

REGAL BABYSITTER

Achilles Pelidis, seven months, seems looking after the tyke for a few moments. course is the 1977 Acten Fall Fair Queen see The Herald Second Front. Susan Thibodeau who appears delighted to help Achilles' mother Mrs. Les Pelidis by

totally unconcerned about the personage Miss. Thibodeau said she enjoys young babysitting him prior to the Acton Fall Fair ; children. The look on her face confirms it. baby contest Saturday. The babysitter of For more pictures from the 1977 Acton Fair

Photo by Bob Rutter

Legal aid clinic approved as urban-rural experiment

Halton Hills will have a legal

Annette Vaughan, clinical llason officer for the Ontario Legal Aid Plan, told The Herald Tuesday that Convocation. the governing body of the Law Society of Upper Canada, reaffirmed its decision to establish a legal clinic in the municipality last Friday. He said that the Society

responsible for the funding of legal clinics throughout the province, has been in contact with Susan Tanner a student with a Georgetown legal firm to discuss hiring of personnel. If quarters can be found and

staff hired in time the clinic can open its doors on Oct. 1. she said.

The original application called for a budget of \$22,815 to run the clinic from Sept. 1 to March 31. This grant has been reduced to \$17,840 says Mrs. Vaughan, because it was not in operation for one month and the money is allotted in monthly cheques.

Each cheque comes with a certificate specifying how it is to be spent, she says and adds that suggestions by a Georgetown lawyer at the hearing earlier this month that the Legal Aid Plan hand out funds with no strings attached are re-apply for funds for another totally untrue.

The clinic is to have two offices, one in Georgetown and one in Acton, two permanent duty counsellors, a para-legal assistant, and a secretary for

been approved for the remainder of the government's fiscal year, she says. It will receive notice in Februray that it must

year if there is a desire to continue its operation. Then it will be re-apraised and a decision made to continue or discontinue its funding.

Mrs. Vaughan says that one of the reasons the clinic re-The clinic's funds have only ceived approval was because it is an interesting experiment and everyone is curious to learn if the need exists for such clinics in semi-rural areas.

CFL OFFICIALS **VISIT FAIR**

Canadian Football League (CFL) players and officials are expected to be at Georgetown Fall Fair both Friday

and Saturday. They, along with a musical group from Toronto, Christopher, will be at a 50 by 30 foot structure called The Alpha Tent, said Rose Ann Newlove, spokeswoman of about 10 interdemonizational

Lay Christians who will man The group will have a coffee house Friday night in their tent, the first time, they

believe, one has been at the

Expected Saturday among other is Gary Tufford, a wide receiver with Hamilton Tiger

Master of ceremonies will be a CFL referee Scott Mc-Brien who is out of action after suffering an injury at a recent match.

The men are members of Athletes in Action, a group of Christian sportsmen.

A magic show for the children is planned for 2:30 p.m.

Saturday.

MILTON LOSES MOST

Halton Hills gains from region: Report

By BOB RUTTER

Herald staff writer A four-month report on the cost of regional government shows Halton Hills is a winner while Milton bears the brunt of the costs associated with reorganized local government in

The report, prepared by Milton Mayor Don Gordon, also notes that Oakville and Burlington have had "minimal" effect from cost increases since Jan. 1, 1974 when the region was formed. "Despite a reduction in grants and the increase in the

regional (or county purposes) account," the report reads, "the cost of regional govern-

ment in Halton Hills is nil. The report shows an increase in population of 2.9 per cent for Halton Hills since 1974 to 33,792 and a net drop of three full-time employees to

Mayor Gordon says his municipality is the "big loser" on regional government because of incréased rural and parklands it assumed in 1974. He says services increased to Halton residents but did not in his 22-page report attempt to

Mr. Hyde said the parking

authority is not happy with the thought of losing seven of its 38

parking spaces along Main

ity will be approached for its

Mr. Hyde added that the

along the streets instead of

The plan is to concentrate on

the improvements are made in

one area the impact will be

greater, he said. He hopes that

the parks and recreation de-

partment will care for the

trees, even if its a chargeback

Mr. Hyde said that once the

downtown facelift is underway

to the BIA.

Norval

to meet

By DOROTHY McLEAN

Herald correspondent

a meeting with Environment

Minister George Kerr to meet

with Ric Morrow Halton

Region chairman, and Hugh

McFarlane and Art Reinhardt

of the Norval Community As-

sociation at Mr. Kerr's office

They will discuss a govern-

ment grant to assist in finan-

A definite committment has

to be made by the Ontario

government that funds will be

made available for this pur-

pose before work can com-

mence. No committment from

the Ontario government has

held up the project for several

years and the water situation

in the village is getting worse

Norval Community Associ-

ation is out of patience with all

frustrating delays, so this

cing water for Norval.

MPP Julian Reed has set up

group

Sept. 29.

every year.

the region.

arrive at cost-benefits. spending at all levels in-

creased by 38.4 per cent or about \$21.8 million since 1974. Oakville Coun. Gord Reade \$78,000 in annual revenue last who claims the figures supplied by Mr. Gordon's report show an increase of 117 per cent for regional purposes and about a 50 per cent increase in

the cost of local services. Regional council is expected to be debated at length today. Based on audited municipal reports for all former and present Halton municipalities

Cost of regional government treasurer Ray Knig said the 30 per cent inflation factor used to calculate projections is fair.

The report shows Halton This is a point debated by Hills with a net decrease of year. Coun. Russ Miller. charlman of the Halton Hills finance-administration committee said the obvious

good position of the town results from the hard work of Georgetown prior to regional formation to keep debdntures and mill rates in line.

He said the present council is continuing with this policy.

front and restore the original

brick. The cost of restoring the

shop would be the shopowner's

McGibbon Hotel following

what has been described as "a

He was employed at the

Georgetown and District Mem-

orial Hospital. Efforts by pol-

ice to revive the man failed.

The incident occurred about

responsibility.

fistfight."

taxpayers did not receive relief from equalization grants to offset the increased cost. Burlington broke even, he said, while Oakville gained from the loss of about 20,000 acres of farmland which is of low tax yield.

With the exception of Oakville which shows a reduction of 25 staff, the size of local work forces remains about the same as the 1973 level, the report shows.

A total of 330 more staff are serving all four municipalities and the region, or about 20 per

Mayor Gordon said Milton cent more than in 1973.

Halton region chairman Ric Morrow termed the report

"objective and fale " Major areas of increased spending are shown to be:

-social and family services; nearly \$4 million -police; \$2.5 million -recreation; \$2.5 million

--general government; \$2.

--environmental services (including garbage disposal);

Five-year core plan set for Georgetown

Paul Martel's eight year-old approval. Once council has plans for improving the down- approved the plans then aptown core and the Business Improvement Association (BIA) will ask for council's

Georgetown's facelift will cost merchants \$60,000 and will be carried over a five-year Street and the parking authorperiod.

of approval of the project. Monty Hyde, BIA, said \$12,000, included in this year's budget, will be main feature of Georgetown is spent on constructing islands the free parking and by erectin the middle of Main Street so ing signs it will encourage that trees can be planted next shoppers to park cars and walk

Architect Paul Martel ex- parking in front of the store plained the plan to council in a they wish to purchase from 30 minute presentation Mon- and then drive away.

Approvals for installation of improving the Main Street for signs, tree planters, the loss of the first two years and then seven parking spaces in the move to the other streets. If downtown area and hanging of banners must be approved by the town, Halton Region and the parking authority.

Ninety professional, retail and financial institutions are members of the business improvement area. These firms will pay the cost of improving the downtown core through a shop owners will be encouragsurcharge on business taxes.

Signs identifying free parking tots and directing potential customers to the Georgetown downtown area will be erected this year.

The color blue will be used for pedestrian and green for parking signs and all signs will have the downtown logo.

Further plans include improving and beautifying the walkways by improving the lighting and construct interlocking stones leading from the parking lot on Mill Street to the shops on Main Street.

The existing curb line, Mr. Martel said, will be flaired around the tree planters which will make it easy for street cleaning.

Mr. Martel said he has planned for benches to be placed along Main Street with bicycle racks and drinking fountains, which will result in a loss of seven parking spaces along Main Street.

Merchants Barbara Shuttleworth and George Blasko are not convinced that bicycle racks are necessary, Mr. Blasko said eight and nine-year olds won't use the bicycle rack even if they are placed in front

He sald he feels the racks would be a waste of money. Cost is \$200 for three racks, but Bob Gougeon said the BIA has three racks which are used when the street is closed off. Mr. Hyde said the racks are

a minor detail which can be

Georgetown downtown mer- worked out later and the main ed to clean up their own chants approved architect concern is getting council's storefront. "I feel it would be the wrong attitude to take, not to change the downtown," he proval must also be sought at

The idea of developing a The main idea, Mr. Martel theme for shops is being con- said, is to beautify the downsidered. Mr. Martel said it town area.

Man charged following death A 24-year-old Georgetown four children, died outside the

man has been remanded in custody charged with manslaughter in connection with the death Friday evening of a Union Street man.

Charged is Dale Morette, 3 Dale Gate, who is to appear in Provincial Court Sept. 28. Police

Lloyd Sedore, 45, the father of

Trustees veto 10% pay cut

School triustees vetoed a 10 per cent cut Thursday with a variety of arguments, none of which however dealt with the central issue in trustees Don Long's motion.

Halton board of education pays lip service to improving efficiency, Long said. By cutting salaries from \$6,600 to \$6,000 the board would set an example of reducing costs from the top down that federal, provincial and municipal politicians could follow.

If passed, the cut "will show where our hearts lie," he sald. Trustee Long's only support came from fellow Halton Hills trustee, H.H. (Bert) Hinton.

who said that the cut would show both administration and staff that the board are serious in controlling costs and that the trustees themselves would be shoring up next year's budget. But the board has already

practiced restraint, said trustee Fred Armitage, by not increasing the salary, thus exhibiting "a curious form of leadership". Trustees salaries are the

best money taxpayers spend. he added, and the board can show leadership by developing sound policy and by using wise judgement in other matters. The pay cut is "superficial," he said.

Trustee Jim Clelland termed the red tape, buck passing, and the pay cut "insignificant". He had heard little opposition to meeting should clarify where the "honorarium" when camand who is holding up the paigning, he said. For the money, that goes to pay trus-

fiscal policies toward social

tee salaries, the voters get sound representation which they re-evaluated every two years, he said.

It costs money to be a school trustee, said Dr. Helen Howard-Lock. "The days are over when services are given by those who have the time."

School trustees are no longer an elitist group. She said the 10 per cent cut would not hit the trustees equally and that if any trustee had an excess of money he or she could donate it to charity or return it to the

Trustee Cameron Jackson

argued that when considered in terms of the board's budget. of \$82 million, it is difficult to see how a \$600 cut is "signifi-Instead of looking for exam-

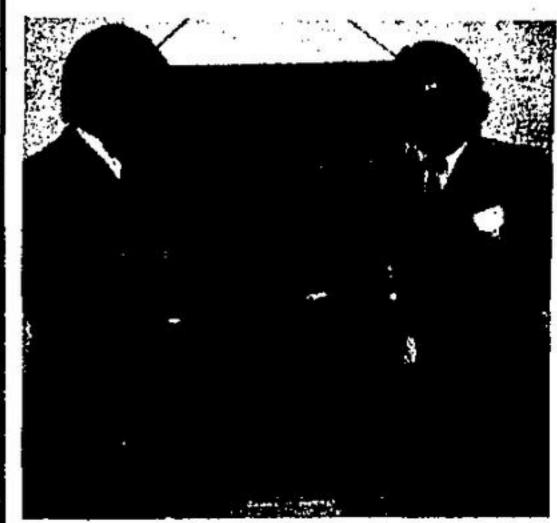
ples, the taxpayers are looking. for results, he said. Better to associate value with showing leadership than by reducing salaries, he said. Trustee Bill Herd's remarks

prompted trustee Hinton to ask that they be withdrawn: Mr. Herd said that if the taxpayers could evaluate the board's performance in the last six months they would find good value for the money. He charged that "these circustype tactics" and "grandstanding" are a waste of time.

Trustee Hinton told the board that Mr. Herd's remarks were unjustified, rude and unacceptable in that they questoned the motives of the trus-

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Picked Up In Passing



\$2,000 for arena

Halton Hills treasurer Ray King accepts a \$2,000 cheque from John Horning, secretary-treasurer of the Georgetown Optimists Club. The money was earned through the club's Bang-O-Rama held last May and represents their contribution to the Memorial Arena building fund for this year

OMB to set date

Halton Hills library board has approved a resolution calling on council to seek an Ontario Municipal Board hearing into the proposed new library at Cedarvale Park. The action last week confirms council's earlier decision following a protest by more than 3,500 Georgetown residents.

Hunting season

Deer Season will open October 24 in the Cambridge district. The season, as in previous years, is open only to bowhunters. With the increasing popularity of bowhunting a training course for interested persons has been developed. Registration forms for the "Bowhunter Training Course" are available from local sporting good stores or from your nearest ministry of natural resources office.

Conditioning course

The Halton Lung Association is continuing to provide Physical Conditioning courses for all children with asthma. The clinics include educational sessions, as well as exercises, breathing and relaxation techniques, and swimming. In Georgetown, courses will be held at Georgetown Indoor Pool on Saturdays, 10 a.m.: to 12 noon, starting Oct. 15. Anyone interested should call The Association at \$45-0858. There is no charge for the programs.

Repairs approved

Loose bricks in the arch over the door to the old Acton town hall will be repaired by the town's works department, finance administration committee decided Monday after Coun. Peter Marks withdrew a motion that would have had the damage examined by a consulting engineer. Coun. Marks withdrew his motion when told by committee members that the repair could be done for about \$100 whereas a consulting engineer would charge more just for a look.

Block parent need

Georgetown Block Parents are looking for volunteers to join the program. The executive committee is also looking for new faces. Their meetings are held on the. second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Elk's Hall, Anyone interested in befriending youngsters with potential problems can call Bob or Linda Anderson at 877-8978.

McKeough stumped on education tax status

By GEORGE EVASHUK Herald staff writer Ontario treasurer Darcy

McKeough is a man used to fielding and answering tough questions from audiences but Monday afternoon he was stumped by one posed by chairman Ric Morrow of Halton region.

Mr. McKeough was telling about 200 politicians and senior civil servants Monday they are going to get less money from the province in the pext fiscal Then in the question and

answer period following his prepared remarks, Mr. McKeough attempted to reply to Mr. Morrow's question of what extra steps the province was taking to make boards of education cut their budgets in view of declining enrollments.

Mr. McKeough said that enrollments are declining everywhere but that in Peel, Halton and Scarborough, they are not declining as much, with the result that the mili rates are

higher. As well, the treasurer added, declining enrollments are for some reason not as much a factor in the question. "I admit, I'm puzzled," he confessed finally.

He said, too, that the average increase in the mill rate per year has been "hefty on the school side."

Chairman Morrow also took the opportunity to point out to the treasurer that Halton Hills has been practicing fiscal restraint for three years. He pointed to figures suppled by the treasurer himself. "We have the smallest increase." the chairman said.

The figures Mr. Morrow referred to are the percentage incresses in residential mill rates from 1974 to 1977, Halton Hills came in as the lowest of 31 cities, towns and townships with a 6.8 per cent increase. Milton's is 23.7 per cent; Oakville's is 33 per cent and Burlington's is 24.1 per cent. However, the average mill

during the same period was 48. 3 per cent in Halton Hills, 45 per cent in Milton, 51.3 per cent in Oakville and 53 per cent in Burlington.

The mill rates quoted in the treasurer's statement for reorganized area municipalities which merged part of whole former municipalities (like Halton Hills) are those for the largest merged area in terms

of equalized assessment. In his address, Mr. McKeough said the government is committed to balancing the provincial budget by 1981 and noted that the growth rate of government spending has fallen from 24.7 per cent in 1974-75 to an estimated 9.1 per cent in 1977-78, the current fiscal year. He forecast a growth in spending rate of 8.9

per cent for 1978-79. A balanced budget will release tax dollars now paying interest to the service of the people and reduce government demands on the money markrate increase in school taxes .ets, thus fostering an expansion of private investment in Ontario, he said. "Expanding private invest-

ment within our province throughout the next decade is critical," he said "if Ontario is to be able to avoid the kinds of shortages that fuel inflation; to provide an ever-expanding labor force with jobs that match

the talents of our people; to meet increasing global competition with innovations and up-to-date productive capacity (and) to ensure that Canadians enjoy a significant share of the rewards and ownership of our economic well-being."

He said all governments have badly tilted economic and

not worried enough about the responsibility of encouraging economic growth. The present policy of restraint is not born of the notion

that we must lower our expectations but that we must

Town shows smallest increase

The Town of Halton Hills can stand as an example to other municipalities of how to keep the residential mill rate down, according to figures released by Darcy McKeough, Ontario's treasurer, who has said that careful monitoring of costs and low debt charges are the route to

When asked by The Herald how Halton Hills has only a 6.9 per cent increase in the residential mill rate, town treasurer Ray King said by careful monitoring of costs and by keeping low debt charges on debentures. The following chart shows how other cities and towns in Halton fared in the fast three years.

Municipality	Total Three Year Increase			Average Increase Per Year		
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City			5025	85	883	
Barlington Towns	24.1	53.0	. 15.8	7.5	15.2	10.7
Hallon Hills	6.9	48.3	25.4	2.5	14.1	7.8
	23,7	45.8	34.0	7.4	13.4	10.2
Oskville	33.0	51.3	40.9	9,9	24.7	12.1
Burlington Towns	6.9 23,7	48.3 45,8	25.4 34.0	2.5 7.4	15.2 14.1 13.4	3

"earn" our expecuations in a transfers to local government tougher world in which there over-management and have are no free rides, he said.

The treasurer sald he had to revise his April budget because there was \$309 million shortfall in revenue flow, offset only by a \$92 million reduction to expenditures, with the result that the province's net cash requirement for the present fiscal year rose by \$217 million to \$1,294 mil-

Rather than make up the shortfall through borrowing the increase in the province's liquid reserver will not be as

large as planned, he said. He forecast the amount of government spending in 1975-79 fiscal year as \$1,244 million a reduction of 3.9 per cent. To then transfer tax dollars back to local governments "will be a difficult task," he said, even with the province restraining spending on its own programs

to accommodate transfers. Mr. McKeough said the formula for tieing provincial

to the growth rate of the revenue, called the Edmonton commitment, did not include programs of direct benefit to local governments such as the Teachers Superannuation Fund, payments in lieu of taxes and farm tax rebates, as well as the Ontario Home Renewal Program and part of

the regional priorities budget.

Revising the formula to include the above items means that total assistance to local governments and agencles in 1978-79 fiscal year will increase by \$310 million or 8.3 per cent, he said, but added that because of \$69 million early payment of 1977 municipal unconditional grants, the increase will be only \$241 million, or 6.3 per cent.

Mr. McKeough also had some tips for the politicians who have to set priorities under restraint.

"First and foremost," he said, "start doing your budgeting from the top down, not

from the bottom up. Establish a ceiling on what your municipality can afford to spend and stick to it rather than building up a budget total from all the spending aspirations of your departments." "Secondly, do the reverse

said. "Start with zero and build up to what is really needed, making sure there is full justification for any increases." "Thirdly, menitor your in-

within each department,"he

year spending performance rigorously, so that cost overruns are minimized and maximum savings are squeezed

"Fourth, don't shy away from your total payroll budget as unlouchable. In fact, this may be the first place you should look for cuts," he said. His final point was that politicians would have to get their budgets in order a lot earlier than in the past," in order not to lose the restraint battle before you start it."