

## New role and direction for advisory committee

Halton Hills recreation advisory committee (RAC) will have a new direction and strengthened line of communication with council in the new year.

Finance and administration committee Monday approved recommendations to streamline the handling of recreation issues to avoid duplication in preparation of reports and calls for action. Responding to concerns raised by members of the Wards 3 and 4 RAC finance committee approved changes effective in the new year to make the committee responsive to issues affecting the entire town of Halton Hills. The approach will overcome

the present lack of input from residents of Acton and Esquesing in recreational needs. An RAC from Wards 1 and 2 disbanded in July, 1976, following expressed concerns over a lack of communication with council on RAC recommendations.

Similar concerns were raised recently by the Wards 3 and 4 committee.

Finance committee approved a recommendation calling for reciprocal representation on both committees, a revision of the RAC terms of reference and communication with council, and an expansion of future RACs to include two members from each ward.

A representative of the RAC will meet with recreation director Glen Gray and clerk-administrator Ken Richardson to determine the new terms of reference. Mr. Richardson expressed concerns that the RAC was intruding into areas of policy and internal control within the recreation department.

Finance committee later illustrated its concerns by amending a recommendation, contained in the minutes of the RAC to remove a reference that directed recreation department staff to hire Canada works employees for a fitness grant.

## Two ballots this election

Halton Hills voters will be marking two separate ballots on election day, Nov. 13.

Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson informed town council.

Voters will be required to pick candidates for the mayor's and councillor's seats in their home ward from one composite ballot and candidates for the appropriate school board seats on a second ballot.

Mr. Richardson will also investigate the availability of special notched ballots that will enable blind voters to mark their own choices in the election. At present, Halton Hills requires blind residents to authorize a returning officer or other designate to mark their ballots for them, but Coun. Roy Booth learned of the new method and finds the idea more appealing.

Pay stipends for returning officers, poll clerks and tabulation clerks have been in-

creased for the coming election to \$52.50, \$40 and \$30, respectively, although in Halton Hills there will no longer be a mileage allowance. Mr. Richardson reported that Halton Hills is "reasonably consistent" with Halton's other member municipalities in terms of the fees paid.

Polls will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Nov. 13. An advance poll for residents who will be unable to vote locally on that date will be held Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nominations, for which the necessary papers are available at the town clerk's office, are expected to be completed by Oct. 23 at 5 p.m., but additional nominations will be accepted by the returning officer Oct. 16 through 20.

A preliminary voters list will be posted Oct. 20, with any revisions and corrections to be made prior to Oct. 27.

## Blacksmith shop at CVCA offices

An historic blacksmith shop will be moved from its present Dundas Street site in Mississauga to the Meadowvale Conservation Area off Derry Road if city council and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) can come to an agreement over the proposed deal.

Since Mississauga recently sold the site near Etobicoke Creek where the blacksmith's shop now stands, suggestions are being welcomed as to a future location for the structure. Mississauga recreation and parks commission Lyle Love informed the CVCA last week that the city has been unable to find a suitable location within its parks system.

The shop must be relocated before next April, Mr. Love reported, and about \$45,000 has

been set aside by the city for the relocating operation.

According to a recent CVCA decision, Meadowvale conservation area will soon no longer be a revenue-producing park, but will be developed in coming years as a more active recreational area. The blacksmith shop is expected to become the first major attraction to be installed at Meadowvale.

The shop, designated an historic site by the city, had been marked by a commemorative plaque, but the CVCA was informed that the plaque has since been stolen.



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Nel Elson of the Heritage Hand Weavers demonstrated her skills Saturday at the Georgetown public library.

## Weaving display at library

Visitors to the Georgetown public library Saturday were treated to a special display and demonstration of the many varieties of hand weaving, as members of the Credit Valley Artisans and two local weaving clubs joined forces in an effort to keep the public in touch with their on-going interests and activities.

On display were several kinds of weaving looms and a wide assortment of woven goods, the colors and varying designs of which captured the attention of many book lovers who found themselves shop-

ping for original hand-woven shawls, belts, blankets and place mats.

The display was organized by the Credit Valley Artisans, the Georgetown Hand Weavers and the Heritage Hand Weavers, whose members, according to spokeswoman Margaret Searle and Diana Magrath, abhor any suggestion that their work could be done much more quickly and easily.

The whole point of hand weaving, of course, is the weaver's personal enjoyment of his craft, both in the weaving process and in the end

product. Local hand weavers are nevertheless constantly and patiently fending off helpful observers who like to explain to them how much time they can save by modifying their looms with small engines.

Mrs. Searle told The Herald that she finds weaving a totally absorbing past-time that produces new innovations every day in terms of design. Those with more artistic leanings can follow the example of Nel Elson, a member of the Heritage Hand Weavers who has recently begun incorporating

figurative designs into her weaving.

Using linen and wool, Mrs. Elson creates an image on the loom by following a selected pattern in much the same way an embroiderer follows an imprinted pattern on the fabric.

Hand weaving offers a variety particularly in the loom format. Library visitors examined the small Inkle loom for the weaving of belts, the four-harness loom and frame loom for larger projects, and were also able to study a large bedspread produced by two weavers using a 90-inch loom.

Mrs. Searle reported that the recent increase in public interest in hand weaving appears to have produced the first technological development in weaving in centuries. An English inventor has come up with a method known as switch shafting, she said, which is generating a great deal of interest around the world.

The work of the Credit Valley Artisans and the Georgetown and Heritage Hand Weavers will again be on display at the Artisans' forthcoming annual exhibition scheduled for late November.

## Police investigations under way

Halton Regional police are investigating a case of indecent exposure and one of an indecent act.

A 13-year-old girl reported that when she got off the school bus on the 10th Line, a man in a brown van called out to her, asking for directions to get to Hwy. 401. When she walked up to the van, she saw the driver wasn't wearing any clothes.

In a second incident, a woman reported that her nine-year-old daughter and a friend were strolling in her car in the Robert Street Fairgrounds when a young man, about 18, with blonde hair, approached the

car and exposed himself. The girls locked themselves in the car until he left.

A Guelph Street resident in Georgetown reported hearing the sound of breaking glass at about midnight last Tuesday, and when she looked outside, saw two young men running to the rear of a nearby property. A 7 foot by 3 foot plate glass door, the property of Piccinini's Texaco Service Station, was broken.

Two Acton youths were arrested and charged with theft under \$200 after Constable Tom Roduck observed them syphoning gasoline from a veh-

icle at 192 Churchhill Road.

A Georgetown resident reported the theft of an owner's manual, a cheque and an antenna from his car while it was parked at Centennial Middle School. The value of the stolen items was estimated at \$20. The complainant saw a vehicle with three men just prior to the theft.

A Georgetown woman reported that while her car was parked at Harrison Public School, thieves broke into it and stole a 35 mm. Zeiss-Ikon Contaflex camera, valued at \$150.

A Caledon woman reported

that vandals broke off the radio antenna on her van while it was parked at Cedarvale Park. The cassette recorder was also pulled out of the dash. Damage was estimated at \$26.

Vandals ripped the screen in a storm door on a residence on RR3 Milton, causing \$100 damage.

Vandals slashed two tires on a car parked at St. Andrew's Church on Mountainview Road causing \$200 damage.

A Halton Hills woman reports the antenna was ripped off her car while it was parked at Cedarvale Park last week.

A Willowdale man reported the theft of his wife's ankle bracelet from the washroom at the North Halton Golf and Country Club last week. The bracelet was left on the counter in the washroom and was gone when she returned.

Police have been requested to keep a construction site on Delrex Boulevard under observation, after window screens and construction material were reported to have been thrown about.

A Georgetown man reported the theft of a Keystone pocket camera in a brown leather case, bag of tomatoes and two blank cheques of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce from his car while it was parked outside the Bowlarama on Mountainview Road South.

Two juveniles are under investigation after they were found to have property in their possession which was identified as having been stolen from the office of the Niagara Escarpment Commission on Guelph Street. The theft of a pocket dictaphone and an electric watch from the office had previously been reported.

A set of licence plates, MKO 606, were stolen from a car at Johnson's Auto Wreckers sometime between April and September of this year.

Burglars broke into the Delrex Smoke Shop in the Georgetown Market plaza some time between 9 p.m. Friday evening and 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning and stole an unknown quantity of cigarettes.

An Acton girl suffered bruises and swelling on both sides of her face after being struck by a man with his open hand. The suspect is described as heavy-set, dark-haired man, wearing a black jacket. The assault took place in the area of Robert Little School in Acton.

A man reports that while his car was parked outside his home on Rexway Drive, vandals broke the sideview mirror and dented the door on the

driver's side. Damage was estimated at \$50.

Burglars broke into Fong's Restaurant on Mountainview Road South, sometime between 3 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sept. 17 gaining entry by breaking a basement window and entering the basement. A freezer light was turned on, but there was no evidence the culprits managed to get out of the basement to the main floor. Nothing appears to have been taken.

A break in occurred at Tot's Shell Service Station in Acton sometime between 7 p.m. Sept. 16 and 11 a.m. Sept. 17. Entry was gained by throwing a cement block through the bay door window, and then breaking the glass in the door to the office. The office was searched and a metal box containing about \$81 was taken.

Nothing appears to have been taken during a break-in at Little Motors on Highway 7 in Acton sometime between 4:30 p.m. Sept. 16 and 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 17. Entry was gained by breaking a window in the rear of the garage. The burglar ransacked the office.

Two broken windows at Rite-way Auto Body may have been broken by a slingshot, police believe. While investigating a complaint about the broken windows, the officer noticed a silver ball bearing on the ground outside one of the windows.

Burglars broke into Sledman's on Main Street, Georgetown, gaining entry by twisting the front door lock with pliers or another similar tool, causing the latch to unlock. Once inside, the burglars broke into a desk in the office and took about \$200 in bills and rolls of change.

A radio valued at \$39 was stolen from the warehouse area of Abithi Paper Company on Armstrong Avenue sometime between Sept. 11 and 13.

A radio valued at \$50 and \$15 in change was stolen from Cameo Books, Distributors, sometime between Sept. 11 and 13.

A large tarpaulin was stolen from the Acton Fall Fair sometime during the night of Sept. 17-18. The tarpaulin is white in color and has "Drumbo Tent and Awning" printed on it. It is 9 feet by 40 feet. The complainant suggested that it may have been packed away, and might show up at the Milton Fair next weekend. The value of the tarpaulin is estimated at \$100.

Halton Hills works department has asked police to make extra patrols of the cemetery near the Kingham Road townhouses during the night, after vandals recently pushed over about 15 gravestones at the south side of the cemetery.

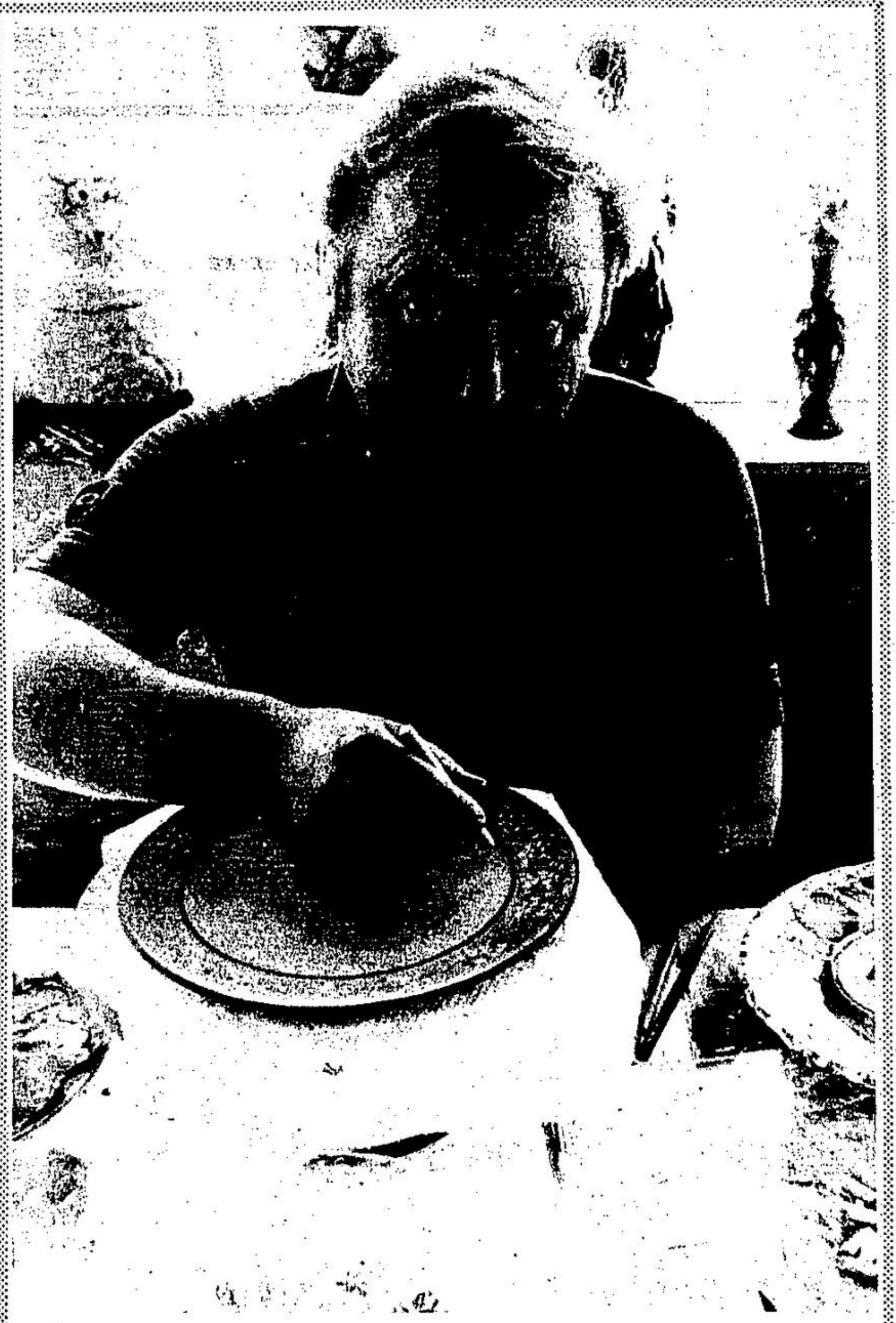


## PLANT OPENS

Halton Hills assistant planner Brian Krophil, Ward 4 Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson, Halton Hills clerk-administrator Ken Richardson and Ward 4 Coun. Mike Armstrong took a look around the water pollution control

plant after the official opening of the plant expansion last Friday. Regional chairman Ric Morrow, mayor Tom Hill, Environment Minister Harry Parrot, and MPP Julian Reed were among the dignitaries at the official opening.

Soccer  
finals  
Saturday



Guest artist at Saturday's grand opening of Georgetown Ceramics on Armstrong Avenue was Harry Wilson of Toronto, who works primarily with glass.

## Ceramics opening a success

Opening day at Georgetown Ceramics, the community's newest business, was an overwhelming success that caught even owner Cathy Haarsma by surprise.

A 12-year resident of Georgetown, Mrs. Haarsma has been conducting ceramics and glasswork classes for the past few months and recently moved the school to

the industrial-commercial mall at 247 Armstrong Ave. that, as of Saturday, has become a popular retail outlet for clay and glass products.

Examples of some 600 different items are on display at the new store, many of which have been produced by some of Mrs. Haarsma's 129 students. On hand for Saturday's opening day were Harry Wilson of Toronto and Betty Jane Smith of Alliston, experienced craftsmen who ably demonstrated their talents for the estimated 400 visitors who stopped by Georgetown Ceramics for the opening festivities.

The 3,000-square foot store will provide classroom space for the ten-week classes

which Mrs. Haarsma and two other teachers conduct. Four kilns are situated at the rear of the store amidst a plaster jungle of moulds and ceramic objects. On one wall is a sign warning of "ceramic fever", which Mrs. Haarsma, after a seven-year bout of her own, readily confirms is highly contagious.

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