



SNOWY OWL IN CEDAR

John Walter, an artist from Terra Cotta number of carvings and paintings for sale at a bake sale and 'B' market in Terra Cotta last single block of cedar. Mr. Walter and a Saturday.

OMB adjournment

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amendment concerning Focal Properties was refused as poor planning because it was premature and the town lacked sewage capacity to accommodate it.

Richard Arblaster, counsel for Halton Region told the board that although Halton Hills had not asked their opinion of Focal's plans the region would oppose them at this point because they would not conform with the interim planning policy which the region is following until its official plan is in force.

Mr. Wheeler pointed out that "planning board or Halton region, or whoever has the final say in judging development applications" is obliged to see that services are available for the applications it approves.

There is no sense in approving a bylaw unless building can proceed as a result of that bylaw, he said, and it is apparent that if services are not available then the application must be turned down.

In the case of Focal Properties he saw little sense

in even considering a bylaw amendment or a plan of subdivision when sewage capacity is not available.

Focal Properties' lawyer Robert Jarvis said sewage capacity would have been available in the expanded plant if Halton Hills planning board had not consistently assigned higher densities to infilling development than were assigned in the official plan.

He noted also that a couple of leaking pipes identified in a Proctor and Redfern report are depositing many thousand gallons of water in the sewers each day and wasting treatment capacity.

He said that Focal had offered to pay for the repairs to correct the situation. It had also agreed to phase development.

Phase one is to be up, sold, and occupied for a year so that judgments could be made on what impact, if any, it has on the community before phase two and three are started.

He said planning board has refused all these offers. Now Focal is seeking some indication of whether

development will take place on these lands south of Silver Creek.

Mr. Jarvis asked the board to allocate capacity in the sewage treatment plant saying that it has the authority to do so because it represents the minister of housing.

A.B. Ball, a member of the OMB, told Mr. Jarvis that the board did not like being manipulated. Although they could understand the position of both parties they would not unspun a planning board's authority.

Mr. Wheeler said the time had come when Halton Hills council should be asked to make a determination on allocation of sewage capacity so that the hearings could proceed.

In its policy Mr. Wheeler advised council to consider whether capacity should be made available to any or all phases of Focal Properties plans; to all projects of an infilling nature already begun as well as those it anticipates north of the river, and to affording capacity to handle any inadequacies occurring in the hamlets of Stewarttown, Norval, and Glen Williams.

Mr. Jarvis then requested the board be prepared to "state a case for us" rather than simply continue the hearings if Focal did not receive a reasonable allotment of capacity from planning board.

He felt that prolonging the hearings for another month to six weeks would not be in anyone's interest since Focal must eventually be turned down if there is not sewage capacity available for them.

He reminded the board that allowing Halton Hills council to make such an allotment without looking at what lies behind the decision, would set a province-wide precedent. Developments could be turned down anywhere then, he said, "just because they don't like the way we part our hair."

If such a thing happened he wanted the board to state a case so that Focal might go to court and perhaps bring about a change in legislation which would settle such questions.

Development deferred

A developer asked Halton Hills council Monday that his application for an amendment to the official plan be deferred until the Niagara Escarpment Commission releases its official plan.

Joe Axler of restorator Developments Ltd. told council that even though the planning staff recommended that his plan be considered premature, he wanted it deferred until the NEC official plan was released so he could see how it affected his proposed development of sixteen two-acre lots in Concession 8.

We won't back off: McLaughlin

A Mississauga developer says his firm will continue to seek satisfaction from Halton Hills council for agreements it believes are valid.

Bruce McLaughlin, president of S. B. McLaughlin and Associates Ltd., a parent company of Focal Properties Ltd., says Halton Hills council and planning board has been unreasonable in seeking to overcome problems associated with development by his firms.

Speaking in the parking lot of the town offices after being refused permission to speak at a presentation on a development along a ravine, Mr. McLaughlin said his firm is prepared to negotiate with reasonable people, but "certainly not this planning board or this council."

"The policy of our company," he told reporters and

some members of the public, "is we will not back off this council or this planning board in any way, shape or form."

Referring to a civil action initiated by his company against the town, he predicted it would take four years to resolve and cost each party as much as \$1 million.

Focal Properties Ltd. is seeking unspecified damages for what it alleges is frustration in its bid to proceed with

development.

"We are not the kind of company to press on with things that are either stupid or injurious to the community," he said, "our reputation speaks for itself."

Making the largest portion of his statement from prepared notes, Mr. McLaughlin said Canada "is going down the drain because of municipal councils and planning boards that will not sit down and talk,

will not talk reason and do not understand economics."

He said development brings more parks, recreational facilities, business opportunities, more jobs and prosperity to the community.

"We feel justified in doing what we are doing," Mr. McLaughlin said. "It's unfortunate that it's the ratepayers that get squeezed in this conflict. But the ratepayers have it in their control to end it. . . we'll

be in court until the next election, and if we get to all the ratepayers, they (council) won't be here. That's democracy."

He said the action against Halton Hills will be "a shock to the community and the country and a classical one (case)."

"And it will be bad public relations for this community and for its development for decades to come."

Nutrition studies started hydroponics, club hears

Hydroponics, the growing of plants in water instead of soil, was originally devised to study plant nutrition, according to Fred Prescott of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton.

Mr. Prescott spoke about hydroponics at the monthly meeting of the Georgetown Horticultural Society Wednesday. He said the word hydroponics comes from two Greek words meaning water and work. Most of the nutrients required by the plant must be added to the water by way of various fertilizers and plant foods.

In order for plants to absorb

inorganic materials, Mr. Prescott said, they must be dissolved. In hydroponics, plants still require several essentials, such as light, oxygen, carbon dioxide and water. In addition, for healthy plant growth, nutrients are needed. The three main nutrients are nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

The plants also need quantities of certain trace elements, but these are present in most commercial fertilizers.

Each of the nutrients has certain functions. Nitrogen is needed for healthy green foliage. Phosphorus helps young growing parts, and is necessary for the roots. Potassium

is important in helping resist disease.

"Nutrients are the essence of hydroponics," Mr. Prescott said. He added that giving a plant too many or too much nutrition is just as damaging as giving it too little.

"You must be very careful because these things are going directly to the roots," he said. "In organic gardening, the soil acts as a buffer."

Nutrient solutions to be added to the water around a plant can be made up from commercial fertilizers and plant foods. However, it is extremely important to read up on the nutrient requirements of the plant you're trying to grow, Mr. Prescott said.

Most hydroponic gardening requires some kind of aggregate to provide support for the plant. Sand is not considered to be a good aggregate, since it doesn't allow as much air to the roots as a more coarse aggregate such as gravel. It is important that the roots receive the right amounts of air and water, Mr. Prescott said. With too much air, the roots dry out. With too much water they rot.

Mr. Prescott showed some slides of a business in Ancaster which is involved in growing tomatoes hydroponically and selling them. They built the greenhouses on an imperceptible angle. They run the nutrient solution into the plant containers at the top, and it trickles down to the bottom, where it is pumped back up to the top.

In commercial hydroponics, contamination is a problem. In Ancaster, each greenhouse has a chlorine bath for people entering the greenhouses to rinse their shoes. As a result, of such precautions Mr. Prescott said, they produce blemishless tomatoes.

The one step to remember in transferring plants from a soil medium to a water medium is to rinse all the dirt off the roots. There will be a slight setback in the plant's growth, but not as much as there is when transferring a plant rooted in water to soil. Mr. Prescott said roots which have been growing in water are much more tender, and are likely to be damaged when they're put in soil.

Mr. Prescott said that hydroponic gardening is good for people who spend a lot of time away from home. The nutrient solution only needs freshening about once every four weeks, and the water level has to be filled up once every week or so.

"Hydroponic gardening is good for busy people, people who have other things to do, but who want to grow things," he said.

Glen Williams settled in 1824?

By LORI TAYLOR
Herald staff writer

Over 30 people were present at the Glen Williams Town Hall on Monday evening to hear Rev. Richard Ruggie talk about the history of the Glen.

The evening was presented by the Esqueving Historical Society. Rev. Ruggie, who is the rector of St. Alban's Church in the Glen, showed some slides taken from old photographs of the Glen and its former inhabitants before beginning his talk.

He said that he had some problems getting information about the Glen from the census records of the 1860's, which are very detailed records about the inhabitants.

The microfilm copies in Toronto are too scratched to read, he reported, and said that when he went to Ottawa, he had copies made of the records there, but the copies are too faint to read.

When asked if he might view the original copies, he was told, "That is impossible. They are kept locked in a vault for posterity."

Mr. Ruggie said that sign at the entrance to Glen Williams says the hamlet was settled in 1824.

"I think the sign is wrong, but it's an honest mistake," he said. He said much of the information about the Glen's history comes from an 1870's atlas which was based on what the residents of the time remembered, and is not necessarily accurate.

"It's a good lead suggesting where to look for information, but it isn't exact," Rev. Ruggie

said.

Rev. Ruggie said the first settlers probably arrived in the spring of 1825. Benajah Williams bought the land in Nov., 1825, but, according to the Rev. Ruggie, it was unlikely that the settlers would move on to their property in November when the land hadn't been cleared.

Benajah Williams, the first settler, was married three times. His third wife, Elizabeth, who came with him to Glen Williams, gave him 15 children.

The Williams family acquired land around the original site, and the first land separations went to the family, Rev. Ruggie said. It is not until 1883 that there is a record of a lot being sold to someone outside the Williams family.

As of 1848, the hamlet was known as Williamsburg. But in 1852, Williamsburg got its own post office, and became the fourth Williamsburg in Ontario with a post office. Rev. Ruggie said this is likely the reason the name was changed to Glen Williams.

Rev. Ruggie talked about the flour mill, the saw mill and the woolen mills in the Glen.

"A century ago almost everything could be produced from scratch right around the village," he said. "The people were independent and self-reliant."

"With the history of the Glen, a pattern starts to form," he said. "Then you hear something or read something that disrupts the whole pattern, and you have to reorganize your thinking."

Cheque for sauna

Ray L. Evelan, president of the Acton Lions Club, presented Mayor Tom Hill with a cheque Monday for \$1,538 for the cost of new saunas at the Acton Lions indoor swimming pool.



OPTI-MRS BAKE SALE

Norma Cuthbertson, a member of the Opti-Mrs. club, was on hand to help out at the club's bake sale, held at Zeller's on Saturday morning. The baked goods for sale ranged from cookies to cakes, pies and bread.



This friendly bear helped to unangle a young lady caught up in the rope used to count the laps at the Skate-a-thon on Sunday. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Pinocchio were also on hand to help those who were a little shaky on skates.

GEORGETOWN ROTARY \$9,500 from Skate-a-thon

The Georgetown Rotary Club Skate-a-thon raised about \$9,500 to be distributed among a number of organizations in Halton Hills.

Almost 250 skaters took part in the day-long event, which was divided into sections to prevent the ice from getting too crowded.

Members of the Georgetown district high school student council skated, as did Coun. Pat Patterson and Coun. Les Duby. NHL Referee Brian

Lewis and Toronto Argonaut light and Peter Mueller contributed some ice time as well.

"Peter Mueller raised almost \$50 in about 20 minutes," Rotary club member Ted Watts said.

Pledges are to be turned in at the Memorial Arena on Nov. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The total will not be definite until all the pledges are received.

Several local organizations will be receiving money from the proceeds of the Skate-a-

thon. Among them are the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association, the Georgetown Figure Skating Club, the Georgetown district high school student's council and Crippled Children.

The Rotary Club will use some of the money for their Christmas dinner for senior citizens, which is being held on Dec. 5. The club is hoping to have 280 senior citizens in attendance.

Ballinafad 4-H feast

By WINIFREDSMITH
Herald correspondent

The 4-H Homemaking Club had the final meeting of this current course "A World of Food in Canada" by entertaining their mothers and members of the Women's Institute.

It was held in the basement of the Church Saturday at noon.

The girls, and their leaders decided it would be nice to have the luncheon and serve the different dishes of different countries of which they had been learning about in the club.

The ladies were met at the door by two of the group, while the rest were busy dishing up the food. It was all arranged and set up Buffet style.

After the welcoming speech by a member of the group, the ladies were invited to help themselves to the meal.

It consisted of hot dishes namely pork and vegetables native to China, sausage rolls, which were Dutch Tourtiere, French Canadian, hot potato salad, popular in Germany cabbage rolls, native to the

Ukraine.

Salads, to compliment the meat course, was a delicious green salad of Italian cucumber and yogurt and cucumber and sour cream which are served with meals in Turkey and Poland. Bread and butter pickles of Canada.

Deserts were also prepared and served by the girls. Blue Berry Buckle with lemon sauce Canadian, apple cake of Germany "Trifle" a treat for special occasions served in England.

An assortment of cheese and fruit, with Dutch Rusks were passed around as an appetizer before the meal started.

The young teenagers are to be complimented on their achievements. Much credit is due to Mrs. Koperdrad and Mrs. Slessoriatz who supervised and taught the club. Mrs. Jamieson president of the W.I. on behalf of all the guests, thanked the girls and leaders.

The needlepoint class got off to a good start on Monday evening in the Community Centre when 18 women enrolled to learn the art of this

oldtime Craft.

Grace McEmery and her assistant Linda O'Connor were present to instruct the class and give them the basic stitches used and the types of material needed for the project.

The classes are to be held every Monday evening till the course is completed.

Keep in mind the W.I. Euchre this Friday night. Draw will be made on a Quilt.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Emily Plouffe and family who suffered the loss of a mother, Mrs. Joshua Thompson who passed away over the weekend after a prolonged illness.

Ballinafad area residents will be saddened to hear of the death of a former resident Mrs. Nina Robinson. It occurred in a London Hospital a few weeks ago. Mrs. Robinson, who with her husband were popular store keepers in the village a few years ago and made many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jamieson spent the weekend near Barrie, where they were the guests of friends Rev. and Mrs. Kelvin Johnston.

Ashgrove news

By Mrs. JOHN BELLBODDY
Herald correspondent

On Tuesday, Nov. 15 the Citizens and World Affairs meeting of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Lucy Oversby with 35 members and three visitors attending.

President Mrs. J.H. Hunter presided and opened in the usual way.

Secretary Mrs. C. Reid read last month's minutes and called the Roll which was answered by a World event which has happened recently.

Mrs. John McNabb reported on District Day held Nov. 9 at Ligny, Mrs. Clayton Wilson told of the Mount Union luncheon in October. Mrs. Hunter gave the highlights of the first day at the Area Convention held in Kitchener early in November and Mrs. Norma Alexander the final day.

Program was in charge of Mrs. Gordon Wingfield, motto by Mrs. John Ruddle, a different world cannot be made by indifferent people then for the next hour everyone enjoyed the speaker Mrs. T. McGee of Norval and her sister Mrs. Doris Hurd of Weston.

These two ladies flew to Tokyo Japan, last October to

visit Mrs. McGee's son John who teaches in a university there. They were dressed in a Japanese kimono with a flower in their hair as they told of their experiences during their six weeks stay.

They spoke of beautiful meals that were served the gorgeous flowers and trees everywhere, they saw rice fields cut both by hand and machines, they enjoyed a night at a Japanese Inn and also a three hour tea ceremony.

They also showed interesting colored pictures on film of the people the temples, persimmon trees, rice workers and happy looking school children.

As that day happened to be Mrs. Thos' Blackettes 34th wedding anniversary Mrs. McGee presented her with a small Japanese gift.

Mrs. Francis Thompson thanked Mrs. McGee and Mrs. Hurd and presented them with a small token of our appreciation.

After singing O Canada and Institute grace meeting closed with a social hour.

We are all so glad that Clayton Wilson is home from hospital and improving. Mrs. Vi Ausworth is still in there but we hope not too much longer.

The reception followed in the Erin, Canadian Legion Hall.

Following the Honeymoon the young couple will reside in Bracebridge, Ontario.

Church Service was held in the basement on Sunday. The interior of the Church is being decorated.

It's news to Pilutti

A suggestion that S.B. McLaughlin Associates may be willing to let the Halton Hills have property on Hall Road in return for concessions allowing a development south of Silver Creek is news to the man who thought he had an option to purchase on the same property.

At Pilutti says he took an option of the eight acres of ravine back of Hall Road last August on the condition that he would be able to get a plan of subdivision approved on it.

YOUR WEEK AHEAD By DAMIS

Forecast Period
November 27 - Dec. 3

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Travel plans are firm up. Listen to new ideas. Your admiration for one of influence clouds your thinking.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20
Be wary of money making schemes. Careful study of financial matters could reveal hidden assets.

GEMINI
May 21-June 20
A temporary change of scenery quiets your restless urge. Be aware of how you react on others.

MOONCHILD
June 21-July 22
Be careful in speech. The spoken word cannot be erased. Friends can open doors.

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22
A friend can be helpful in bringing you desired information. Emphasis is on romantic pursuits.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Career changes are quite likely. Your special knowledge is sought after. Follow up on developments.

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Word from afar brings disturbing thoughts. A trip to tend to matters seem likely.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21
You may find yourself involved in the financial affairs of others. Just be on guard against deceit.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You brighten the scene for others—the star performer. Be aware of the impact you have.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Surprising developments where children are concerned. Listen patiently and emphasize the positive.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Give extra attention to those you love. The fast social pace you've been caught up in makes them feel neglected.

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20
An analysis of career goals reveals ways and means not thought of before. Reliance on the promises of others is getting you nowhere.

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