

## About The Hills

### Safety door for library

Halton Hills Library Board decided last week to authorize the purchase of a new door complete with safety glass and panic hardware for the Georgetown library. Librarian Betsy Cornwell informed the board that the last time the lock on the door required fixing the repair man told her the lock was obsolete. Although he had managed to find a barrel to replace the broken one it was unlikely that it could be repaired again, he said. Mrs. Cornwell said the present door is not a "safety door" and the hinges are coming away from the wood so it seems a waste of money to try repairing it.

### Santa's on his way

Preparations are now underway for the annual Georgetown Santa Claus parade, to be held this year on Dec. 2. The parade is again sponsored by the local Lions Club who are currently soliciting donations to help cover the costs of the event. Donations may be sent to the Lions' Hall, 42 Mill St., Georgetown, Ont. or call, 877-3821 for more details.

### Board positions opening

Town council will advertise locally for two weeks in late November for interested Halton Hills residents who would like to join on a variety of boards and committees serving the municipality. Names submitted will be placed before the town's incoming council early in its term of office, with all appointments expected to be made early in the new year. Members of such committees as the boards of management for Acton's and Georgetown's Business Improvement Areas and the Halton Hills Public Library Board whose appointments expire Dec. 31 are entitled to hold their seats until replacements are designated.

### Focal deal to be discussed

The Georgetown Area Ratepayers Association will hold a general meeting Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. at Centennial Public School on Delrex Boulevard. Heading the meeting's agenda is a report by the Association committee that has been investigating the proposal by Focal Properties Ltd. to develop its lands on Georgetown's southern boundary. While the meeting is open to members only, memberships will be on sale at the door at a cost of \$3 for one year or \$5 for two years.

### Library contributes to fund

The Halton Hills Library Board voted at the last meeting to contribute \$150 to the Canadian Library Association for use on Project Progress, a nation-wide survey conducted by the association aimed at providing a series of upgrading guidelines for libraries. The association has \$125,000 of the \$175,000 needed for the project said librarian Betsy Cornwell. When the request first came to the board some time ago it was turned down because it seemed to have no application to the board, she said. Board member Ken Riley felt that the need for such information existed now however since the board seems to be floundering over its plan with the new or revised building.

### Volunteer drivers needed

The Halton Hills units of the Canadian Cancer Society is looking for volunteer drivers to drive patients to the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto for treatment. Mileage is paid for the volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering should call 877-1124.

### Local holsteins champions

Claude F. Pickett of Georgetown had two first place finishers at the West-Central Ontario Championship Holstein Show held on Oct. 6 in Erin. One winner was his three-year-old Nordsdale Nello Roxanne while Senior Yearling, Pickland Ivanhoe Crystal also won.

### Piano donated in memoriam

A new piano has been donated to Norval United Church in memory of the late Florence Cleave, a long-time resident of the village who died in Georgetown several years ago. Rev. Walter Ridley dedicated the gift during a ceremony this past weekend that was attended by relatives of Mrs. Cleave. Her husband, Wilbert Cleave, who now lives in Brampton, was unable to attend. The piano has been marked with a commemorative plaque.

### Norval neighbors club

Mrs. Louis Alexander is the new president of the Norval Neighbors Club, which recently held executive elections. Mrs. Alexander replaced Dorothy McLean in the president's chair of the senior citizens club, which meets Wednesday afternoons for cards and bingo. Vice-president for 1979 is Grace Crawford, while Elsie Jarvis will serve as secretary-treasurer and Donald Donaldson will be social convener. The club launched its new season with a potluck luncheon.



### Opus Four musicians visit area

Nine-year-old Tanya Smith, a grade five student at George Kennedy School in Georgetown had the intricacies of cello playing explained to her by Harold Clarkson of the Hamilton Philharmonic last Thursday. Mr. Clarkson played at the school along with three other members of the Opus Four string quartet and members of the Opus One theatre group as part of a joint Musicians' Union-Halton School Board program to introduce children to classical music and theatre. Photo by Michael Hollett

### Acton units finally 'go'

The provincial ministry of housing's notification of town council Monday night that a contract had been awarded for the construction of Acton's 52-unit senior citizen apartment building was greeted with pleasure by Coun. Pat McKenzie, but the Ward 1 representative promptly be-

moaned the long wait for the project to get underway. "I'm happy to see the contract finally awarded," he told council, "but it's been over five years now and it will probably be a while yet before we see the bulldozers in there."

The ministry informed coun-

cil that the Ontario Housing Corporation's board of directors authorized the awarding of the contract Oct. 4 to J.P. Durbaine Homes of Dashiwood. For \$979,429 the company will build the apartment complex on Elizabeth Drive facing Fairy Lake. The cost of the necessary land at the site is not included in the total.

## Letters to the Editor

# Readers question fairness of 'sweat box' hearing plans

To the editor of The Herald: We read with interest, that Chief Skerrett and the Police Commission have received confirmation from His Honor Judge A.B. Sprague, that he will deal with the allegations and charges to be laid against

the two Police Officers in the "Sweat Box" matter. We would like to point out to the public, the following: 1. Judge A.B. Sprague was at one time a Member of the Police Commission in Halton. 2. In the event that a Civil

action is brought against either of the Officers by the parties involved, that action would be brought out of the Jurisdiction of the County Court of the Judicial District of Halton. Judge A.B. Sprague is the Senior Judge of the County

Court of the Judicial District of Halton, and his Court would be adjudicating upon an issue of which he has full knowledge and facts. 3. In all probability these Officers have previously, and will in the future, appear before the County Court Bench on Criminal Matters in Halton.

Under the circumstances, and so that there is no question that the matter was dealt with fairly, we would suggest to Chief Skerrett, the Police Commission, and His Honour Judge A.B. Sprague, that the charges at hand be heard by a Judge from outside the jurisdiction of the Regional Municipality of Halton. B. Graham and S. Sim

Casting Ballots  
"Whom will your wife vote for?" "She will vote as I vote." "And whom will you vote for?" "I haven't talked it over with my wife yet."

## Thanks to Optimists but not town, police

To the editor of The Herald: I would like to thank the Optimist Club of Georgetown for organizing the cross country run at St. Francis of Assisi School and the vacant lot (not for long) behind Zellere's. Finally someone, outside of the schools, realize that we have good Track and Field athletes who have put George-

town on the map because of their fine performance. Which brings me to ask a question of our 'Town Fathers'. We have tennis courts, soccer fields, arenas, etc. but when are we going to put in a proper track and facilities so our sons and daughters do not have to train on rat strewn fields, etc. In conclusion, as I left the

cross country meet, it made me proud to see two of Georgetown's finest putting tickets on the cars of parents who parked on Sinclair to watch the race, while speeders are roaring up and down on Highway 7!!! Thanks again Optimists for starting, which I hope will be an annual event! Yours truly, D.L. Gillespie

## A THEATER/AUDITORIUM FOR HALTON HILLS — NOW! BUT IT NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

**WHERE?**  
At Howard Wrigglesworth Public School - on lands to be developed fronting Maple Avenue.

**WHEN?**  
Construction could begin as early as summer 1979.

**HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?**  
The Halton Board of Education is committed to upgrading the facilities at Howard Wrigglesworth School by turning the present Resource Centre and building a new Gymnasium - without a stage. BUT the Board of Education is willing to entertain an agreement with the Town of Halton Hills for a joint facility.

**WHAT IS COUNCIL'S POSITION?**  
Since receiving the proposal in Spring, Council has instructed its officials to investigate the feasibility of such a plan and report back. The time for that report to be presented to Council is NOW.

**WHAT IS THE PLAN?**  
The Wrigglesworth proposal calls for an L-shaped, two-storey addition to the planned gymnasium. This addition, which would be sealed off from the gymnasium during regular school usage, would contain a full-size stage and back-stage facilities, dressing rooms, make-up band room, public foyer, cloak and rest rooms, box-office and refreshment counter. In addition to a lighting and sound control booth, second storey facilities would include a large open area suitable for receptions, group meetings etc. and a gallery running behind the stage which could possibly be utilized for arts and crafts displays, painting exhibitions etc.

**IS THIS A CULTURAL CENTRE FOR ALL THE ARTS?**  
No. It is primarily a facility for the performing arts - i.e. plays, musicals, concerts, recitals etc. which because it would not have fixed seating would lend itself to a range of town activities e.g. public meetings, dances, arts and crafts shows etc. The final design will naturally be prepared by professional architects with an opportunity for public input.

**WHAT ABOUT SEATING?**  
A good question. The second part of the Wrigglesworth proposal calls for the installation of custom-engineered collapsible bleachers - with individual theatre-style seats. i.e. tiered seating as in permanent theatre facilities. When not in use, this seating would be rolled away for storage in special lockers at the rear of the gymnasium-auditorium.

**BUT WHAT'S IT ALL GOING TO COST?**  
The proposal calls for the Board of Education to donate the land for the theatre addition and for paved parking/playground, and to assume responsibility for the construction and outfitting costs of the school gymnasium portion; the Town of Halton Hills to undertake responsibility for the capital costs and construction of the theatre addition, utilizing Wintario and possibly Theatre Arts grants, and the launching of a public fund-raising campaign to match government grants in equipping the facilities. It is hoped that a local service club will head such a fund-raising campaign.

**WHAT ABOUT GEORGETOWN ROTARY CLUB PLANS?**  
The establishment of a multi-use centre for the performing arts has been designated as the club's next community project. Since June the club has been carrying out a Feasibility Study focussing on land availability, the most suitable design to meet community needs, and financing.

**HOW DO THE WRIGGLESWORTH PLANS COMPARE WITH ROTARY'S STUDY?**  
Basically there is no conflict, i.e. that the ideal site for such a facility should be central in Wards 3 and 4 (Georgetown); it should strive to accommodate as many community cultural aspirations as is practicable; and that construction and future operating costs should not become a burden on taxpayers.

**WHAT IS G.L.T.'S POSITION?**  
As a community group which has been putting on productions for 20 years now, G.L.T. is only too familiar with the needs of the performing arts in Wards 3 and 4 - and the realities of meeting those needs in these days of economic restraints. G.L.T. is actively promoting the Wrigglesworth proposal because the group considers it meets the agreed criteria - central site, multi-use plan, and shared financing-operating costs. This is not to say that the Wrigglesworth Proposal is the perfect solution. Naturally, G.L.T. as with other performing groups, would prefer to have solely theatre-facilities, with fixed seating etc. But given present-day economic realities and the lack of suitable available land, the Wrigglesworth Proposal appears to make the most sense for the community as a whole. Moreover it is not a pie-in-the-sky scheme at some future date, but something that can be in operation as early as next year - since there would be no long drawn out debates over land designation requiring O.M.B. hearing etc...

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?**  
If you support the Wrigglesworth proposal, please let your Councillors know. After all, this is an election year - an opportunity for each of us to let them know what we will be voting for. If you require more information about the Wrigglesworth Proposal, please contact Derek Joyne (838-2702) Brian Herner (877-7985), or John Roe (877-2824). Please express your views now. We would request that you complete the form below and send to P.O. Box 64, Georgetown.

A THEATRE-AUDITORIUM FOR HALTON HILLS  
I am/am not in favour of the Wrigglesworth Theatre Proposal.

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