



Chairs hung from the rafters. Antique furniture covered tables. Buyers crowded wherever standing room they could find. The ICG auction in Milton Fairgrounds attracted lots of participation Saturday and

cleared about \$6,000 to be used to pay off the \$23,000 debt which the group has incurred during its five-year fight with Ontario Hydro over the need for two hydro corridors to be built through Halton Hills.

Auction raises \$6,000

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As you look at it the Citizens Group of Milton Saturday was a success.

Items to be auctioned off were: a large crowd of people. The auctioneers were busy displaying and carrying them out to buyers' vehicles were there. In front of all the feeling was a success.

Auctioneers estimate they raised about \$6,000. That was enough to make them happy. It is the way they have worked together and the response they received when they went looking for donations for their cause that they can't believe. Community spirit was the key, says Walter Scott. "A group of women came together and put on an auction like that, maybe the best I've ever seen."

were from Halton, they had a lot of help from the Erin people too. Mrs. Scott says. Donations came from all over, even as far away as Oxford County, where the Bright Cheese Factory sent them two cheeses to sell.

Not only did they receive items to sell they also had time donated from people they needed. Wilson's Industrial Auctioneers Ltd. donated the services of two of their men, Charlie Dunn and of Lucy, Alan Odenbach and Jim Forbes walked in and offered their time during the day. Aurora Wilson who clerks for her husband's auctions also volunteered her services to clerk for the ICG auction.

This is only the first venture. Mrs. Scott says, in their efforts to pay off the \$23,000 debt which the group has incurred during its five-year battle with Ontario Hydro. The ICG have been fighting to have Ontario Hydro pay the need for running two 500 KV hydro

corridors through Halton Hills enroute to Bradley.

Mrs. Scott terms the sale a learning experience and points out that successful as it was the ladies still learned a number of things from it. She is very pleased however, with the results achieved by "an extremely hard working group" of about 20 ladies including five co-ordinators, three on the auction, one on the concession, and one on the bake table.

Mr. Scott suggests that Energy Minister Ruben Baetz should have been present Saturday if he wanted to see just how defeated the ICG feels. In a speech in the house on March 16 he says Mr. Baetz told the House that the ICG is satisfied with the decision that was finally taken.

The ICG has to accept reality, he told MPs and "they agree that the line as it now will be going... was in fact, the best of all alternative routes."

"There wasn't much indication of acceptance on Saturday," Mr. Scott points out.

Georgetown BIA to meet with works committee

The Downtown Business Improvement Association's plan for "sprucing up" the downtown area in Georgetown will be discussed at the Halton Hills works committee meeting on April 24.

Although the item was not on the agenda at Monday night's meeting, the committee agreed to Coun. Peter Pomeroy's request to discuss the proposal. When it became apparent that a number of questions about the proposal remained unanswered, Coun. Pomeroy moved that the proposal be held over until the next meeting of the committee.

Raylawn flooding caused by snow

Halton Hills is not responsible for the flooding problem in an apartment building on Raylawn Crescent, Deputy Engineer Ted Ballinger reported to works committee Monday night.

The flooding problem was caused by snow blocking drainage across land behind the apartment building, a report says. The snow bank at the rear of the parking lot blocked the drainage of the run off on the lot. The snow bank was piled up over the winter months by the plows clearing the parking lot.

Residents in the area expressed concern that the flooding problem had been caused by the filling in of a ditch behind the properties on the north side of Raylawn Crescent. Residents had requested the town to fill in the ditch after storm sewers were installed along the street in 1974, since they felt the ditch was a hazard.

The town went ahead and filled in the ditch during the summer of 1976, and received no complaints of flood problems during the spring runoff of the following year.

The town has received a claim for water damages from the owner of the apartment building, and the matter is now in the hands of the town's insurers.

"We are of the opinion that the town is in no way responsible for the damages," Mr. Ballinger said in his report.

Bob Austin, town engineer, said it was unfortunate that the

\$10,000 fire

A child playing with a cigarette lighter in a clothes closet is believed responsible for a fire which caused \$10,000 damage to an Acton home April 4.

The family were at home eating when the blaze started but it was not discovered until a family member went to a bedroom and found it burning.

Fire Chief Mick Holmes says smoke and water damage throughout the home was extensive.

decision as to who will be responsible for maintaining the signs.

The area which caused concern with the engineering department was the proposal to build eight islands along Main Street. These islands would have park benches, flowers and possibly bicycle racks.

"I'm not going to give in to the concept of islands," town engineer Bob Austin said. "The road is there for moving traffic, not for planting flowers or sitting on a bench or putting in bicycle racks. I don't see it as benefitting the downtown merchants. I see it as hindering the works department."

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson expressed concern that installing the islands would cut down the amount of parking available on Main Street.

"When I'm downtown, I always look for on-street parking before I park in a parking lot," she said. Installing the islands would mean the loss of 25 on-street parking places, although deputy engineer Ted Ballinger said the proposed locations of the islands are not in front of stores and banks with a high turnover in customers.

"Esthetically, it would really be a boon to the downtown area," Mr. Ballinger said.

"Done properly," Mr. Austin interjected.

"Done properly, but I don't think an engineer in Canada would agree to it because it causes so many maintenance problems."

"The report tells us why it happened and I'm not sure that's what they want to know. I think they want to know whether it will happen again."

Vandals strike

Vandals removed the railing of the staircase at 49 Mill Street, carried it to Georgetown Memorial Arena and used the railing to punch a hole in the door panel. They also broke two windows in vehicles which were parked near the arena.

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Morette in custody, other police news

Dale Morette of Georgetown, who was free on bail while awaiting trial on a charge of manslaughter, has been arrested on breach of recognizance and is in custody in Milton Jail.

Morette was arrested in connection with an incident outside the McGibbon Hotel in Georgetown. Trial date for the manslaughter charge will be set Friday.

Thieves stole three raw cow hides from outside Frank Heller Limited on Lamb Street in Acton.

A summerhouse on the 9th line was broken into, and a stereo track receiver was stolen. The freezer was unplugged and the contents had gone bad. The burglars gained entry by the rear door, ripping the screen and breaking the glass.

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