## The year in retrospect

Continued from page 2 regional treasurer Don Farm-

Council approves a \$7 million five-year capital forecast including a \$978,000 allocation for expansion of town offices sometime in 1978. Council also delays for two weeks second and third reading of a bylaw to allow a 10 per cent increase in pay for councillors and the mayor.

Divisional court overrules the application by the Interested Citizens Group for introduction of alternative routings evidence at expropriation

hearings in Acton for the Bradley-to-Georgetown hydro corridor. The ICG plans to appeal the decision.

High school students in Halton Hills report finding summer jobs difficult and according to some "hopeless "

Council investigates a proposal for the Georgetown branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society to rent space at the recently vacated Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance building on James Street. No major problems occur as

the ice breaks up on the credit River, Credit Valley Conservation Authority officials monifor the river particularly at Churchville and Glen Williams

where ice jams usually occur. Council and library board are to meet to discuss the fate of the proposed \$876,900 library for Cedarvale Park. Controversy has been mounting about the project over cost and location of the library.

Department heads recommend to finance committee that Jan. 1, 1979 be a target date for construction of additional office space at the Trafalgar Road municipal building. Also included in the report are suggestions for short-term solutions to problems revealed in an earlier report which showed cramped quarters for some departments and exposure of the public to truck. Ty seeks a 60 per cent increase

traffic at the offices. Council also refuses to support a call by the Brampton and district labor council for an end to price and wage controls. A labor representative says he's disappointed considering the large number of jobs lost in Halton Hills over

the past five months. Pay raises for councillors and Mayor Tom Hill are passed without comment. The salaries are: mayor \$12,100

and councillors \$5,940 Negotiations are continuing at Beardmore and Company where workers are seeking a new contract after the existing in June contract expired Jan. 17.

Neilson's Chocolates in Georgetown announces the transfer of part of its operation reveal. back to Toronto resulting in the loss of 12 jobs at the Halton Hills plant on Guelph Street.

A late breaking story on The Herald's front page reveals that a contagious disease has been identified in Halton. Eventually the disease is identified as diptheria after dead-

Halton Children's Aid Sociein budget, Halton region, responsible for 20 per cent of funding, balks at the increase The CAS stands firm The issue won't be resolved until

Halton board of education rejects a \$5 million decrease in budget proposed by Halton

Hills trustee Bert Hinton. The proposal draws support from the other Halton Hills trustee Don Long.

Rick Rodgers, 19, a wrestler from Georgetown district high school is named to the Canadian team competing in the Junior Pan American Games

The Esternational Bantam Hockey Cournament is robbed of about \$500, tourney officials

Seven hydro and public utilities commissions in Halton begin discussions on restructuring along regional lines Council approves the Cedar-

vale library site but trims costs to \$750,000 following a meeting with library board. Councillors Walter Biebn and Roy Booth remain opposed to Diptheria is confirmed as contagious disease reported in

Halton An Oakville woman is reported to have a positive reaction to tests for the disease after seeing a family doctor about a respiratory infection The situation becomes con-Jused as details surrounding the disease are revealed each

Georgetown Chrysler Raid-

are in isolation

trim a proposed 31.9 per cent

hike in operating budget. Larg-

est increases come from areas

beyond the control of council --

police, Children's Aid Society

and conservation authorities.

APRIL.

More than 600 tests for dip-

theria prove negative as the

story on the disease continues

to envelope the media in Hal-

ton The contact by an Oakville

teacher is explained at a press

conference by medical officer

of health Dr. Joseph Chamber-

lain The woman was treated

while on vacation in Florida

after having been seen by a

family doctor who sought an

analysis of a throat swab taken

during an examination. Dr.

Chamberlain told the press

conference that pupils at two

public schools in Oakville were

being tested and some resi-

dents at Oaklands regional

Fire chief Mick Holmes,

chief for area 1, is officially

named fire chief for all of

Halton Hills. The appointment

is made following the resigna-

tion of area 2 chief Ken Bui-

title by defeating Fort Erie 6-5 in overtime.

A presentation is made to council to explain the dispute between Focal Properties Ltd. and Halton Hills. Focal bas been opposing all development in Georgetown until it receives permission for a development south of Silver Creek on Mountainview Road south. A com-

promise is being sought The ICG receives permission to seek an appeal to the Ontario Court of Appeal to overturn a divisional court ruling which said it could not present evidence of alternative routing for a hydro corridor proposed to run through the Halton Hills fifth concession.

Everett Biggs, former Ontario deputy-minister of environment, announces his intention to seek the candidacy of the Progressive Conservative centre for retarded children Party in the newly-created federal riding of Brampton-Georgetown

> Orangeville Kiwanis Club announces its intention to start a service club in Georgetown. Tuntoms Northstars default to the Georgetown Raiders in a

## Library issue on-going through the whole year

On Jan. 25, the Ontario Munteipal Board will begins its hearing into the proposed construction of a new library building in Cedarvale Park, an issue which has plagued council since the beginning of last

Council decided in 1973 that the library facilities were in need of expansion, and bired architect Paul Martel to draw up plans for the expansion the cost estimate for the proposal was \$200,000. The OMB

granted the library board approval at that time for a \$400,000 debenture to build the expansion. The plans submitted by Mr. Martel were never used. During the changeover to

regional government, a new library staff was hired. The new chief librarian, Belsy Cornwell, recommended changes in the expansion plans and the project was delayed When the plans came back to council with the changes, the price had gone up to \$500,000. and council scrapped the idea In 1976, the library board decided that a new building was the solution to the lack of facilities in the Church St building The board requested council deed them a piece of property in Cedarvale Park,

which council did during the fall of 1976, prior to the December election On Jan. 24, 1977, the library board presented a preliminary proposal to council for a new building which would cost \$876,000. The building was to be built on the 193-acre site deeded to the board by council, which included a popular tobogganing hill By law, the town is required to have the entire funds for the project

Despite mounting opposition to the Cedarvale site, council

before any contracts can be awarded

approved construction of the

## Support police officer

To the editor of The Herald: 1 was very dismayed with the recent action taken by Police Chief Ken Skerrett who acted as judge and jury in the conviction of Sergeant Fields. This officer was convicted on the testimony of Gary Sparling's father, who was absent when the alleged "slap" took

Many youths think after a few drinks these antics are smart. But who is the first to complain when an officer is needed? Let's all get behind this

officer and other officers who may find themselves in this same position and have him reinstated. Lynne Childs

· A Long Way A nickel goes a long way these days. You can carry it around for weeks without finding something you can buy with it.



new building at a meeting on would permit them to use the \$400,000 debenture granted for expansion of the old building to help finance the new one. The approval was for budgetary consideration, to allow conneil to set up funding for the

In May, council withdrew its support for the project when faced with a petition of over 3,000 signatures, all opposed to the Cedarvale site. Labrary board chairman Joan Lister questioned the validity of the pertion, saying some residents had told her they had signed thinking the petition was in tayor of the site

In June, Council reversed its May decision to withdraw support from the project, despite continued opposition, and moved to issue a building permit for a building of 15,000 square feet. It was at this time Betty Fisher and John Ferguson, both opposed to the Cedarvale site, submitted an affidavit to the OMB, requesting that the board review its decision to allow the \$400,000 debenture instead of the expansion

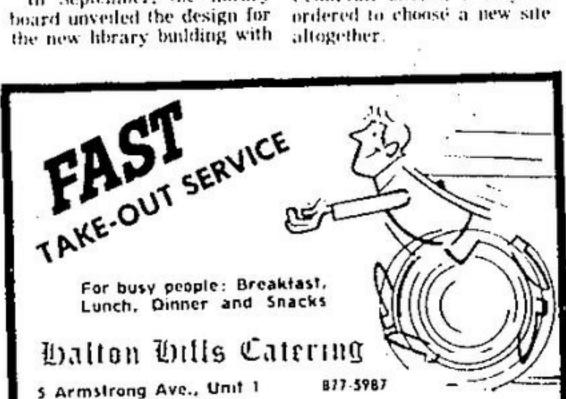
proval of the use of the debenture for the new project, and chief librarian, the town engitown treasurer, all in support hearing on July 20.

only two members of the pub-March 30, provided the OMB lie present, and none of the opponents of the project in attendance. The design cost \$18,000, which must be paid whether the design is used or

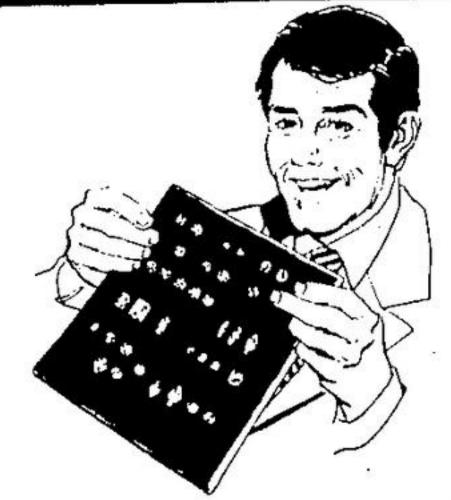
> In mid-October the OMB announced that it would be holding a public hearing into the proposal for the new library building. The hearings are scheduled to begin on Jan 25 and will be held at Gordon Alcolt Memorial Arena. At the time of the OMB decision not to allow the debenture to be used on the new project, the board expressed its concern that the public did not receive sufficient opportunity to make its opinions known.

Late in 1977, the libary board received a shake-up in the retirement of board chairman do laster and board member William Boyle Mrs Laster's position has been filled by Betty Fisher, one of the leaders of the opponents of the Cedarvale site Mr. Boyle's seat was filled by Michael McMahon, a teacher at Georgetown district high to be used for the new building school. The position of chairman will be open for election in The OMB resemded its ap- 1978 as a result of Mrs Laster's

There are three alternatives received affidavits from the facing the OMB when the hearing begins this month. The neer, the town planner and the hibrary board can be ordered to expand its present facilities. of the project, at a public or it may be allowed to proceed with the new building on the In September, the library Cedarvale site, or it may be







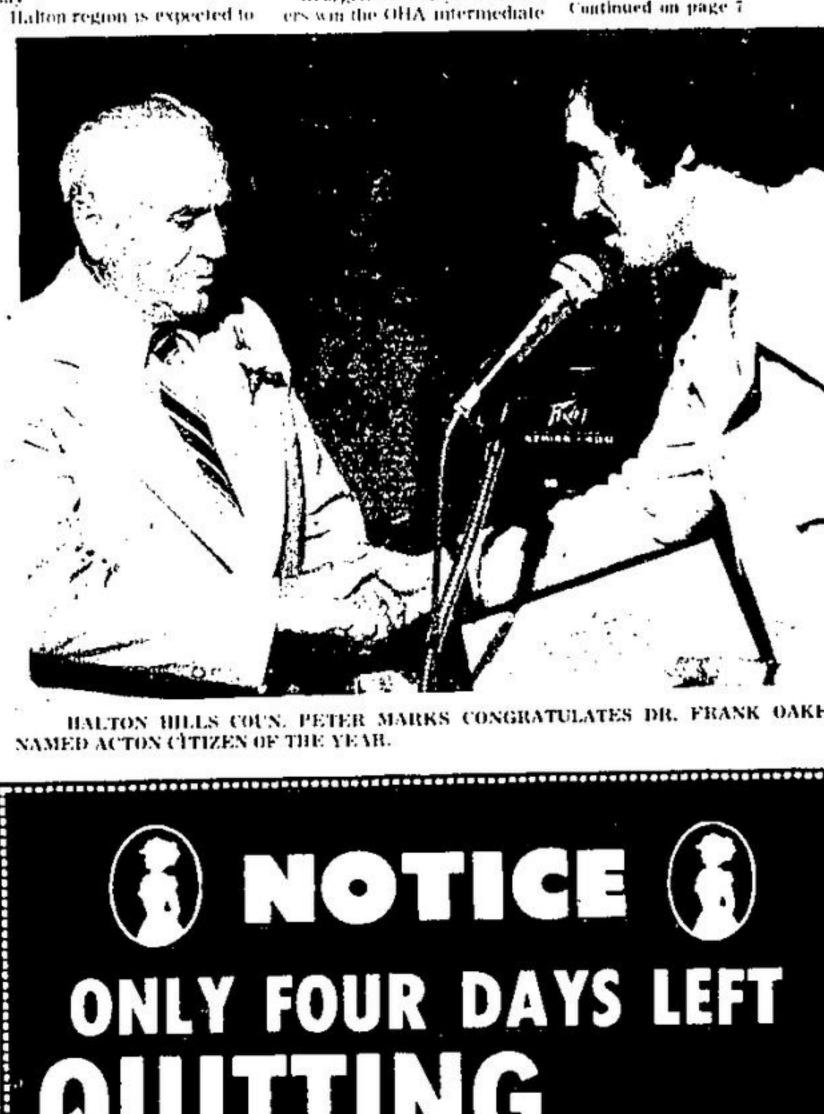
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