

Willie's mother took him to his first movie. After watching the picture for awhile, she noticed he was chewing gum. She whispered, "Willie, where did you get that gum." Willie replied: "Under the seat mother, didn't you get yours?"

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WHICH LOOKS THE BEST ON ME?

Susan Giray, 8, can't quite seem to make up her mind which pair of sunglasses looks best. The Grade 4

Park school pupil is trying on the glasses at the white elephant table at a rummage sale Saturday at Knox Presbyterian Church. Now if only the sun would come out.

OMB hears 1,840 home plan Developer files suit naming town, region

More than 20 years after a local developer's plans to build homes southwest of Georgetown were revealed, a major Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing began Monday with the announcement that the town and Halton region are being sued by the same developer's successors for their failure to honor initial agreements.

The hearing, chaired by J. A. Wheeler, and A. B. Ball, will assess objections filed by Halton Hills and the region to a plan presented by Focal Properties Ltd. to build 1,840 homes south of Silver Creek in former Esqueving township. If realized, the residential development could increase Georgetown's population by 7,000 people or approximately 40 percent.

Focal Properties lawyer Robert Jarvis opened the hearing by informing the board that Halton Hills and the region were summoned last week to appear in an Ontario Supreme Court on charges of breach of contract.

Mr. Jarvis said his client will seek an injunction to prevent the municipalities from developing other portions of Halton Hills where sewage treatment capacity would be required, and, in addition, has charged the town with trespassing and will seek compensation for unspecified damages.

A large crowd of spectators which forced the hearing to be moved from the town council chambers to Gordon Alcott Arena gradually dwindled as the lawyers involved in the proceedings argued for and against a motion for adjournment, which was subsequently denied.

The motion was filed by Robert McCauley, solicitor for Paramount Developments Corporation Ltd., one of several represented firms with land interests in Halton Hills.

Opposing the motion were Ray Steele and Mike Martin, lawyers for the town and region respectively, and John Willms, on behalf of Gainsborough Farm Holding Ltd. R. K. Webb, lawyer for the Four Seasons Realty Group, and Tom Belman, for 33560 Ontario Ltd. (Krankite Developments Ltd.) offered no objections to the adjournment.

Mr. McCauley aptly described the extent of developers' interests in the matter when he called the issues before the board "a dog's breakfast." Everyone with a shovel is in there digging," he said.

Mr. McCauley asked for an adjournment on the grounds that the region's new official plan has just been released, albeit in the draft stages.

Until the plan is finalized, he said, and until the former Georgetown official plan is amended or rescinded so that all of Focal Properties' land south of Georgetown is designated for development the proceedings should not continue.

The debate before the board revolves around the town's refusal to grant Focal Properties' application for the amendment, a decision based on current planning policies which prohibit any urbanization of the rural land in question.

Mr. Jarvis, however, maintains that the development proposal was approved by the former town of Georgetown in 1954. The development, he said, was then accommodated with the appropriate sewage treatment capacity, but the town contends today that no such capacity is available for the project.

south of Georgetown as rural, Mr. Jarvis said, could have "disastrous" effects where Focal's plans are concerned. In response to the release of the draft official plan Oct. 25, Focal issued its writ of summons in the hopes of resolving pertinent legal issues in court. The issuance, Mr. Jarvis explained, was not intended as an affront to the town, region or board.

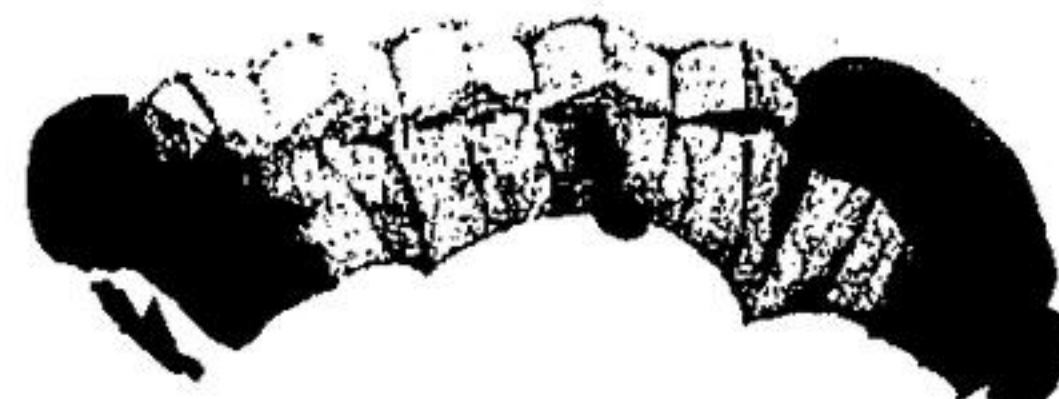
Mr. Wheeler estimated that any members of the public not represented by counsel who wished to comment on the matter would be permitted to do so once the lawyer's have completed their submissions. The hearing continues.

REBELS CAPTURE ONTARIO TITLE

The Georgetown district high school junior boys' cross-country team returned home from Mattawa this weekend after emerging as the top team in the province in the All-Ontario meet.

The juniors were led by Ian Clark who finished second in the race. Other team members were Jon Lancaster, Fergus Barnes, Arnold Bracket and John Warnock.

Georgetown also had four other teams competing and all of them fared well. For details on the meet see the sports pages.



DROPPING IN

Bill Cole descends to a landing in Georgetown Market Plaza as part of a promotion for the 1978 model cars at Park Toyota. About 350 persons were out to watch the descent. The launching of a hot air balloon was cancelled because it was too windy Saturday.

\$350 million price tag for Boys' Town concept

Many of those who attended Wednesday night's public meeting on current issues facing Acton were fans of Arthur Meunier, the 52-year-old ex-convict who moved to the community recently after being released from a U.S. penitentiary at the end of 42 years' confinement.

The remainder of the residents on hand had no open questions about Mr. Meunier's plans to build a self-sustaining community for young boys near Acton, but his fans, all young and all enthusiastic, greeted every mention of the project with applause.

Mr. Meunier and a committee he has formed with nine local youngsters will stage a rally at Acton high school within the next week, at which time the former "career convict" will reveal the details of his vision of a \$350 million centre for lonely and troubled boys and girls.

Next week, Mr. Meunier will meet with Milton planning board to discuss the purchase of a parcel of land near Milton and Halton Hills' common border, which could become the site for the boys' Town. Later this month, he

will meet with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and Solicitor-General Francis Fox for the third time to continue negotiations for a \$1 million federal grant to launch the project.

A trust fund has been opened at the Halton Hills Credit Union, into which Mr. Meunier will channel the proceeds from his forthcoming cross-Canada fundraising tour.

Mr. Meunier wants his community for Canadian youth to outgrow the famous Boys' Town established in Omaha, Nebraska in 1927, which now accommodates 2,700 young men. The uniqueness of Halton's Boys' Town, however, would be accentuated by the fact that the boys themselves would form their own municipal council and police force, operate their own stores and attend their own chapel. Eventually, the community would begin accepting girls facing similar social problems.

"I have seen the law from both sides," Mr. Meunier told the audience last night. "I was in prison for 42 years, not because I was a criminal, but because that was the only home I knew. I don't want any other boys and girls to live like I did."

Mr. Meunier, who considers himself the ambassador for all prisoners, criticized the North American penal system for its "failure" to help or rehabilitate 89 per cent of those who become its subjects. He advocated the system's dissolution, except for certain institutions for violent criminals.

The timeliness of Mr. Meunier's announcement was evidenced last night by a plea from a young father who wondered what his children will find to do in Acton once they outgrow the "structured" activities provided by clubs and sports groups.

Coun. Peter Marks pointed out that Halton Hills ranks third among the province's municipalities for the amount of recreational facilities available to its residents on a per capita basis. Outside the structured activities, he admitted, young people must entertain themselves. Several high school students are currently attempting to open a coffee-house in Acton, he noted.

"They say there's nothing to do in Acton," Mr. Meunier commented. "Well, I want to give them something to do. I want them to build a town of their own."

Picked Up In Passing

Hockey star visits

George Armstrong, former Toronto Maple Leafs captain, will attend the official opening festivities of the 747 Lounge, Mill Street, Acton, Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon as part of a promotion for the Hospital for Sick Children. Mr. Armstrong will be sharing breakfast with visitors and signing autographs for all who attend. Official opening of the dining lounge will take place Friday from noon to 3 p.m. with dignitaries Mayor Tom Hill and Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook officiating. During the three-day grand opening celebration donations will be accepted for the hospital's annual Christmas appeal.

Contest deadline today

Today is the deadline for applications for the Halton Dairy Princess Competition. Entrants should be between the ages of 17 and 26, and single. They must also live on a farm where a dairy herd is maintained, although entrants are not required to be able to milk cows. In Halton, the emphasis is based on interviews and the entrant's public address. Entries must be postmarked not later than Nov. 9 and should be mailed to the Ontario ministry of agriculture and food, 181 Main St. Milton, L9T 1N7.

Special CWL program

The Catholic Women's League put on a special program Oct. 26 for Grade 7 and 8 pupils and their parents to acquaint them with problems involving alcohol abuse. They showed three films on the subject and arranged for small discussion groups to talk over their reactions with each of the guest speakers. Halton Recovery house director Lynne Salla, Chairman of Halton Recovery House Board of Directors, Rev. Rod Lewis, Kay Toye from ADAFT, Brother Mike from St. Philip's Parish, Toronto, Sgt. Al McQueen of Halton Regional Police youth division, and former Saskatchewan Rough Rider, Gord Barwell.

Microwave blackout

A CN microwave station in Halton has been blamed for the loss of the picture in a Maple Leafs hockey game being transmitted from Vancouver. The station is located near Milton. The picture was lost after the first period, although the audio part of the program continued to be broadcast. The picture returned in the third period.

Qualifies for Royal

Angie Spence, 14, of RRS, Georgetown, has qualified for competition in the Royal Horse Show to be held at the Royal Winter Fair this week in Toronto. The young area girl qualified for the pony working Hunter class and will be riding seven-year-old Fidelity Poppy.

Wintario grants

The ministry of culture and recreation has approved grants for 14 projects in the Region of Halton from the proceeds of Wintario. Two local groups are among the recipients. Lumberville Minor sports will receive \$225 to aid in the purchase of softball equipment for seven teams, and the North Halton District Council Boy Scouts of Canada in Georgetown will receive \$120 to help in the purchase of a marquee.

Program completely booked

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) maple syrup educational program for students is fully booked for 1978. Many of the schools who took advantage of the program last year booked immediately after their visit to the maple bush last spring. The program takes place at the Orangeville Reservoir Conservation Area.

Sewage study ordered, Domtar plant for sale

A Scott Paper Ltd. proposal to buy the vacant Domtar plant in Georgetown has been shelved until a regional study is completed on how sewage capacity in North Halton can be expanded.

Regional council Wednesday approved a detailed investigation into expanding sewage capacity for Georgetown, Acton and Milton. The three towns are all in the position of having residential and industrial growth limited by the capacity of the streams to accept any more treated sewage.

The study will be on a chargeback system. Scott Paper Ltd. has let its option run out on the Domtar plant, which closed after 67 years and put 176 of work in April.

George Bowes, Domtar director of planning confirmed in a telephone interview from Montreal Monday that the 90,000 square foot plant is listed for sale. Mr. Bowes said Scott Paper Ltd. had a problem in long-term availability of water and sewage capacity. "Wherever they establish they have to look ahead to expansion."

Although Scott Paper liked everything about the site, the town and the labor force, "they need to be assured of a very large water supply and disposal," he said.

Mr. Bowes said Domtar is keeping the vacant plant in good order to make it attractive to any other potential buyer. He noted, however, that the Canadian economy is in a "state of hesitation," and many large firms are reluctant to expand in such conditions.

"Naturally Domtar will do its best to find a buyer good for Georgetown," Mr. Bowes said. "We're not greedy. Domtar will be very reasonable."

But to say that Scott Paper Ltd.'s proposal is dead is "really wrong," Bill Marshall, the region's industrial development officer told The Herald. However, he added he did not want to give grounds for undue optimism. He said Scott Paper had not decided on any other location and is under no urgency to make the move. The northern part of Halton has constraints on the amount

of servicing it can offer, which Scott Paper Ltd. has been aware of, he said.

"Until we get this regional survey done—it may point the direction for a company like Scott to go there."

From an industrial development standpoint, he said, it is difficult to promote an area that has limited sewage and water capacity. "I certainly have an interest in seeing servicing available. I sympathize but don't know what I can do."

He underscored the importance of the study to define what can be done and at what cost. Regional public works chairman Jack Raffis indicated at council last Wednesday that the study would take about eight to ten weeks.

Mr. Marshall, however, feels that the study might not be completed until spring, as did Halton Hills Coun. Peter Pomeroy, who headed the committee working on the Scott Paper proposal.

Coun. Pomeroy said Scott Paper Ltd. is willing to wait until the study is completed, but the problem is sewage capacity.

Scott would need about 400,000 gallons of water daily. For the kind of capital expenditure Scott would make on the plant, they want a guarantee there'll be enough water and sewage capacity 20 years from now, Coun. Pomeroy said.

Coun. Pomeroy suggested that if growth of Halton Hills is limited because of sewage capacity, a pipeline to Lake Ontario, like in Peel region, is a possibility.

Referring to a Focal Properties proposal to build 1,840 homes south of Silver Creek in Georgetown, Coun. Pomeroy said, "We can't even service it."

SANTA'S POST OFFICE

Santa Claus is coming to town in a few weeks, but he's just announced that for the second consecutive year, The Herald will be his official post office in Halton Hills.

The jolly old man says he will answer each letter, and that they will be published during the six-week period ending with the Dec. 21 issue.

Final deadline for letters to appear in the issue before Christmas is Dec. 16. Letters can be sent to The Herald, 183 Main St., S., or be delivered by hand to the Herald offices.

Provincial restraint speculation; Morris

Georgetown hospital administrator has termed the report that provincial budget cuts may result in province-wide lay off of hospital employees "informed speculation."

Speaking from the Ontario Hospital Association convention Monday A.E. Morris said that until Health Minister Dennis Timbrell addresses the convention scheduled for Tuesday, no one knows what constraints he might reveal. Nor have they any idea what alternative proposal he might make for dealing with the

rumored cut in hospital grants.

Mr. Morris said Georgetown hospital will require an eight to nine per cent increase in funding just to maintain the present level of service. That could amount to \$250,000.

Speculation is that the province is setting four per cent as a target.

"My concern lies with the community," he said. "If the government isn't prepared to say it can't afford to provide health care insurance, the community should not be made the scapegoat."

The redesignation of the land



HALTON HILLS HONORS ITS WAR DEAD

The Last Post is sounded at the Georgetown Remembrance Service Sunday by Air Cadets Sgt. Peter Scott, Cpl. Joe Soaj and LAC Rob Soaj as a guard stands vigil. The Georgetown service was one of three services

held Sunday to honor the Halton Hills community war dead. For pictures from Acton and Glen Williams services see page 6.