



**GOLDEN WEDDING**

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Laidlaw, of Norval, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Saturday at Huttonville public school. Friends, neighbors and relatives dropped into the school to offer congratulations to the couple. The couple were married 50 years ago at the bride's home near Seelgrove.

## Parking report on church lot

Works committee asked the town engineer to prepare a report for the next meeting on the new lease for the parking lot at Trinity United Church in Acton.

Coun. Les Duby assured Ralph Denny of Trinity United Church in Acton that the rumors of the board of trustees had heard of parking meters being installed in the church parking lot are untrue.

The board of trustees for the church have been leasing the church parking lot to the municipality for public parking. Mr. Denny read a list of changes in the lease that the trustees are requesting.

The rent, he said, should be \$30 per year instead of \$1 per year payable on the first day of each year. Mr. Denny said the \$1 has not yet been paid so therefore technically their lease is not in effect this year.

Chairman Mike Armstrong said the municipality had better pay up.

The trustees stated further that no parking meters be allowed on the church property and reserve space should be indicated for the minister the church officer and the secretary.

The parking lot is to be closed for one day per year. An overflow from the adjacent funeral home is to have parking priority on funeral days. The parking lot is to be a public parking lot and is not to be used for the parking of municipal vehicles.

Trustees also said water must be drained to Mill and Elgin Street and snow must be removed, not merely piled in one corner by Dills Printing Co. to melt and flood the parking lot and adjoining properties. Mr. Denny said he also discovered that the church owns the land right up to the Dills building, not just to their parking lot.

These restrictions are additions to the old lease. Mr. Austin said the matter should be forwarded to the parking authority. Coun. Pat McKenzie said the parking lot is a busy one and whatever is decided will set a priority in each ward.

## Background information

Reporters covering meetings of Halton Hills council and committees should get more background information from the town. Coun. Walter Blehn said Monday.

He recommended that reporters be given the same bundle of information that councillors get but for the lists of accounts, which are lengthy, and confidential reports.

Coun. Blehn, former publisher and editor of The Herald and veteran observer of councils, said that without background reports, it is almost impossible for the press to do a good job of telling the readers what is happening.

## Community Calendar

### ARC workshop

Volunteers are needed to help in the ARC workshop in Hornby and to help in recreational activities. Anyone interested should call Mrs. Winifred Laham at 878-3309.

### Man's touch required

Helping Hands, a volunteer organization geared towards helping senior citizens and disabled persons, needs "a man's touch," co-ordinator Barb Stevens said Thursday. Men with knowledge of removing storm windows are needed, men with carpentry skills and gardening skills are required to assist senior citizens. Anyone interested should call Barb Stevens at 878-2228.

### Meals on Wheels delivery

The North Halton Meals on Wheels Program needs drivers and runners to deliver meals to senior citizens. Anyone with some spare time during the week, or during the month, should call Ruth Poulos at 451-1493.

### Male singer required

Brampton Musical Society needs a male lead who can sing and act and is between the ages of 20 and 30 for its production "Dames at Sea". A wine and cheese party, open to the public, will be held Sept. 23 from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. to give the public a chance to mingle with the actors. It will be held in the Bramalea Civic Centre on the third floor.

### CAS drivers needed

Volunteer drivers are needed to assist the Halton Children's Aid in transporting children from a foster home to their natural parent's home, or for medical appointments, or sometimes for a meeting held at the Burlington office. Drivers are also needed to bring mothers from Norval, Glen Williams and Acton to a self-help program held once a week in the Georgetown office. Drivers are paid 20 cents a mile, plus parking expenses. Anyone with a few hours free during the week should call Chris Armstrong, volunteer co-ordinator at 878-2275.

### Gong show encore

A few persons from Georgetown joined in the fun of a Gong Show held in Brampton and the show was so successful another one will be held about Sept. 19. Of 40 acts, the judges picked 15, and another five acts are still needed. Anyone interested should call, Michael Boynton at 457-9128.

### Network needs members

Youth Services Network wants representation, from North Halton on a steering committee which is designated to study the cause and effect of co-ordinating children services, throughout the province.

Interested persons, professional or otherwise, are asked to contact Peter Gillespie at 878-2275.

### Nursery volunteers

Thacker Nursery in Hornby needs volunteers to help during nursery school hours between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Anyone interested should call Carol Robertson at 877-1384.

# Bureaucratic shuffle over water: Glen spokesman

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Glen Williams residents affected by dry and polluted wells suspect they are being given the run around by governing bodies with which they must deal in order to have water restored to their homes. The delays result from a pending report from the region's solicitor on the situation. They appeared before the Halton board of health Tuesday.

"As far as I'm concerned we're getting shuffled around again," commented Ruby Doell, a spokesman for 37 area residents. "Cold weather is coming and the plastic pipes hooking us to the hydrants are going to freeze. Then where will we be?"

Ben and Ruby Doell, and Stan Marcinuk attended the meeting on behalf of Glen Williams property owners who have hired lawyer David Estrin to negotiate a settlement which will see them supplied with an adequate source of clean water.

Residents on Karen Drive, Glen Williams, began to lose water in dug wells in early July when Mountclair Developments began pumping a construction site on Mullen Place in order to install storm and sanitary sewers prior to building nine houses on it.

Halton Hills council threatened to shut down the project July 5 but reversed its decision after assurances from consulting engineers that the water would return when the construction was complete and the pumps were shut down.

As construction continued through the month more wells dropped and others went dry until a total of 37 homes were affected. The consulting engineers said that the aquifer had been pierced and thus the water table was dropping.

A wall was built at the end of the construction site to supposedly correct the damage. Although water did return to some of the wells it was muddy and polluted.

A letter from Mr. Estrin was before the board Tuesday in which he suggested that the it should urge regional council to pipe municipal water into the affected homes.

Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Joseph Chamberlain, told the board it is not obligated to supply water to area residents with problems. All the board can do is recommend what seems to be the best solution for the community.

The ministry of health always supports municipal water to people because although the danger of disease may not be great, it does exist in wells, said J. A. Powell, senior health inspector, municipal water is always considered to be pure.

Mr. Marcinuk told the board that a recent report from a local Health Inspector indicated that there is a very high fecal bacteria count in 9 of 11 samples taken from affected wells.

Prior to that time samples from area wells had shown only coliform bacteria in the water, he said.

Mr. Powell said fecal bacteria indicates a greater potential health hazard. Coliform bacteria is normally found on the ground and thus get into wells through surface seepage.

It is seldom that either fecal or coliform bacteria get into wells from underground sources, he said. This is why dug wells, such as those affected by construction in Glen Williams, become polluted more easily than drilled wells.

Regional chairman Ric Morrow said that he understood the matter of dry wells and pollution in the water arose mainly because of the recent construction on Mullen Place.

He suggested that a resolution from Halton Hills council stating that it supports extending water service to Glen Williams would be helpful to the residents cause.

He requested the delegation to get the names of Glen Williams residents who favored the idea of having municipal water in the village.

Mr. Marcinuk said 37 wells have been affected by the situation. He had not approached other people in the village on the question of bringing municipal water into the area, he said, and indicated that was not the question he wanted the board to face.

The delegation was concerned only with getting water to those whose wells had been affected by the Mullen Place construction. The question of who would eventually have to pay for it would probably end up in the courts, he said.

Chairman Morrow said that the region would make no decision on piping water into the affected homes until its solicitor reported on the legal aspects of the case of a lawsuit between the residents and the developer.

Halton Hills Coun. Roy Booth told the board he does not want to see either the region or the local municipality involved in a legal conflict because of a decision made now and requested that the matter be tabled until the solicitor made his report.

Mr. Booth said he recognized that piped water should go into the village homes, but until there is documented evidence that this was desired by the majority of residents the region can't proceed with the matter.

Halton Hills Coun. Russ Miller said the concern should not be with who will pay for the service. It should be with getting water to the affected people.

The problem of polluted wells in Glen Williams has existed for twenty years, he said, and he is against tabling the motion.

Halton Hills Coun. G. W. (Pat) McKenzie noted there has been a parallel situation in Norval for some years and

inquired how they had been given municipal water.

"Was it because of the situation or because the board of health recommended that they be given it?" he asked.

"Surely to God the situation doesn't boil down to who will pay for it," commented Oakville Coun. Ron Planché.

Mr. Marcinuk pointed out that he is not asking the board to give them water. All they wanted is a recommendation to council that water be supplied because of the health hazard created by the situation, he said.

Mr. Booth repeated his objection to the recommendation on the grounds that the pollution is not a recent problem as the recommendation said and thus the recommendation could get the board or the region into a legal problem.

After the meeting Mr. Doell said that the residents are prepared to go to court if they must. Their solicitor has set Sept. 15 as a deadline for a solution to their problem.

If nothing is done by then the next step will probably be court action to determine who is responsible and who will pay for installing municipal water in the affected homes, he said.

Board of health chairman George Gray declared a conflict of interest at the beginning of the meeting and turned over his position to Walter Mulkenich. Mr. Gray is part owner of Mountclair Developments, the company constructing on Mullen Place.

After the meeting Mr. Gray told The Herald he wished they'd never seen the property and never become involved in the situation.

The property was bought through a solicitor, he said, and they were told by people in authority that they could use town water because it was right there.

They could use natural drainage through ditching, and septic tanks. Then the region stepped in and demanded pre-sewering and Halton Hills council demanded storm sewers.

"By then we couldn't back away because we had too much invested," he said. "But I wish we had."



**About The Hills**

## ORGANIZED LIVING

For Elsie Rempfle of Gibbons Place, Georgetown, being a housewife means being able to organize your time to get around all the tasks of daily living and still having time to paint.

Elsie says she was always interested in art even during her public school days, when all she had to work with were crayons and water colors. After finishing high school in Rostern, Saskatchewan and college in Regina, she came to Ontario looking for work. Because she could sew, type and do hair she landed a job as personal maid to poetess Emily Marguerite Marshall.

Mrs. Marshall painted in her spare time and encouraged Elsie to do so too. Then they toured the famous art galleries of Europe after Mr. Marshall's death in 1938 and Elsie feels that this also taught her a lot about painting.

When she and her husband moved to Georgetown in 1955, Elsie quit her job. The friends who kidded her about being bored at home were wrong, she says. She hasn't time. She has taken courses in upholstery and interior decorating. She gardens and does all the pickling, preserving, and freezing that goes with it. She does a certain amount of dressmaking for customers using the skills she was taught as a child by her mother who was a tailor and seamstress. She is also a qualified barber and hairdresser although she does not work at it.

About 10 years ago Elsie began taking lessons from the Famous Artists' School. She has won prizes for her painting at the Georgetown Fall Fair and won't part with her latest winner, a winter woodland scene. Elsie has had one student since she finished the course and she also has won prizes at the fair for her work.

Besides caring for husband, Clare, Elsie has looked after her 93-year-old father for the past eight years. Before emigrating her father was a weaver and designed rugs in his native Germany.

Art seems to run in her family she says, for her niece is studying art too.

## Town to tighten bylaw regulating dog kennels

Halton Hills took a step toward tightening up control of dogs and dog kennels Monday when finance administration committee asked staff to prepare an amendment to the zoning bylaw.

Under the present licensing bylaw, council is not in a position to refuse a kennel licence to anyone who meets the qualifications for one or to set stringent conditions on the operation of a kennel. Under the zoning bylaw, council has the authority to control land use policy.

At the same time, council will also be able to establish criteria of operation of a kennel - criteria to govern noise, smell, buffering or other factors.

However, council does not have the power to revoke a licence, clerk-administrator Doug Pritchard told the committee. The power to revoke must be spelled out in an act and in the case of dog kennels it is not, he said. All 83 municipalities in Ontario are in the same boat, he added.

Council can pass bylaws requiring dog owners to register their pets and to escalate the fees, he said, but under the licensing bylaw, no limit can be placed on the number of dogs, cats, horses or cattle and other animals. Land use control is the only way, he said.

Coun. Roy Booth suggested that the amendment should make it necessary for anyone with more than three dogs to apply for a kennel licence but that it be granted only if the owners are members of a registered kennel club and raise purebreds.

Town planner Mario Venditti will prepare a draft of the amendment for presentation to the planning committee. There are about 30 licensed kennels in Halton Hills.

The issue of dog control and kennels came to a head when a group of Limehouse residents objected to a kennel on a neighbor's property because of noise.

"We have continued to be upset with the noise," David Mullins, a Limehouse resident

told council last Tuesday. He was referring to the kennels of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLeod who raise purebred Siberian Huskies in an adjoining property.

Mr. Mullins appeared before council to ask it to place some conditions on the kennel through the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) under whose jurisdiction the area in Limehouse is and who have asked Halton Hills if it has any objections.

A complicating matter in the issue, however, is that the NEC has no jurisdiction over the construction and operation of kennels in its control area. As well, the town has already issued a building permit to the McLeod and currently has no ground to hold up or revoke the kennel licence.

Mr. McLeod's lawyer, Ted Webster, told council that although Mr. Mullins concern is valid, the NEC have already given approval. The NEC also has a 14 day appeal period following its decision. He urged council to forward to the NEC its letter, which would state that the town had no objection legally to the kennel.

## Print occupation on election ballot

A candidate for municipal office should have his or her occupation printed on the ballot beside his name, the finance administration committee recommended Monday.

If Halton Hills council approves the recommendation, it will be forwarded to Ontario's treasurer, Darcy McKeough, who has asked all municipalities in the province to comment on proposed changes in the Municipal Elections Act.

Coun. Peter Pomeroy told the committee that he agreed with all the proposed changes but for the one which would remove the candidate's occupation from the ballot. The ministry of treasury, economics and intergovernmental affairs has not given good enough reasons why the occupation notation should be dropped from the ballot, he said.

## \$1,500 car fire

The worst fire last week was on Sept. 10 when a car caught on fire, causing \$1,500 damage to the car. Fire prevention officer Larry Brassard said Tuesday. "A man was welding under the car when the fire broke out, which completely gutted the car," Mr. Brassard said. The man is uninjured.

Firefighters extinguished a CNR shed that was on fire on Lamb Street on Sept. 10. Mr. Brassard estimated the damage at \$450.

Monday night firefighters were called to the Fourth Line and 17 Sideroad where stumps were burning.

## Main Street should remain under regional jurisdiction

Works committee approved a recommendation that Main Street, between Guelph and Maple Avenue, remain under the jurisdiction of the Halton region.

Town engineer Bob Austin said that the town is doing the majority of the maintenance on Main Street as a complete chargeback to the region. These costs are debited against the entire region. If the road were to revert back to the

jurisdiction of the town, Halton Hill would meet all expenses to this road.

Georgetown Central Business Improvement Area has requested the road be returned. Mr. Austin said the request is based on the group's impending plans. Mr. Austin said he did not know exactly the plans, but Council would have to approve any road changes, and the region would approve any new bylaws.

Mr. Austin added that the region doesn't take a negative view towards closing the road, for special occasions and if the Central Business Improvement Area wants to close the street, it would probably be approved. Although a temporary closing may require more lead time when handled by the region, this in fact, he said, should take place to insure proper planning.



**FLOWER COURSE**

Prue Crookston, of Norval, taught a class of 17 women at the Acton Library on Saturday the fine points of flower arrangement. Mrs. Crookston brought wild flowers, and flowers from her own garden into the class. The most important aspect of making an arrangement is to work from either a vertical, a crescent or all-round outline. Work from the top with buds, then medium flowers, a large flower at the bottom and finally use base leaves to anchor the arrangement.



**A NEW EXPERIENCE**

Dave Watson and Craig Carlisle both tried Grade 9 students were led on conducted Grade 9 and new to Georgetown and district tours throughout the school by student. In high school enjoy lunch in the school cafe - higher grades the first day of school.