

## YOUR MORNING SMILE

"The college I went to turned out some great men," claimed the guy at the end of the bar. "When did you graduate?" "I didn't graduate," came the query from the other end of the saloon. "I didn't graduate," was the quick reply. "I was turned out."

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## About The Hills

### Wins nursing award

Frances Wyergangs of Georgetown was awarded the HomeWood Sanitarium management Committee Award for psychiatric nursing at the 1978 convocation July 8 for Conestoga College nursing students. Seventy-two students graduates at the ceremonies held in Guelph.

### Show cancelled

Two performances of "The Rise and Fall of Planet Eggo" by the Recycle Players Theatre Troupe were cancelled last week. The performances, scheduled for the Georgetown Fairgrounds and Prospect Park in Acton on July 19 were cancelled the day before the performances. Mike Bennett, spokesman for the Halton Hills Energy Conservation Centre, which was sponsoring the event, said the Recycle Players had been disbanded, for reasons he had not yet been able to discover.

### Credit service grants

Credit and debt counselling services based in Guelph and Oakville are among 29 agencies across Ontario to which the provincial government has allocated more than \$680,000 in operating funds. The Credit and Debt Counselling Service of Guelph and District received a \$15,960 grant while the Oakville Family Service Bureau on Lakeshore Road East collected \$19,789. Local residents with financial problems seek counselling and medication services from the two non-profit agencies, adding to statistics which, during the 1977-78 fiscal year, turned up some 12,700 individual and family cases representing about 25,000 persons.

### Fire truck collision

A fire truck from the Acton detachment of the Halton Hills fire department was in collision with a pick-up truck Thursday while responding to a false alarm. The fire truck struck a pick-up truck owned by George Andrews of Limehouse as it was turning the corner at Willow and Mill streets. Damage is estimated at \$1,500.

### Garbage fire

Garbage from a barbecue last Wednesday ignited in a garbage can in a garage on Acton Boulevard in Acton. The fire resulted in \$200 to \$300 damage but no serious damage occurred. "They were at it with garden hoses" even before the fire department got there says Chief Mick Holmes.

### Permit for weapons

Halton Regional Police will now be able to register firearms, since new gun legislation has designated all police forces in the province as registrars. Prior to the enactment of this legislation, only the Ontario Provincial Police detachments were allowed to act as registrars. The force will now be issuing a "permit to transport" and a "permit to convey" firearms. The issue of a permit to transport is allowed only for a change of address or a reason such as the repair of firearm. A permit to convey is issued solely for the purpose of conveying a restricted weapon for registration.



### Park founder honored

Cliff Wigglesworth of Hornby unveils one of two plaques honoring Alfred Bridgen at a ceremony held at Hornby Community Park Sunday. For more pictures and story see page 14.

# CVCA takes hard line on pact, 'out to destroy union?' rep asks



## SUMMER WHEN THE FEELING IS... HOT!

On those days when the heat and humidity combine to make the great outdoors seem like a sauna bath, most people have the distant memory of the old swimming hole of their childhood to keep them going through the dog day afternoons. But their children have the real thing, as can be discovered with a tour of the old swimming holes of

Halton Hills, and the children are certainly taking advantage of the cool, clear water of Fairy Lake in Acton, Water Falls Park in Limehouse and Cedarvale Park in Georgetown. Jim Hichard was only one of many who took the plunge into Fairy Lake last week in an effort to beat the heat.

## Residents fear bank erosion for Merity plan, OMB told

Ratepayers opposing the building of 29 cluster homes off Edward and Margaret Streets fear a repetition of the Georgetown's Metcalfe ravine erosion problems if the project goes ahead as planned.

At an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing Monday Jim Hyatt told board members Jean Waddis and William Dyer that erosion problems along the Metcalfe ravine will cost \$150,000 to repair and the development proposed by Merity Development and Management Inc. is on a similar valley rim and could create a similar problem.

Mr. Hyatt, a Margaret Street resident and spokesman for area residents, said that two property owners F.E. Hull and Jim Sorenson have been fighting erosion of their Margaret Street yards for more than 20 years and the prospect of problems arising from an adjacent development is very real to the residents.

The development proposed by Merity would put 29 units in clusters along a 20-foot-wide private road looping through the property with exits on Margaret and Edward Streets. Small cul-de-sacs off the main roadway also offer access to small groups of homes.

Dharam Malik, architect for the development, testified that when he first proposed the cluster housing concept for the project in 1974 it was relatively new. In the years since then it has been used in several areas including a recently completed development which he designed in Meadowdale.

The homes will each have

their own front, side and rear yards, and an attached garage, Mr. Malik said. They will only share a common road and a driveway with their neighbor.

The fact that each lot will vary in size makes it impossible to talk about a standard lot but each one is a detached home with the usual facilities. There will be slightly less maintenance to such a home, Mr. Malik says, and they would appeal to young couples with small children looking for less expensive housing and to older couples whose children have left home who now want smaller homes demanding less upkeep.

The houses will all be 1,200 square feet in size, or larger, and have large kitchens and nice bathrooms.

Mr. Malik said his original intention was to build into the

slope of the valley on terraces but the Credit Valley Conservation Authority convinced him it was not a satisfactory plan. The CVCA has determined the top of the bank line for the project and all buildings must be at least 25 feet from this line.

Merity owns a total of 11.94 acres adjacent to Cedarvale Park and will deed 4.33 acres along a gully separating their property into two sections to the town for open space, said Merity's lawyer Rodney Smith.

The west portion of the development will contain 29 cluster homes in the \$50,000 to \$60,000 range which should conform fairly well to the type of homes already existing in the area, Mr. Malik said, while the eastern part of the development is to contain 18 slightly larger homes on conventional lots to match the

larger homes on Terry Court. OMB members were told that residents fear a real disaster if fire occurs in one of the two houses to be situated at the mouth of the development where the U-shaped road opens onto Margaret and Edward Streets.

A fire in either of these houses could block both ends of the road and trap residents in the development, Mr. Hyatt said, since the slopes behind the homes are too steep for easy descent by older people.

Such a situation could cause panic with possible loss of life and Mr. Hyatt suggested that the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office and insurance underwriters associations should be called on to comment on the acceptability of street design.

Despite testimony from a Deleux Cather Consultants traffic engineer, that the development would engender so little extra traffic on existing roads as to have no impact on the community, residents are not satisfied.

Mr. Hyatt pointed out that while the survey expects less than two cars household and no more than nine visitor parking spaces to be necessary at any one time, residents fear that visitors may overflow onto Edward and Margaret Streets to park and walk to their destination.

Residents are also concerned that persons living in the new development will not want to be bothered juggling cars in and out of their driveways and will wind up

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A union spokesman said Monday he has "the distinct impression" talks between the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) and its 10 outside employees may become a confrontation similar to the four-month-old Fleck Manufacturing Plant strike near Exeter.

Ray Whitehead, bargaining agent for Local 73, Canadian Union of Public Employees, said he believes the authority may be "out to destroy the union because it's so small."

Employees are seeking a one-year contract to replace another which expired March 31. There has been no movement on the single issue of wages since negotiations began March 3, Whitehead said.

The union is seeking 30 cents an hour to bring the starting rate for workers to \$5.14 and the three-month rate to \$5.68 an hour. CVCA has offered 24 cents an hour, Whitehead said.

A no board report was received Tuesday after a conciliator who reviewed the labor dispute in June. The union has 16 days following release of the report before it can legally strike.

Whitehead said wages for the CVCA workers are tied to wages paid Halton Hills outside workers, also represented by Local 73. He does not see any effect on town services by the CVCA dispute.

Whitehead said CVCA workers are low paid for the type of work they do.

Authority chairman Grant Clarkson would make no comment when reached Monday.

The dispute at the Fleck Manufacturing plant has been marred by confrontations between police and pickets. A recent decision by the Ontario

labor relations board has allowed the United Auto Workers Union the right to seek legal action against police and a member of the legislature. Management of Fleck has been taking an uncompromising position.

Whitehead said negotiations have been difficult and the management position has been negative, a position denied by Robert Harrison a member of the authority bargaining team Thursday.

He told a full authority meeting that it was the union's position not to continue negotiations. "We are quite prepared to continue."

The comment came following suggestions that the union was moving to arbitration, a move denied by Whitehead Monday.

Oakville member of the authority Laurie Mannell expressed dismay that no

information had been passed onto authority members concerning the status of negotiations and the possibility of a strike.

Mr. Mannell's comments forced authority chairman Grant Clarkson to comment that "this discussion has weakened the conservation authority's position."

"If there's no confidence in the management committee carrying on these discussions, then give us a resolution that you do not have confidence in us," he told the authority. No resolution was forthcoming.

Mr. Mannell said he was disappointed adding that there was nothing brought out in the open meeting to prejudice the authority's position.

"I have no criticism of the committee, he said, but as a member of the authority I would like to know what's going on."

## Coyote warning out for most of Halton

Farmers beware — in spite of the continuing expansion of cities in Halton, there are still plenty of wild places for coyotes to hide out, and there are enough of the animals around to be a threat to domestic animals at this time of year.

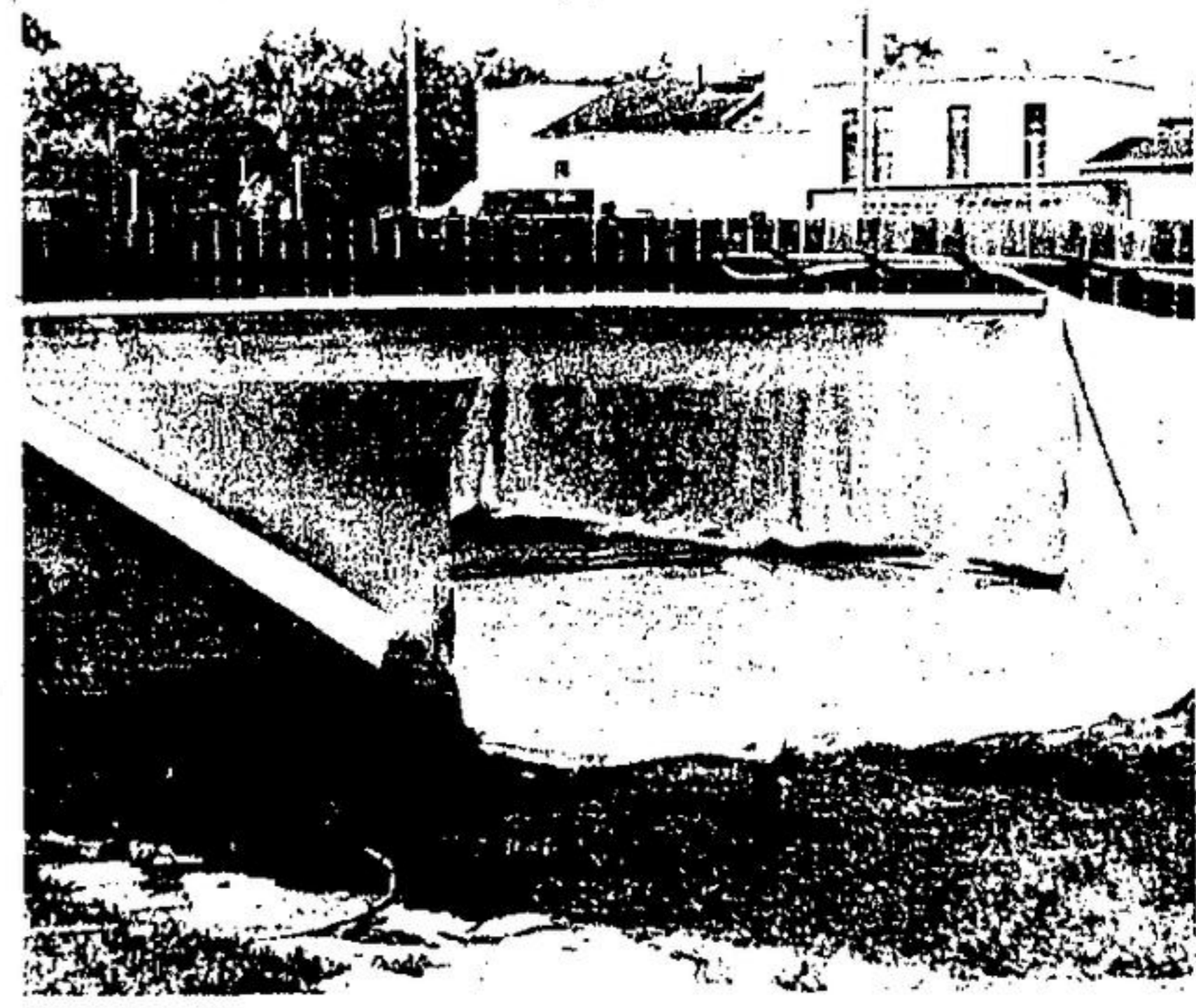
Henry Stanley, agricultural representative with the Milton office of the Ontario ministry of agriculture and food has issued a warning to remind area livestock owners that they can collect compensation for losses in livestock due to wolves and coyotes.

Mr. Stanley said people are under the impression that Halton is too urbanized to have any serious threat posed by coyotes, but this is a mistake.

Livestock owners along Walkers Line in Burlington have recently lost sheep, and it is believed there are dens of coyotes as far south as Milton.

Coyotes are capable of killing a full-grown sheep, but they usually attack lambs. Packs of dogs also pose a threat to livestock, and a pack will kill more than one animal at once, Mr. Stanley said.

Hunters in the area have shot coyotes along the Niagara Escarpment in Halton, Mr. Stanley said. The Ontario ministry of natural resources also operates a predator control program. When a regional or district office of the ministry receives a complaint, an independent trapper is hired to catch problem animals.



The big question — Where did the 3,000 gallons of water go when the side of the pool collapsed?

## Pool empties with gush flows down King Street

Harry and Nancy Layton and their children were enjoying a cool swim in the above-ground pool behind their apartment building on King Street Saturday afternoon when the side of the pool collapsed.

Mrs. Layton said they were all in the pool at the time, except for her son, who ran around "screaming hysterically" while the water drained out. The water ran down the

driveway, along King Street, and around the corner toward the GO Transit parking lot. It took only one or two minutes for the pool to empty, Mrs. Layton said, but it wasn't dangerous.

The pool held about 3,000 gallons of water, but damage in the incident was minimal, with the water for the most part ending up on the street and not on private property.

Mrs. Layton said they examined the pool after the water had run away, and the side appeared to have rusted and given way under the weight of the water.

The owners of the building and pool, located at 49 King Street, are Grant and Jean Speed, who lived in the house at one time, but have since moved out.

# 24 hours of steady rain needed for parched crops

Special to The Herald  
"It would take 24 hours of a steady rain to do a lot of good," said ministry of agriculture and food associate representative for Halton Mark Leahy. Friday morning's rainfall (approximately 10 millimetres) is "a relief for the crop, but that's about it."

Mr. Leahy said a good rain would definitely assist crops in the Acton area. But the drought has caused some irreparable damage. The stocks of grain crops such as wheat, oats and barley and even corn are short, said Mr. Leahy.

Normally, said Ron McArthur, an Acton farmer, grain starts to head when it is 2 1/2 feet high. "I've seen grain this year coming into head at just over one foot high," he said. "One of the things for sure,"

said Mr. Leahy, "is that there will be a shortage of straw." Friday's rain isn't enough to end the drought, but "without that rain it would have looked bad," said Gerhardt Trevisanus, Ontario Federation of Agriculture representative from Georgetown.

Mr. Trevisanus said he usually sells approximately 160 acres of corn for grain and fills his silos with silage from the remainder of his 240 acres of corn. Before Friday's rain, Mr. Trevisanus estimated he would need all 240 acres to fill the silos with silage because of the small size of the corn stalks. If he has to use the entire 240 acres of corn for silage, Mr. Trevisanus will lose approximately \$30,000.

"In some places the corn isn't going to come back," said Mr. Leahy.

"But there is some corn that isn't that bad which looks green and uniform, he said. Mrs. Hoy Swackhamer of RR2, Acton said their corn "is not that bad."

"It's just slowed down," she said, but a good rain would revive the crop. Though Mr. Leahy said the June-July drought hasn't caused a crop failure he said another couple of weeks

without rain and "it's on the verge of it soon."

Brian Smith, climatologist with the Ontario weather centre in Toronto and neither June nor July sets a record for low rainfall. He said the record low rainfall in this area for June is 4.1 millimetres in 1949 and the record low for July is 11.4 millimetres in 1957. Mr. Smith said the rainfall for June measured 25.2 millimetres, 35