

## YOUR MORNING SMILE

The zoo keeper received an irate phone call describing the fact that the monkeys were playing poker. He was warned to do something about it right away. "It's ok," the keeper commented, "they're just playing for peanuts."

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## About The Hills

### Stress not strain

Sheridan College will hold a special presentation on how to differentiate between stress and strain at the Oakville campus on Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. Doctors Joseph Houlton and Gary Adams, both chiropractors, will discuss how to differentiate between stress and strain and how to use stress as a creative force. Tickets are \$5 and may be obtained in advance or at the door.

### Support convention

The Halton Region Conservation Authority (HRCA) will make a \$500 contribution toward the 1979 annual meeting of the Soil Conservation Society of America, which is being held in Ottawa next summer under the sponsorship of the Society's Ontario chapter. Authority general manager Murray Stephen informed the executive committee Thursday that the Ontario meetings are usually the best-attended, the last one having attracted more than 2,000 delegates to Toronto in 1970.

### Pioneer threshing

Black Creek Pioneer Village will be highlighting its usual activities with demonstrating of threshing and separating with horse-powered machinery during the September weekends between 2 and 4 p.m. The village, located at Jane Street and Steeles Avenue, north of Toronto, is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends and holidays during September and October.

### Condominium owners

Sheridan College will be running a 12-week course for condominium unit owners and members of the board of directors at its Brampton campus beginning Sept. 21. Participants will learn the legal aspects of running a condominium, how to manage its daily affairs efficiently and how to organize meetings and adequate maintenance programs. Fee for the course is \$10. Sessions run from 7 to 10 p.m.

### Orchestra audition

The National Youth Orchestra (NYO) has announced an early deadline for applicants wishing to audition for the 1979 edition of the 100-member training orchestra. During October through December auditions will be held in 20 cities across Canada. Those wishing to audition must send a \$50 deposit along with their application. This will be refunded to unsuccessful applicants. NYO provides transportation, accommodation and tuition costs for its members. For application forms or further information contact NYO, 76 Charles St. West, Toronto, M5S 1K8, or call 416-922-5031.

### Finding a job

Sheridan College is presenting a new evening course on How to Plan for and Find the Right Job. The course is aimed at those changing careers or trying to get back into the work force and will cover resume preparation, interview skills and company search. The 10-session course begins Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Brampton campus. The fee is \$40. For further information or registration contact the Brampton campus at 459-7533, 826-4360 or 364-7491.

### Boating classes

Brampton Power Squadron will hold registration for boating classes at Central Peel Secondary school, 32 Kennedy Rd., Brampton on Sept. 11 and 12. Classes begin Monday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m., and continue for 22 weeks. For further information call John Brousseau at 459-2374.

### College registration

Sheridan College students begin classes Sept. 11. Registration days for Brampton campus students are Sept. 6 and 7 beginning at 9 a.m. in the gymnasium. For Oakville campus students registrations will be taken in Sheridan Hall from Sept. 5 to 8 beginning at 9 a.m.

### Stroke recovery centre

The Halton Stroke Recovery Association will hold its first meeting Monday, Sept. 18 in the Red Cross Building, 167 Navy St., Oakville. Guest speaker will be Sam Collins, president of the Toronto branch of the association. The meeting is open to all stroke persons, their spouses, their family and friends and to professional people and volunteers interested in this issue. It is hoped that meetings will be held the third Monday of each month following this meeting. For further information or transportation contact the Oakville Red Cross at 845-5241 or Jane Williamson at 842-0561 between 4 and 6 p.m.

### Station expanding

The Ministry of Transportation and Communications is calling for tenders for the expansion of the parking lot at the Georgetown GO Rail Station. Tenders are being called for grading, drainage, granular base and hot paving mix, and will be opened at ministry headquarters in Downsview September 13. The project is being funded by the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority.

### Woman Alive

The Sheridan College Centre for Women is sponsoring a conference called Woman Alive at the Oakville campus on Saturday, Sept. 23. Guest speaker at the day long event is Doris Anderson, former editor of Chatelaine magazine and author of Two Women. The conference will feature eight workshops, a continuous showing of films by and about women and resource people to provide information on current issues affecting women. Workshops begin at 10:30 a.m. and are limited to 25 participants each. Cost for the day is \$5. For registration or further information contact the Sheridan College Centre for Women at 823-9730 or 845-9430.

### Tenders called

Ontario Housing Corporation called tenders Aug. 14 for 52 units of senior citizen housing in Acton. Closing date for submitting tenders is Sept. 20.

## OPP probes chairman's conduct

Halton police commission chairman William Hourigan is being investigated by provincial police for alleged misuse of his position as chairman by interfering with a traffic investigation being conducted by a Burlington policeman.

Halton Crown attorney Jim Treleaven reported the allegation to the Attorney-General's office last week. He has refused to discuss the nature of the allegation.

OPP detective inspector Tom Lennon of the Toronto headquarters criminal investigation branch, has been assigned to the investigation. Mr. Treleaven said he became aware of the situation shortly after it happened, but he waited for Halton police to conduct their own internal investigation before reporting it to Herbert Langdon, deputy provincial director of crown attorneys.

Mr. Hourigan a Burlington lawyer, is a government appointee to the position, Judge Tom Graham, chairman of the Ontario Police Commission (OPC) said, in explaining why the OPP are investigating.

The OPC has filed a report on the situation with the attorney-general's office. Normally the OPC would report to the Solicitor-General's office, but Solicitor General George Kerr is on vacation, and in his absence, the OPC reports to the Attorney-General.

Mr. Hourigan was appointed to the police commission in 1976 by regional council to replace George Harrington, former Burlington mayor. He was elected chairman of the commission in January, 1977.

## Toronto boys killed by car

Andrew Taylor, 8 and James Fraser, 13, both of Toronto, died Sunday in a car-bike collision on the 1st Line of Halton Hills, just south of Highway 7 in Acton.

The two Toronto youths on the mini-bike collided with a car driven by Timothy Wayne Young, 28, of Etobicoke, and were pronounced dead at the scene. An autopsy was performed Monday at Milton District Hospital to determine the cause of death.

Halton Regional Police said Tuesday charges are pending.



## Why can't I come too?

School starts this morning across Halton and Belle isn't the only pet wondering why she has been left behind as well-scrubbed youngsters leave for their first day of a brand new year. While parents heave a sigh of relief to see all those happy faces heading out the door, Belle and her contemporaries mope by the door waiting for 4 o'clock and the return of their summer companions.

## Huge sand deposit alters housing plan

By PAUL DORSEY  
Herald staff writer

Goldfan Holdings Ltd. has discovered "a significant quantity of sand aggregate" on a 72-acre site southeast of Acton it wishes to develop for housing, and the excavation that is being considered as a result could create an 11-acre amphitheatre with great potential for recreational use.

Company spokesman Arnold Wise revealed the "new wrinkle" in the development proposal to the town planning board last Tuesday. Claiming that it would be "irresponsible" of Goldfan Holdings to build homes on top of the sand deposit, he asked the board to designate the site for extractive as well as residential use.

The board referred Goldfan's revised proposal to the planning department for a report to be returned by Oct. 10. The Toronto-based development company has applied for an official plan amendment allowing it to develop 72 of the 167 acres Goldfan owns east of Churchill Road in Acton. Mr. Wise recalled that the proposal to develop large residential lots on a septic tank system received "an encouraging response" from board members when it was first unveiled last May.

Consultant's reports prepared since that time have led the company to plan lots that would vary in size from one-third to one-half an acre depending on the slope and soil

condition of the immediate vicinity.

Soils consultants Dr. Bruce Brown told the board that much of the site features from 40 to 80 feet of fine sand which would vastly prolong the life expectancy of the subdivision's septic tanks.

"I have designed some 25,000 septic tank systems for subdivisions across Ontario, and this is by far the most ideal site I've seen yet," Dr. Brown stated.

Mr. Wise explained that there is already a large "kettle" or basin of the site forming a natural amphitheatre about which all visitors to the site have remarked admiringly. It is at this location, however, where the large sand aggregate deposit has been discovered. Because of the current value of the relatively scarce material, Mr. Wise said the company wishes to mine the same over a two to three-year period for eventual sale on the commercial market.

Construction of the subdivision homes could begin at the same time mining operations are getting underway, he noted if a carefully planned schedule of phasing is followed. After removing an estimated 250,000 to 300,000 tons of the 400,000-ton deposit, the extraction site would be graded to prevent erosion and the result would be a very unusual 11-acre park.

"We have here a golden opportunity for some fun planning," Dr. Brown commented. "The area gets lots of sunlight,

it's out of the wind and there's lots of opportunity for spectators or activities."

Coun. Peter Marks listed a number of concerns over the proposal, relating primarily to its proximity to urban Acton. The Goldfan representatives answered that traffic flow from the subdivision and transportation to Acton schools and shopping areas will be considered as the plan is further developed.

Coun. Pat McKenzie wondered why the proposal could not be approved in its present stage.

"It's near the urban area, and if either of our urban areas are to grow we must experiment with septic tanks," he said, alluding to the town's current inability to accommodate additional growth in terms of sewage treatment capacity. "I'm sure they'll be good homes. I can't see the staff coming back with a flat 'no'."

Planning director Mario Venditti and board chairman Roy Booth pointed out that the company's application for an official plan amendment has just recently been circulated among the numerous agencies and authorities whose responses are needed before a decision can be made.

Coun. Russ Miller said he regarded the proposal as "putting (otherwise) unusable land to good use" but expressed concern over the effect the subdivision might have on the wells supplying two existing homes to the south.

Coun. Les Duby commented that the proposed site represents the "logical" direction Acton must grow, but Coun. George Malby adamantly refused to endorse a proposal that he predicted will cause problems for traffic throughout the area.

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson was right, he said, to question the effects truck traffic from the site will have upon the existing traffic flow and rural roadsides. He suggested the proposal should be rejected immediately as being premature.

## Regional plan is set for approval

After a final flurry of revisions last week, Halton region's first official plan is to be placed before regional council today for final approval.

The long-awaited recommendation to approve the plan and forward it to the ministry of housing came last week from the regional planning committee after nearly two hours of low-key debate over suggested changes, primarily to the portion dealing with agriculture.

Halton Hills farmers Peter Branch and Rod Pinkney were again on hand to elaborate on the concerns they expressed the week previous in an effort to have adoption of the plan delayed. They were joined this time by fellow farmer and former N.H.L. star Pierre Pilote a Stewarttown area resident, as well as several other Halton residents who wished to question some of the plan's proposals.

Mr. Branch cited some 17 different sections of the regional plan which he contended were impractical, irrelevant, dictatorial or unfair to farmers. The planning committee was generally sympathetic toward his views and in some cases, readily accepted his suggestions.

Central to the appeals made by Mr. Branch and Mr. Pinkney was their condemnation of the provincial government's Agricultural Code of Practice, a highly contentious guideline document to which the regional plan repeatedly refers. Mr. Branch claimed to know no full-time farmers who support the Code's intentions.

Halton Hills Coun. Roy Booth agreed that citing the Code in the regional plan is like "waving a red flag" in front of the bull. The committee voted to delete references in the plan to the Code of Practice wherever possible.

Mr. Branch challenged the region's ability to "monitor and evaluate the impact on the rural area" which any development proposals might have. Planner Bob White explained, however, that Halton is already doing so as a routine part of its planning procedure.

The committee also agreed with Mr. Branch that agricultural policy matters should be discussed between Halton's elected representatives and the minister of agriculture and food. Halton's agriculture representative, however, should not participate in such discussions, as proposed in the plan, it was agreed.

Mr. Branch warned that the region's intention as stated in the plan, to "provide sewage sludge suitable for fertilizer, subject to environmental guidelines", could leave Halton open to future liability because of the unknown chemical factors of sludge that have yet to be fully investigated. He suggested that the use or disposal of sludge should be left to the discretion of Halton's four area municipalities.

Coun. Booth pointed out, though, that the plan's proposed policy has been deliberately amended with qualifying "riders" that should preclude any possible error of judgement. Although no changes were made, a lengthy debate ensued over the plan's policy governing the granting of land severances to "bona fide farmers", who the plan defines as farmers whose principle occupations and incomes stem from commercial farm operations.

Halton Hills planning director Mario Venditti reported that the regional plan clashes in some respects with Halton Hills' own proposed official plan over the subject of severances. Although the plans ultimately conform with one another, he said, Halton Hills is seeking a review of all severance policies.

Coun. Booth criticized the regional plan's definition of a bona fide farmer and called the severance policy "ludicrous" and "cumbersome". He suggested that the region simply state "no severances allowed", as its policy.

Milton Mayor Don Gordon and Burlington Coun. Ben Ciprietti defended the proposed policy, however, despite Mr. White's concession that it is "a difficult policy" for which the planning department has had to make compromises.

Mr. Pinkney endorsed Mr. Branch's condemnation of the proposals for sludge disposal, speculating that there may be viruses among the inorganic materials found in sludge.

He further criticized the plan's intention to control land use in the rural areas to the point where industry would be banned. Mr. Pinkney argued that "clean industry" which does not tax municipal services in its immediate vicinity should be welcomed so that it can provide a wider assessment base to the benefit of rural residents.

Coun. Booth assured Mr. Pinkney that the plan can be amended to allow certain industrial uses of agricultural land if council agrees such development proposals have merit. The policy outlined in the plan is not to be construed as a "land freeze", he said.

But intimations that land freezes are part and parcel of the plan's policies were the reason Pierre Pilote, a Halton Hills farmer for the past six years, appeared before the committee.

Mr. Pilote informed the committee that Ontario Hydro's Bruce to Milton transmission corridor is going to pass right past his home, despite years of work by area farmers and other landowners to stop the project. By "freezing" his property for solely agricultural purposes, Mr. Pilote complained, the region is also freezing its potential market value to current agricultural prices.

Halton Hills Coun. Mike Armstrong commented that the region is trying to protect

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PETE POMEROY

## Pomeroy seeks mayor's office

Norval native, Pete Pomeroy, announced Monday that he will be seeking the mayor's seat in the Nov. 13 municipal election.

Mr. Pomeroy, 39, has represented Ward 9 on Halton Hills council for the past two years. During that time he has come to recognize the complexity of the problems which the town will face in the next two years, he says, and has decided that he can devote his full time and energy to leading council in resolving these problems.

Without question, Mr. Pomeroy says, the issues will centre around taxes, development and the inherent rights of property owners, especially the farmers. The next administration must ensure that all the many distinct communities within Halton Hills boundaries retain their own unique identities. Even though it must work within the framework of regional government he feels that the next council can build a strong base and give direction to future administrations.

"The future is what this campaign is all about," Mr. Pomeroy says.

He emphasizes that strong teamwork, a tightening up of the committee system and

hard work will prepare his council to meet these problems squarely.

"Focal Properties (the company proposing to build 1,840 homes on Mountainview Road south of Silver Creek) will definitely be a campaign issue later on," Mr. Pomeroy says, "but I don't want to reveal all my strategy just yet. That will come out as the campaign progresses."

Mr. Pomeroy owner of North Halton Sports in Georgetown was a founding member of the Georgetown O.H.A. Junior B Geminis, president of the Georgetown O.H.A. Int. "A Chrysler Raiders and a founding member of the Georgetown Raquet Club.

Mr. Pomeroy is married and has three daughters.

Ontario Cup semis here Saturday

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## Former deputy-reeve

## Goodwin seeks regional seat

A former deputy-reeve of Halton County has announced his intention to seek the Ward 1 (Acton) seat on regional council in the forthcoming municipal election.

Roy Goodwin, 56, a real estate salesman who lives with his wife Rheta on Mill Street East, told The Herald this week that he made the decision to re-enter local politics after hearing G.W. (Pat) McKenzie's recent announcement that he will retire from regional council at the end of the current term. If elected, he expects to make regional council a full-time job.

Mr. Goodwin's first experience with regional government came while he was deputy-reeve of W.F. Hunter's county council in 1965. Council had a report prepared on the proposed new form of government, he recalled, which con-

cluded with an unfortunate experience involving Halton's plan to share a new jail facility with the citizens of Wentworth. The provincial government, however, had other ideas, and chose to ignore the wishes of Halton County councillors.

Since regional government arrived in Halton in 1974, Mr. Goodwin has concluded "there are many things about it I don't like too well," but concedes that it's here to stay and Halton citizens will have to "make the best we can" of the situation.

"Regional government most definitely has its good points," he added.

Mr. Goodwin explained that he has not had adequate time to study many of the issues presently facing regional coun-

cil but indicated that he will make his opinions known within the coming weeks.

He commented, though, that he is prepared to support the efforts of the Interested Citizens Group in attempting to stop Ontario Hydro's Bruce to Milton transmission corridor. An Ontario Municipal Board hearing into the matter is scheduled to begin Jan. 2.

Mr. Goodwin, an Acton resident since 1945, was a member of the Acton public school board during the early 1960's. He has been an executive member of the Acton Chamber of Commerce for many years and was its president in 1970 and 1971.

In 1948, Mr. Goodwin established a taxi operation in Acton which soon expanded, through

the addition of a truck to his fleet of cabs, to include dry-cleaning and delivery. He sold the business in 1960 to enter the late W.J. McLeod's real estate firm, then in 1965 opened the Sports Corner on Mill Street East, which he ran for five years.

From 1971 to 1977, Mr. Goodwin was a partner in Lakeview Centre, which sells decorating and building supplies. He sold his share in the company last year to join the Port Charlotte, Florida, Home Finders, R.D. Ltd., real estate firm, a Canadian company with its head office in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin have one daughter, Carol, who is a member of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Collingwood. They have two grandchildren.