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IT MUST BE FALL



WILL IT EVER STOP?

That seems to be question of 11-year-old Karen Window who was photographed on the lawn of St. George's Anglican Church. Even though she is knee deep in leaves it looks like there are still plenty more to fall.



... BUT IT'S FUN, TOO!

Millions of leaves have fallen to the ground and millions more are awaiting their turn. Beneath the magnificent maple trees on the lawn of St. George's Anglican church in Georgetown, Karen Window, 11, and Michael Gallagher, 8, enjoy as only children can, burrowing beneath the piles of leaves.

DON'T "PUSSYFOOT AROUND" Watson says get Quebec industry

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When it comes to attracting industry to Halton, the region should not "pussyfoot around" Quebec, says Milton Coun. James Watson.

Mr. Watson is critical of the region's business development director, William Marshall, who told the region's administration committee last Wednesday that there would be no direct wooing of industry from Quebec to relocate in Halton.

The current political situation in Quebec was created by the Quebecers, Mr. Watson said, referring to reported cases of industry moving out of Quebec since the election of the separatist Parti Quebecois.

"We should go in and get it (industry) all if we can," Mr. Watson said. "Why are we sneaking around? We took industry from Manitoba and Prince Edward Island and made no bones about it." But Mr. Marshall told the

committee the emphasis for attracting new industry to Halton would be from other parts of Canada. Instead of direct wooing of Quebec firms, the region would instead reply to any inquiries from there. He said he will soon be going to Quebec to talk to banks and real estate companies.

Mr. Watson's remarks, however, were not greeted with enthusiasm from other regional councillors. Burlington Coun. Walter

Mulkewich told the committee that the Ontario government has requested municipalities not to make direct attempts to attract Quebec industries "and I think it is a good move. This issue is one of Canadian unity and in the long run it can do the local area more harm by being divisive. The political situation in Quebec is a reality we must face."

Oakville Coun. Carl Erikson said he would be disassociated with the idea of attracting industry from Quebec.

"We have a responsibility to the nation," Coun. Erikson said. The kinds of opinions as expressed by Coun. Watson even in local papers reach Quebec and do nothing to further Canadian unity, he said.

The remarks about Quebec came during discussion on the proposed budget of \$104,800 for the business development department. With a few minor adjustments, the administration committee recommended

approval of the expenditures. Committee members also praised an ad the region placed in the business section of the Globe and Mail, advertising Halton as the place where smart money goes.

Mr. Marshall said he plans further advertisements in national publications directed toward the investment community. The only advertising in the United States will be quarterly in a booklet of industrial locations in Canada.

Georgetown block parents in trouble

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The Block Parent program in Georgetown is in trouble, according to program chairman Bob and Linda Anderson. A meeting of the Block Parents Oct. 11 at the Elks Hall resulted in a turnout of two Block Parents to see two films on child safety and to listen to a presentation by police safety officer Raj Swaminathan. The balance of those present were committee members for the Block Parent program.

"I think if people don't shape up, they're going to lose the program," Mr. Anderson said. "With the lack of enthusiasm and response we've been getting, the committee may step down."

The Block Parent program began in London, Ontario nine years ago, when a nine-year-old boy was kidnapped, sexually assaulted and murdered. Georgetown's program began in the spring of 1976 and peaked with 650 block parents that fall.

"Out of those, I bet we haven't got 100 now," Mr. Anderson said. According to the Andersons, the preliminary response to the idea of a block parent program was excellent, but the interest began to fall off when there were few incidents which required a block parent's intervention.

"What happened since then is exactly what we said would happen from the beginning," Mr. Anderson said. "When we ask people to join the program, they're really enthusiastic and involved," Mrs. Anderson said in an interview. "But when you ask them to canvass five homes, or make ten phone calls, well, all of a sudden they don't have the time."

Mr. Anderson is a member of the Metro Toronto Police Force. He says that Georgetown is no safer than Metro and that citizens in Georgetown have a false sense of security.

"It's like I said at the meeting the other night. If you have one-tenth of one per cent of the population of the area who have problems leading to their committing a crime you're going to have 17 people in Georgetown at any time who are potentially dangerous."

The program has received funding from a number of community organizations in the area. At the present, the Elks Lodge has provided the use of their hall as well as financial backing. The Andersons emphasized that the support of the entire community is needed for the Block Parent program to function effectively.

The Block Parent program is not solely for the protection of children. Anyone in an emergency situation can make use of the nearest Block Parent. Should a young woman run out of gas late in the evening, for example, she can ask the nearest Block Parent to phone a garage or her parents to notify them as to her whereabouts.

Block Parents don't have to open the door to strangers. They merely have to take the phone number the person wishes to call, and make the call. In some cases, such as a child who is ill, the Block Parent may want to bring the child into their home until the parents have been reached or the police contacted.

Committee members are concerned about what will happen to the children if the program is cancelled. "What do you tell the children when the program folds?" Mr. Anderson asked. "That they can't run anywhere for help any more? That their

parents don't care enough to protect them?"

"I think the people in this town are sick," Mr. Anderson said. "And you can quote me on that. They just don't care, and I hope to hell nothing ever happens to make them regret it. We're very angry, very frustrated and ready to pack it in."

AN APOLOGY

Due to a mechanical problem last week many of the papers delivered to Herald readers had two pages on which no printing appeared. Both pages were part of a sports feature on the junior and senior football teams at Georgetown and district high school. The Herald regrets the inconvenience caused to its readers and this week reprints the two pages as they would have appeared last week.



100 YEARS YOUNG

Being 100 years young is taken in stride by Mrs. Alberta Watson as she admires a corsage given her, and gives the photographer a lively smile at a celebration in her honor at the Halton Centennial Manor Thursday. Family, friends and residents of the manor feted Mrs. Watson who was born Oct. 9, 1877. She is a former Georgetown resident who moved into residence at the manor in 1973.

Oka, PQ, monks may settle here

Halton Hills may become the home for monks from Oka, Quebec, who were recently denied permission to establish a monastery near Peterborough.

Rev. Robert Levesque of Sacre Coeur Church, a 350-member francophone parish, confirmed last week that the monks may settle in this area. A property in or near Georgetown is either under negotiation or has been purchased and an announcement is expected early in November.

The monks, members of the Cistercian Order were refused permission to settle on a farm in Cavan Township when the township's all-protestant council rejected a rezoning application.

The council's claim that it was honoring objections from the community is being investigated by the Ontario Human Rights Commission. A spokesman for local council has indicated it will be unlikely any problems will arise in the monks locating here. He said they would likely

get a warm welcome. Georgetown gained national attention in 1966 when its francophone community, which now numbers about three per cent of the population, organized a class disrupting sit-in strike at Holy Cross separate school, then already a bilingual institution. The strikers won the right for kindergarten children to attend segregated classes and then had the practice extended through all grades.

The Oka monks are widely known for the honey and cheese they produce.

Parking for rescue van

Halton Hills fire fighters in Acton will have room in their firehall, currently being expanded, for a rescue van it doesn't have yet. Town council Monday approved the additional expenditure, estimated to be at least \$3,000, to replace two posts in the hall with a steel beam.

Picked Up In Passing Library hearing set

A hearing on the library issue in Georgetown will be held by Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Jan. 25 at the municipal offices on Trafalgar Road. At that time the OMB will hear arguments from the library board, which wants to build a new library at Cedarvale Park, and the Save-Our Parks committee, which believes parkland should be preserved and that taxpayers can ill afford to pay for new library.

YPCs annual meeting
Halton-Burlington Progressive Conservative Youth Association will be holding its annual meeting to elect a new executive on Oct. 22. The meeting will be at 200 Delrex Blvd. Georgetown. The meeting will also include discussions of changes in the constitution.

In critical condition
Larry Breadner remains in critical condition at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, nine days after being involved in a three-car collision west of Georgetown. Mr. Breadner's condition has remained unchanged since he entered hospital last week. The condition of Betty Adams, a passenger in one of the other vehicles, has improved slightly. She has been taken off the critical list. Her husband, Roland Adams, 64, who was driving one of the cars, was killed in the collision. The accident took place near the intersection of Highway 7 and Halton Road 3 on Thanksgiving Day.

First anniversary celebrated
The Halton Hills Pentecostal Assembly is celebrating the first anniversary in its new building with two special services. On Oct. 23, the service will feature Rev. David Malnoe of the "Live daily Christian television program 100 Huntley St. On Oct. 30, the service will feature Rev. Ray Running of Barry, the Crystalaires from London Ontario, and the Youth Singers from Mount Brydges. The church is located at the corner of Trafalgar Road and Highway 7.

Two new features
There are two new features in today's Herald. Joining the paper as regular contributor is Ann Lambert. She will be found on page 9 where crossword puzzle fans will enjoy our second new feature.

Rotary Skatethon
This year's Georgetown Rotary Club Skatethon will be taking place on Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Georgetown Memorial Arena on Mill Street. The Skatethon is open to all who wish to participate. Registration information will be published as soon as it becomes available.

Directors elected
The Halton Regional Police Association has elected its new board of directors. The president is Al Ruolena, from district 2, who won by acclamation. The re-elected directors are William Gail and Ron Oswald from district 1, and Ron Smith and Norm Ryall from district 2.

Hearing focuses on town's growth

Future development and character of Georgetown may be shaped by the outcome of an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing into a proposed 1,840 unit residential project which could boost the area's population by about 7,000.

Focal Properties Ltd., a subsidiary of S.B. McLaughlin Associates Ltd., has applied to the board for approval of the plan for 360 acres of land south of Silver Creek.

Town planner Mario Venditti calls the proposal the most

important issue facing Halton Hills and says most people are unaware of the implications. Developments would be located on both sides of Mountainview Road within the lands now zoned agriculture.

The OMB will hear evidence starting Nov. 7 and has set aside four weeks for the hearing. It will be heard in the Halton Hills council chambers on Trafalgar Road.

Town officials speaking at a press conference Wednesday believe development of other

areas of the Georgetown urban area could be halted, possibly forever, and planning of a cohesive community almost impossible.

Administrator Doug Pritchard said the almost-complete sewage treatment plant expansion to 3 million gallons per day is the maximum effluent allowable into the Silver Creek allowable by the ministry of environment. No further expansion is possible.

Unallocated sewage treatment plant capacity

would almost entirely be taken up by the Focal Properties proposal, Mr. Venditti said.

He said the plan does not fit into the aims of council which has set a priority of infilling vacant land within the existing urban area.

"Financial impact could be 'detrimental' to Halton Hills because the residential-industrial tax base 'would probably be up into the mid-80's' for residential assessment and seriously affect the community's ability to attract needed industrial

development.

Road access by Main Street south and Mountainview Road to the proposed development would also create a separate and segregated neighbourhood apart from the rest of Georgetown. The area would generate growth about three-quarters the size of the area bounded by Silver Creek, Maple Avenue, Guelph Street and Hall Road.

The OMB was requested to hear the application following rejection of the plan by Halton Region in 1975. At that time

regional council said the plan does not conform to the official plan.

Development plans for the area were first made in 1954 when, the company believes, Georgetown council agreed to allocate sewage treatment plant capacity for its project.

Focal Properties believe that any approval of other developments would take up capacity available for its project.

As a result, construction of several hundred homes has been delayed for several

months at Focal Properties has filed objections with the OMB against all plans approved by council. The agreement has not been tested in the courts, although a recent OMB hearing rejected the argument when approving a 149-unit project for Mountainview and River Roads.

The company also believes that ground water drainage system if eliminated, could provide enough sewage treatment capacity for all development in Georgetown.