to the politicians, then followed by a period when the plan has input. After a time when any problems are resolved, it is submitted for approval to the ministry of housing, which will circulate it to all affected government agencies, before returning to council for final approval.

He expects final approval to be 12 to 18 months after presentation of the draft.

AWAITING INVITATION

Oakville United Way chairman Larmer Browne says the fundraising agency will not approach Halton Hills this year as part of its campaign.

After the reception received last year, Mr. Browne feels it will be "pretty well up to Georgetown as to what they want to do about a United Way campaign."

Oakville won't be approaching Georgetown again unless invited to do so.

A study of the boundaries between the Oakville area and the Hamilton-Burlington area has been submitted to the committees but it carries no weight beyond recommendations.

The study recommends an eventual United Way organization should be set up to cover Halton, but that is a good distance down the road as yet, says Mr. Browne.

At present agencies such as Halton Helping Hands which belong to the United Way and serve Halton Hills as well as the rest of the county are being asked to present separate budgets for the various areas where they operate so that they have facts on what support they are entitled to from each area.

Metric conversion

A crew from the works department is busy changing speed limit signs from the Imperial form of measurement to Metric.

Frank Morotte, supervisor of the changeover, said over 70 speed limit signs had to be changed around Halton Hills, except along Highway 7 and although the crew worked all day Tuesday he said he doubted the crew would get all the signs done in one day.

The number of miles will be changed to the number of kilometres by placing an overlay on the sign town engineer Bob Austin said, Tuesday. A small sign reading "km" will be placed on the sign indicating the changeover.

Sewage plant project finishes by Christmas

Come Christmas Eve, Georgetown should have the addition to the Water Pollution Control Plant nicely tucked within its municipal stocking.



Dec. 22 is the date for "total completion", Jack Waller, site engineer said Thursday. However, he warned that strikes in the electrician and the painter trades could slightly alter what he calls the "ultimate date" when the plant is operating as designed.

Official ground breaking ceremonies were held 19 months ago to mark construction of the addition to the water pollution control plant, an addition which double the capacity.

The plan will average three million gallons per day. When the official opening ceremonies takes place, maybe with a Santa Claus in the scene, the keys will be passed down the chain until they land in the hands of Wm Smith, chief operator, who has worked at the plant for 15 years.

Along the just-paved-thru-day roadways and through the all but finished structures on the site, Mr. Smith explained the flow of the sewage through the old section, the almost finished addition and how it all joins up to discharge clear and as clean as possible into Silver Creek.

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ACTIVITY GUIDE

Today's issue of The Herald contains exciting information on fall Recreation programs offered by the Acton YM-YWCA, Halton Hills Libraries, the Halton Board of Education, the Credit Valley Artisans and, of course, the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department.

The Recreation and Parks Department has planned a variety of programs for all age groups and two new programs which may be of interest to you are a "Nature Bound" program and the Fall Road Races.

Nature Bound is a program designed to educate those between the ages of 8 and 12 years in the wise use of the outside environment and to promote an avid interest in nature and outdoor leisure activities. One way of placing nature into the field trips of the program will be to introduce those aspects of nature which can readily be related to what the youngsters happen to be doing at the time, whether it be crafts, projects, hikes or games. A rest stop on a hike will provide an opportunity to listen to the sound of nature, while nature stories and records, or even a knot tying session can fit nicely into a rainy day program. If nature does permeate the whole program, the participants will feel, and rightly so, that their own lives are closely woven to the natural world.

The Road Races can be considered a family affair. Young and old, male and female, beginner and elite can all participate in any of the races ranging from one to six mile lengths. October 2nd is Race Day. Get physically active! Do yourself a favor.....

Please drop in at the Recreation offices, Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena if you have any suggestions for future programs.