

It was quite a year!

Looking back through 1977

Continued

a letter to Ontario Treasurer Darcy McKeough in response to the brief sent by the Actonians for Action committee.

Truck traffic on 17 Sideroad from local gravel pits surfaces as an issue.

Stephen Lewis, leader of the provincial New Democratic Party, says he's investigating overcrowded conditions at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

OCTOBER

The Georgetown Fall Fair is rained out and cancelled for the first time in its history.

It is revealed that the Ontario Municipal Board, contrary to a request from Housing Minister John Rhodes split hearings on the north-south and east-west hydro corridors through Halton Hills. Four hearings are involved: two for an official plan amendment allowing construction of the corridors and two for amendments to the town zoning by-law.

Council rejects financial support through reduced rates for area senior hockey clubs.

The offices expansion for the town is resuracted when Don Hallford, an architect, unveils a proposal for the expansion Oct. 18.

Halton Hills supports a call for the destroying of dogs responsible for livestock kills. One person is killed, two

others injured in a head-on crash on Highway 7 near the Trafalgar Road intersection.

Arthur Meunier, who spent 42 of his 52 years in prison, resides in Acton and announces he will seek nomination as a Progressive Conservative or independent in the federal riding of Halton.

Cliff Pikey, president of the Ontario Federation of Labor speaks at a full employment rally in Brampton and calls national unity "a smoke-screen" hiding economic ills of the country.

Georgetown Block Parents in trouble, the headline reads in the Oct. 19 issue of The Herald. Organizers and executive members say the program will die unless some support is shown. Reaction is swift.

It is revealed that Halton police charged a man in Limehouse in June with several charges. The charges included fraud, rape and indecent assault. The man was also known as a priest, police said.

Oka, Quebec, Trappist monks indicate they may be settling in the Georgetown area where they wish to establish an English-speaking monastery.

Halton Hills holds a press conference to explain the issues surrounding a four-week long scheduled Ontario Municipal Board hearing into an application by Focal Properties

ties to develop lands south of Silver Creek for 1,840 homes. President of the Brampton and district labor council predicts 19,000 unemployed in Peel and North Halton by February.

Indusmin, which operates a quarry near Acton, appeals a council decision setting regulations on truck traffic on 17 Sideroad. The firm cautions that some jobs may be lost if the regulations are implemented.

Puppet shows, popular at the Georgetown library, have been banned because of fire regulations. As many as 75 youngsters attended the shows in the junior library which is rated with a capacity of 29.

NOVEMBER

A proposal for development of lands east of Churchhill Road would double the population of Acton.

Finance Minister Jean Chretien visits Halton and urges Canadians to stop saving and start spending to stimulate the economy.

Halton region unveils its draft official plan and announces public participation in its finalization.

Arthur Meunier's proposal for a Boy's Town in Halton will cost \$250 million.

An Ontario Municipal Board hearing into the Focal Properties application for 1,840 homes south of Silver Creek opens with the announcement that the firm has launched legal action naming the town and seeking the honoring of agreements made with Delrex Developments, a predecessor of Focal Properties. The hearing adjourns to resume May 1.

Cost estimates for the restoration of the Acton townhall may be low, the architect doing a feasibility study tells The Herald.

Council approves a \$200 grant for a coffeehouse for teens in Acton.

Trappist monks from Oka, Quebec, officially announce their intention to settle in Georgetown. Six monks will arrive early in December.

National offices for the Jehovah's Witnesses are proposed for just north of Georgetown. Council denies Focal Properties allocation of sewage treatment capacity in the recently expanded Georgetown treatment plant.

Ontario Treasurer Darcy McKeough responds to Actonians for Action saying their brief is premature and no regional government review will be undertaken.

Halton region approves a contract for Norval municipal water services.

More than \$9,500 is raised by Georgetown Rotary Club during its annual Skate-a-thon. Halton Hills clerk-administrator Doug Pritchard resigns effective Dec. 31 to take a new post in British Columbia.

Ontario Energy Minister James Taylor approves expropriation along the Bradley-to-Georgetown hydro corridor through Halton Hills. Liberal MPP Julian Reed brands the action of hearings and public input as "sham."

DECEMBER

Library Board chairman Jo Lister announces her resignation from the board.

The ICG proposes a four-month study of Ontario Hydro data to determine whether an approved routing through Halton Hills is the best alternative to provide power out of the Bruce generating station.

In an unexpected move, Focal Properties publishes an open letter to citizens of Halton Hills asking for "basic fairness" and support for its proposal for 1,840 homes south of Georgetown.

Betty Fisher, an opponent of the Cedarvale Library site, is appointed by the Halton board of education as a replacement

for Jo Lister, retiring chairman of the board.

Sgt. Jason Fields, an 18-year veteran of police work is ordered demoted as the result of a conviction under the Police Act. He begins appeal of the conviction for using excessive force on a youth stopped following a chase. Halton police commission suggests a county court judge hear the appeal.

A special building committee of council supports the expansion of town offices and makes such a recommendation.

The Ontario Heritage Foundation turns down an application by Acton citizens for a grant to restore the town's former townhall until Halton Hills council makes more of a commitment than \$10,000.

Reaction to this action is mixed as council members say no financial commitment was entered into by council. Fund-raising would have to be undertaken totally by citizens.

Focal Properties promises action to support its application. A spokesman says little reaction came for the firm's open letter. A "substantial" statement of claim in its suit against Halton Hills will be filed.

The Herald announces that it has purchased property in Georgetown, the location of which will be announced sometime into the new year, and the firm will build a publishing plant.

Halton region proposes a gross increase of 4.8 per cent in its 1978 operating budget.

Cabinet rejects a four-month study proposal put before it by the ICG and ICG spokesman despite Energy Minister James Taylor's comments in the legislature that environmental studies will be needed if more than the already authorized transmission lines are proposed for the Milton area.

Calibration is underway at the Georgetown sewage treatment plant to accurately measure flow. Several sources told The Herald that flows have measured almost as high as the rated capacity. This condition may have been in place for sometime and could have a great affect on the community's ability to accept new industry and residential growth.



JENNIFER GREEN CUTS THE CAKE AT THE GEORGETOWN AND DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CANDYSTRIPER AWARD NIGHT HELD IN MAY.



NDP CANDIDATE BILL JOHNSTON HAD MISFORTUNE BEFALL HIM A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE JUNE PROVINCIAL ELECTION. HE SLIPPED AND ENDED THE CAMPAIGN WITH A CAST ON HIS FOOT.



GEORGETOWN FIREFIGHTERS WORKED FOR 12 HOURS IN EARLY JANUARY TO CONTAIN A \$3.5 MILLION BLAZE WHICH DESTROYED BOORDALE CANADA AND HALTON RAPID PRINT OFFICES ON TODD ROAD. THE ONTARIO FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE LATER CALLED THE BLAZE ARSON. NO ONE HAS BEEN ARRESTED.



MAYOR TOM HILL AND FIRE CHIEF MICK HOLMES OFFICIALLY OPEN THE NEW GEORGETOWN FIREHALL AT THE END OF OCTOBER WITH A HOSE CUTTING.



ALINE PERRON GREET'S BONHOMME CARNIVAL AFTER BEING CROWNED QUEEN OF THE FRENCH-CANADIAN WINTER CARNIVAL IN FEBRUARY.



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE GEORGETOWN FALL FAIR, THE EVENT WAS RAINED OUT AND CANCELLED. THIS PICTURE SHOWS THE EXTENT OF THE DOWNPOUR AND ITS AFFECT ON THE MIDWAY.



PICKETS AT THE DISSTON CANADA PLANT IN ACTON HELP BARBECUE ON THE LINE OUTSIDE THE PLANT DURING A STRIKE LAST SPRING. THE WORKERS WERE SEEKING A COST OF LIVING CLAUSE IN A NEW CONTRACT (COLA).



MIKE ASILEY AND GLEN VAN RIJK JUST ABOUT, BUT DIDN'T QUITE MAKE A 10-MILE CRAWL FROM ACTON TO GEORGETOWN IN NOVEMBER.