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Summerfest

Halton Region Conservation Authority Summerfest weekends begin June 3 and continues to August 2 at the Mountbarn Wildlife Centre.

Benefit performance

Georgetown Little Theatre is inviting submissions from organizations who would like to receive proceeds from their Fourth annual opening night benefit performance and wine and cheese party.

American trip

123 eighth grade students and their chaperones from Centennial middle school left on a geography trip to Washington D.C. and the eastern United States yesterday morning.

Guides camp out

While north Halton Boy Scouts were out trudging around in the rain last weekend on an Explorer Hike 46 north Halton Girl Guides proved they were equally hardy and spent the weekend camping just south of Acton.

Annual meeting

Credit Valley Association for Handicapped Children will hold its seventh annual meeting in Mississauga Hospital on May 25 at 8 p.m.

Summer season

Credit Valley Conservation Authority will begin its summer season on May 19 when the various conservation areas begin opening from 8 a.m. to dusk.

Bang-O-Rama

The Optimists will be holding their second annual Bang-O-Rama in the Georgetown Fairgrounds on Saturday, Events include an industrial football tournament, a track and field competition for elementary school age children, a grandstand program, and a fireworks show at dusk.

Provincial finalist

Steve Saxton, 13, of Acton, was a runner-up in the provincial finals of the Optimists' Oratorical Contest held at the Howard Johnson Hotel, Malton, Saturday.

Essay winners

The Herald is pleased to announce the winners of the essay contest on "Why Education Is Important Today." They are Frances Streuter, age 13, and Kathryn Shields, age 10.

Experience '78

Credit Valley Conservation Authority has hired 34 high school and university students for periods of eight to 18 weeks under the government's Experience '78 program.

Safe driving

A Georgetown resident Roy Peavoy was among the 76 TTC and Gray Coach drivers receiving awards for more than 20 years of safe driving at the Annual Safe Drivers Luncheon at the Royal York Hotel on May 10.

Community luncheon

North Halton Community Luncheon will be held in St. George's Anglican Church at noon on Tuesday, May 23. The agenda includes a community day program where representatives of many local agencies, schools, churches and service clubs can meet.

Training exercise

C Coy of the Lorne Scots Regiment will be taking part in the holiday weekend training exercise for units of the Hamilton Militia District at Meaford.

GLT performance

The comedy revue, "A Bit of Both of Us" starring Neville Worsnop and Doreen Boss which was performed earlier this year at a benefit sponsored by the Georgetown Little Theatre, is being performed at the Lester B. Pearson Memorial Theatre in Brampton tonight at 8 p.m.

Ribbon cutting

The official ribbon cutting ceremony at the expansion to the Acton sewage treatment plant is expected to be the highlight of a day-long tour of public works facilities and projects in Halton, next Wednesday, May 24.

Drastic 'cut' in NEC area

By STEVE RHODES Herald Toronto Bureau

About 300 landowners crowded the public gallery at Queen's Park Thursday and many left disappointed that a private members bill calling for a drastic cut in the Niagara Escarpment planning area was defeated by a vote of 60 to 41.

The bill, introduced by MPP Bob McKesock (L-Grey), was defeated on a combined vote of the New Democrat Party and the government. Three cabinet ministers, including former Escarpment chairman George McCague, and 12 other Conservatives broke party lines and voted against the government position.

Rene Brunelle, provincial secretary for resources development, who announced last Tuesday that he would return 60 per cent of the land now controlled by the commission to local control, said during the debate McKesock's bill was "hasty, ill-conceived and ill-advised."

McKesock's emotional speech, however, arguing that the government was depriving farmers the right to sell land for development, brought cheers and applause from the gallery. Speaker Jack Stokes had to caution the landowners that applause was not permitted in the legislature.

The Grey MPP said he favors preservation of the escarpment and farmland but accused government of ignoring the landowners who live in the protected area.

Development controls placed on the planning area when the commission was formed in 1973 "have unnecessarily stripped too many landowners of their rights and privileges," McKesock said in the debate.

The private member's bill would have reduced the planning area to the escarpment face itself with a small buffer area. The bill would have also given the govern-

ment one year to buy land, at fair market value, for which a development permit had been turned down and placed appeal proceedings in the hands of the Ontario Municipal Board.

Environment Minister George McCague, who resigned as commission chairman in 1975 to run in the Dufferin-Simcoe riding, and Conservative House Leader Robert Welch felt the pressure of constituent support for the bill.

Both cabinet ministers, Agriculture Minister William Newman and 12 other Conservative members voted for the bill, against the government position.

Dufferin-Simcoe contains part of the escarpment area and landowners are angry with land control and planning policies of the commission.

McCague in a prepared text, said any lot in the control area that met municipal health standards should be allowed building permits or the government should be obliged to purchase the land.

He also said farmers have done a better job of preserving the beauty of the property than the government has been able to do with the land it has bought.

"Any property which the government buys and is not in a position to develop for public use immediately does tend to become rundown and a haven for abuse," the text said.

The bill's defeat follows last week's announcement that

government plans to return 60 per cent of the 1.2 million acres under escarpment control, back to local municipalities.

McKesock said the government statement is "too fuzzy" to be meaningful.

The member says legislation should be introduced to clarify the 60 per cent cutback. He

says the statement is not definitive and leaves an opening for the government to reclaim the land "any time they feel like it."

McKesock said his bill would have returned about 60 per cent to local councils and would have been definite and fair to everybody.

Dumping limit hurts industry

A Georgetown businessman who has been hard hit by the restrictions on dumping at land fill sites recently imposed by Halton region describes the lead time he received of the restrictions as "abrupt."

"The whole thing seemed to happen so fast," said Ray Weiss, operations manager for KNR Durastone Ltd. on Armstrong Avenue.

The firm produces concrete interlocking stones and accounting for broken pieces and seconds has about 24 cubic yards (about 9.2 cubic metres) of waste per week.

The regional restrictions were imposed April 26 when commercial and industrial haulers were banned from dumping liquids, inert materials and tires at the regional landfill sites in an effort to extend the life of the existing sites. Regional plans for a landfill site near Milton are snarled in legal matters and the situation has been described by regional public works director Robert Moores as "a partial emergency."

"Our problem is that we weren't given any notification other than from our haulage company that as of today, the restrictions were on," Mr. Weiss told The Herald in an interview, Monday.

He said he has asked regional engineering department to call to set up a meeting but had not yet received a reply.

Mr. Weiss said he could understand the problem but to pick out a particular group to

impose the restrictions on "sounded a little unfair."

So where are the waste concrete pieces being dumped? Mr. Weiss said that was being done by his haulage company.

\$50 REWARD FOR VANDALS

A \$50 reward is being offered to anyone with information which can identify vandals who caused damage to homes, cars and street signs in the King-Durham area early Sunday morning.

Helen and Ted, owners of King Variety, have offered a \$50 reward to anyone who can provide information which would result in the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the acts of vandalism, which took place sometime between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. Sunday.

While Ted is concerned about the entire incident, the reward is being offered specifically for information about damage done to the residence at 39 King Street. At approximately 2 a.m. Sunday, a beer bottle was thrown through the double-glass living room windows, and as a result, the carpet and couch were covered with glass splinters.

Less than two hours before the incident took place, Ted's five-month old son had been sleeping on the couch on the spot where the beer bottle and much of the glass landed.

"He had done nothing to deserve what could have happened," Ted said in announcing the reward. The evening prior to the incident, an elderly woman with a history of heart trouble had been sleeping on the couch.

"The possible consequences of a bottle being thrown through the window, literally into her lap (or face) in the dark of night could have been most severe," Ted said. "This is not just a case of mischief."

Police are continuing their investigation. It is believed four persons may have been involved.

University women urge more activities, fitness

University Women's Club of Georgetown has urged Halton board of education to provide more exercise for elementary school children.

"Physical activity is not a frill," Mary Lou Brock of the group, told the board Thursday. "It is a necessity for health and well-being throughout life."

In a brief presented to the board, she said that children in their growing years need a balance of intellectual, physical and social development.

"We submit that this balance cannot properly be achieved without the implementation of a daily, quality physical education program in the school curriculum."

The university women made three recommendations to the board, the most important of which is that the board undertake a vigorous public relations program to help make parents, principals and teachers more aware of the value of daily physical education.

The other recommendations were that the board implement as soon as possible a program of quality, daily physical education for 30 to 60 minutes per day for every elementary pupil and that the program be closely supervised by qualified physical education personnel, preferably in the school, or at least once a week.

Mrs. Brock cited evidence uncovered by the survey carried out by the club. UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) has recommended that one third of school curriculum be devoted to physical activity

but in Canada that level is closer to six per cent, Mrs. Brock said.

She said a ten year study in France, the Vanves project, found that health, fitness, discipline and enthusiasm were superior in groups which had one third of the school curriculum devoted to physical education. The academic results of the children in the physical education program surpassed those in the control group and they were less susceptible to stress.

Some schools across Canada have also reported favorably on the effects of substantial amounts of physical activity in the school day, she said. In a program carried at Nanaimo, B.C. absenteeism dropped by 38 per cent, she said.

"There don't seem to be any drawbacks," she said.

There still is considerable stress on competitive sports in the schools, Mrs. Brock said, but this is geared more to the athletically skilled minority, leaving the less capable majority in a less active or largely passive role.

"Team games that concentrate on the development of specific skills do not necessarily give most children the opportunity to improve their fitness levels. Non-competitive programs, on the other hand, can involve more children in effective physical activity."

Mrs. Brock also pointed out that lack of physical exercise is recognized as the major contributing factor in rising health costs "since a direct correlation between physical activity, fitness and health is

well established, and since it can be demonstrated that "healthier, fitter children learn more effectively" physical education programs which improve fitness levels are clearly desirable.

The club carried out a survey of elementary and middle schools in Halton Hills and found that there is "dramatic difference" in the amount of exercise carried out in different schools.

Marion McEwen, who headed the survey team, praised the board's core curriculum in physical education, but noted that in some schools exercise accounted for four per cent of instruction time and 13 per cent in others.

"It doesn't follow that schools ten blocks apart would make that difference," Mrs. McEwen said.

She said information for the survey and brief came from members reading reports from groups requesting implementation of daily physical education in Brampton, Mississauga and Orillia, groups already involved in such programs, the board's core curriculum, meetings with Hilda Clark, the board's physical education consultant in the north education centre and interviews with elementary school principals in Halton Hills.

Mrs. Brock told trustees that pupils with one-third of their day devoted to physical activity, their academic performance and efficiency is so much better, "the gain is greater than the loss because the children learn so much more efficiently."



EXPLORER'S HIKE

It was a wet weekend

Just checking the weather before bedding down for the night are First Georgetown Scouts Ian McLaren and Andy Timleck. The pair were part of more than 30 groups of Scouts from throughout the area which took part last week end in the annual North Halton District Explorer's Hike. The hike covered about 20 miles and involved 73

Scouts on a walk through rural Halton Hills and Milton from Limehouse 1 to the Bell School Line south of Highway 401. In the photo below, Dixie Scouts Ron Paton and David Dunlop carry on through the wet as they near the Saturday night base camp on the Halton Hills-Nassagaweya Townline south of 15 Sideroad.

