

**Picked Up In Passing**

**Trust still held**  
Money deposited in a war memorial fund from the Trinity United Church in Acton in 1922 was turned over to the Acton council and Ralph Denny of the church wondered if Halton Hills Council had the money and the interest. Coun. Pat McKenzie said a few years ago he had been checking into various such accounts and assured Mr. Denny that the money and interest was intact in a bond, and he said the coupons haven't been clipped for a long time. The mayor's secretary is to report back to Mr. Denny with the actual figures.

**New offices**  
Georgetown Independent newspaper moved its offices last week from Mill Street to Main Street in the former Comfi Furniture store location.

**Craft show**  
Arts and Crafts members of Georgetown present their 35th Annual Exhibit at the North Halton Golf and Country Club Oct. 15. There will be 23 different types of crafts on exhibit and lunch will be available along with craft information.

**Assistance needed**  
The Brampton and District Labor Council full employment committee is opening its offices on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to meet the needs of the working public who have questions about unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation. Volunteers are needed to answer phone calls. Anyone interested should call Bill Cumpsty at 451-8310.

**Silver dollar winner**  
Holly Hurren of Campbellville, representing Halton county in the 41st Silver Dollar Competition held at Erin won an honorable mention and 25 silver dollars on a silver tray. She also won 25 silver dollars with her high scoring essay on the topic "Public Relations Sells Milk."

**Library board meets**  
Halton Hills library board invites anyone interested in the design problems of the proposed library to attend a regular board meeting Sept. 14 at the Acton library. The meeting will be held in the Watson Room at 7:30 p.m. Philip Brook will present slides, drawings and models illustrating the design work completed to date on the new library. Further meetings, open to the public, will be held the second Wednesday of every month.

**Important visit**  
Ronald McDonald complete with fiery curls, baggy pants and floppy shoes will be at the Georgetown restaurant on Guelph Street, on Saturday at 2 o'clock to meet his enthusiastic young fans.

**Book club starts**  
Halton Hills (Georgetown) Library is holding a fall reading club in connection with the Canadian Book Festival. Each child must read five books from the booklet of Canadian Authors by the second week in November. Children should register during the last three weeks in September.

**Scholarship award**  
Christine Robinson, 11 Chelvin Dr., Georgetown, won a \$200 Rene Descartes Foundation scholarship to the University of Waterloo. These scholarships are to freshmen mathematics students entering university. Miss Robinson attended Georgetown and district high school.

**Story hour**  
A weekly story-time for pre-schoolers aged three-to-five years old, will be held on Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. On Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 and from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. On Fridays from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in Halton Hills (Georgetown) Library.

**Film festival**  
Four Canadian films will be shown at the Halton Hills (Acton) Library on Sept. 16, Sept. 23, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7. The first film is "Volcano: An Enquiry into the life and death of Malcolm Lowry, the second film is "La Tendresse Ordinaire", the third film is "Les My Father Told Me" and the fourth film is "Luck-Of-Ginger Coffey."

**Writer visits**  
Richard Needham, newspaper columnist, author and broadcaster, will be guest speaker at the Local Council of Women meeting, Sept. 16. The meeting gets underway at 1:30 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church, Guelph Street, Georgetown.

**OAC speaker**  
A former Georgetown resident, Dr. Frederick B. Hutt, will be a keynote speaker at an Alumni Seminar at Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) Guelph Sept. 22. Dr. Hutt, a world recognized authority in the genetics of poultry, will talk about the development of the agricultural college and its relation to the future. He graduated OAC in 1923, earned his masters degree from University of Manitoba in 1927 and his PhD in 1929 at Edinburgh, Scotland. In 1939 he earned his Doctor of Science degree and was awarded an honorary DSc from the University of Guelph in 1974. The Royal Society of Edinburgh named him a Fellow in 1975. Dr. Hutt's sister, Jean Hutt, is a resident of Georgetown.

**SUSPECTED RABID FOX SHOT NEAR GUELPH STREET**

A suspected rabid fox was shot in Georgetown last week shortly after it passed through a backyard on Guelph Street where five children were playing. The children, aged five to 11 years, playing in the backyard of James Bowles, 278 Guelph St., and were called inside just moments before the fox was seen in a neighbor's yard. Nunzio Varricchio, whose two children were playing in the backyard of the Bowles home, killed the fox with a



Nunzio Varricchio

shotgun in a laneway behind Beaver Lumber Company on Guelph Street. The children were identified as: Michael Bowles; Kenneth and James Tooby; and David and Nicky Varricchio. He said he returned home from work at about 3:30 p.m. and met two men in front of his house who told him they had trailed the fox from Norval along Highway 7 and that it was now in his backyard. Mr. Varricchio, a clerk at Loblaw's Supermarket said

he got his shotgun then discovered the fox fighting with a German Shepherd in an open field behind his house. The fox attacked the Shepherd then left for the laneway. He said he tracked the fox in his car and saw police officers firing revolvers at the animal, wounding it in the hind quarters. The fox got up and kept going, Mr. Varricchio said. He crossed the road and shot it in the head. Joe Kirley, animal control officer in Halton Hills told

The Herald last Wednesday the head of the fox has been sent to the department of health and welfare Ottawa to be examined for rabies. A report is expected in about a week. The animal is believed to have moved through the area near Baylour Crescent, Delrex Boulevard, Guelph Street and Raylawn Crescent, police Superintendent Floyd Schwartz said. He said police are pleased to have Mr. Varricchio's assistance in killing the animal.

If any residents of the area the fox travelled through suspect their animals may have been in contact with the fox, they should get in touch with the animal control officer or their veterinarian Supt. Schwartz said. He said one family had to destroy its dog which had been in contact with the fox and another family has placed its dog in quarantine. The last incident of a rabid animal in Halton Hills was about four years ago when a nine-year-old boy survived an attack of hydrophobia

after being in contact with an afflicted beast, Supt. Schwartz said. Foxes are not unknown in the rural areas around Georgetown, he said, "but it's peculiar to see them this far in town." Should anyone suspect that they or family members have been in contact with rabid animal they should contact the medical officer of health, the animal control bureau or the police department.

**COSTS INVESTIGATED**  
**Hockey teams, town to meet over funds**

Finance administration committee will meet with spokesmen of the Georgetown Sabres, the Georgetown Raiders and the Acton Sabres hockey clubs to discuss the financial situation of the clubs. The matter was one before finance administration committee at its last meeting two weeks ago, when they felt the

issue needed the input of the full council. Council, however, disagreed and sent the issue back to committee. In a letter to committee, R. A. Thompson, manager of the Gemini club, said if steps are not taken to bail the club out, it faces folding. Mr. Thompson wants a reclassification of ice rates which currently range

from \$28 to \$50 per hour depending on use. The Gemini's are showing a \$1,079 deficit for the 1975-76 and the 1976-77 season. The Sabres are behind \$3,070 while the Raiders which made no profit last year, broke even despite a 45 per cent decline in attendance over the last two years and a 35 per cent rise in costs.

**'Liquid lunch' rumor studied**

The Local Council of Women has an exciting itinerary lined up for its coming year says president Gail Rembish. First meeting will be held in St. George's Anglican Church at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 16. Mrs. Rembish said the council will work on several studies throughout its term including a study on high school students who have been reported to be "drinking their lunch at the local hotels." Mrs. Rembish and several members are concerned about the implications of these rumors.

Another study will be on "women and the aging process" and continuing to work on an on-going study of transportation in the area. "Public relations in the school system isn't very effective and we plan to hold public meetings to discuss the different philosophies of the educational system," Mrs. Rembish said. Also, the council will invite the town planner, Mari Venditti, to inform the women in the community of what is planned for Georgetown and what is to be available. "We don't want any unexpected surprises," she said.

The alternatives facing the committee include reclassifying the Raiders and the Gemini as adult groups, as are the Sabres now, which means the Gemini would save an estimated \$741 and the Raiders \$624.

If all the clubs were reclassified as minor sports groups, the Gemini would save about \$1,700, the Raiders about \$1,354 and the Sabres about \$640. Coun. C. F. (Pat) Patterson said he is opposed to the club spokesmen addressing the committee. Intermediate B hockey is a private enterprise, he said and the taxpayers should not have to shoulder the burden of \$4,000 to keep the clubs on ice.

**Trustees veto no pay, Long suggests 10% cut**

School trustee Don Long has asked fellow trustees to take a 10 per cent pay cut in the wake of the failure of trustee H.H. (Bert) Hinton's motion Thursday that they all serve without pay. It is the second time trustee Hinton has moved that the board work without pay. At Thursday's meeting the issue only came up because the motion was seconded by Eisie Hinson, who said she intended to vote against it. Trustee Long, in speaking against Mr. Hinton's motion, told trustees that a cut of "10 per cent wouldn't hurt anyone here."

Trustees earn \$6,600 a year, and at \$6,000 they "would still be adequately awarded." Trustee Long's motion, which asks for an immediate

pay cut, will be voted on tomorrow (Thursday). "It's a full-time job," trustee Hinton said. "I feel I've been hired by the people and paid by the people." "This is not a frivolous motion on my part," trustee Hinton said. "I'm more or less used to public bodies working with little or no remuneration."

He reminded trustees, however, that boards of governors of community colleges serve without pay and reject almost 100 per cent the notion of getting paid. Following the failure of his motion to get a vote other than his own, trustee Hinton accused the board, for the second time, of having made up its mind in advance.

Coun. Peter Morris said he is opposed to the town subsidizing the hockey clubs. Recreation director Glen Gray said in reply to a question that the ice at the arenas could be rented to other groups if the hockey clubs could not afford it. He said the rates, "if anything, are a little low" in relation to other municipalities.



**ON THE MARK**  
Twelve-year-old James Landerkin of Churchhill Road south Acton is prepared for the Georgetown Motor Sport Club and McDonald's Restaurant Halton Hills's Grand Prix Soap Box Derby set for Maple Avenue Sunday. The young Acton lad has been taking part in soap box races around southern Ontario this summer and two weeks ago won a trophy in Grimsby for the safest car entered. The race this year, open to all residents of Halton Hills age seven to 14, will start at 1 p.m. at Holy Cross school.

**Tax break coming? Maybe**

Halton taxpayers might get a tax break next year if the budget target set last week by regional council is met. Council overruled a committee recommendation calling for a 7.8 per cent increase in budget for 1978 and approved an increase only equal to the expected increase in 1977 assessment.

What the target means is that taxpayers will likely see no increase in the regional mill rate if the target is reached. The new target is a modification of an amendment to the committee recommendation made by Burlington Coun. Ben Ciprietti. Mr. Ciprietti called initially for zero-based budgeting which would have re-appraised all regional programs.

"I do not know how anyone on this council, including myself, can accept a 7.8 per cent increase in spending and accept an increase like we had this year," he said. The regional budget increased by about 21 per cent this year over 1976. Critics of the proposal to hold the mill rate in line say there are too many variables in the system. These include such budgetary provisions as debt charges on debentures, the budgets of non-controllable agencies such as police, Children's Aid Society, and conservation authorities, and local assessment in each municipality.

Mr. Ciprietti says that if council accepts a "minimum per unit increase of zero" it might still be able to maintain its present level of service. He allowed modification of his proposed amendment after council learned that as much as 5.4 per cent increase in assessment is expected in Halton this year. Actual figures

are expected sometime later this month. Critics say the increase in assessment may be considerably less giving the municipality less to work with. Oakville Coun. Gord Reade said the region is "caught in the old treadmill" just like the provincial and federal governments. Everyone is prepared to set a "hype-up" budget for next year, but he cautioned

that he prepared to be called "The Messiah" who will institute budget cuts. He said council this year talked about budget cuts "but when it comes to the crunch you all cave-in." Oakville Coun. Carl Erikson cautioned that council can't have effective budgetary control when it's also prepared to seek greater capital projects financed out of tax levies.

**Injury charges dismissed, conflict of evidence noted**

Allegations that Olympic equestrian Jim Day abused a 12-year-old show jumping horse named Pied Piper were dismissed in provincial court Monday. Day, 31, a member of Canada's gold medal winning equestrian team at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City had pleaded not guilty Aug. 29 to willfully causing unnecessary injury to the horse. The charge was laid by the Ontario Humane Society.

It arose out of two training sessions with the horse by Day June 1 and 2 at the request of owner Susan Franklin, 17, of Mississauga. Witnesses testified that following an inspection by veterinarians Pied Piper was found

to have 15 to 20 spur marks on each shoulder and welts three to five inches long over its sides, rump and neck. Also one eye on the horse was damaged. Dismissing the charge against Day Monday, Provincial Judge William Sharpe said there had been a conflict of evidence and the prosecution had not proven its case beyond a reasonable doubt. He said that although Day had spurred the horse and struck it across the side of the head with a crop his object had been to chastise and discipline the animal.

Although these actions caused scars, chastisement of the horse was necessary to prevent its habit of rearing, bolting and twisting. Judge Sharpe added that there is doubt about how the injury to Pied Piper's right eye occurred, as a result of being struck by a crop while being ridden by Day or when the horse struck a barn. The defence claimed that while Day was riding the \$20,000 horse it was out of control and Day said in evidence he would whip a horse on the head and use spurs on its shoulders only under extreme circumstances. Jim Elder captain of Canada's equestrian team told the court that under the circumstances he would have done the same thing as Day. "You are talking about one horse in 10,000 which present such difficulties," Elder said.

**ANNUAL ADDRESS TO AREA COUNCILS**

**Region is a good deal, avoids duplication: Morrow**

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Regional government is a good deal, Rlc Morrow, chairman of Halton region, told Halton Hills, Milton, Oakville and Burlington councils last week.

He said much of poor public acceptance of the regional set up could have been avoided if the public and politicians alike better knew of the "pressing need... for local government change."

"Our former county system was over one hundred years old," he said. "It was designed to service the needs of that time." Now, besides cars, rapid transit, sewage plants, social services and police, Halton is part of the fastest growing area of North America, he told Halton Hills council last Tuesday.

"The former county did not have a legal or political framework which would permit local officials to effect solutions to our modern day problems."

The chairman also tried to dispel some myths about regionalism. The charge of "duplication" is false, he said. "Formerly, there existed eight separate councils, with eight separate staffs. Now we have five. At that time, there were five separate police forces; now, we have one.

We had seven separate garbage dumps, some very poorly controlled and hardly safe by today's environmental standards."

He said the region's forces are working to eliminate any unnecessary duplication that remains.

Regionalism in fact has brought some benefits in certain areas and given the framework for increased benefits for "the elected councils capable of meeting the challenge."

The chairman talked the bulk of his 18 minute address of the benefits regionalism has brought to Halton. In the area of planning, he former municipalities did not have authority outside their borders," so the growth, many times, was based more on property ownership rather than on proper use," he said.

"Under regional government, we now have the possibility of planning for the proper and effective future use of lands within the region."

He said that region wide studies in housing and transportation are helpful to proper planning. And for the first time in Halton, an ecological and environmental advisory committee has been established. Through regional government, the province is

returning "step-by-step" more power over the planning process, especially in the mandatory review of decisions of committees of adjustment and of land division committees, the chairman said.

"In the approval process which had previously been operated with virtually no political input by provincial civil servants, now operates via individual approvals by a regional council, which represents individual local municipalities."

He said that when the region completes its first official plan, the minister of treasury, economic and intergovernmental affairs (Darcy McKeough) is prepared to turn even more power back to the region by giving it the right to amend the official plan itself.

Mr. Morrow said he recently questioned the treasurer on the matter of returning responsibility of water and sewer to the municipalities; the reply was that "the provision for water and sewer services are crucial planning tools for regional government development strategy."

"Devolution to area municipalities would be a retrograde step in that development could then strip servicing capacity. The region cannot pace development if

it lacks control over water and sewer project implementation."

Besides savings generated by economies of scale in sewage treatment plants, road and watermain repair, critical services viewed from a regional standpoint may provide them in the most economical and efficient manner, he said.

He said that the regional police force has the basis to provide more effective law enforcement and has formed a network with neighboring police departments.

"No longer can the citizens of this region afford the negative, wasteful and unproductive members whose sole aim is to return to the "old system" which was burdened with duplication and an over abundance of elected people," the chairman said.

"The problems we face are serious and immediate and only the hard work of positive, committed representatives will permit those solutions to be implemented."

He said that only by a partnership between the municipalities and the region can a "community feeling" be developed.