About The Hills

Lights for Comset Gate

The town's general committee has recommended to council that streetlights should be installed along Comset Gate in Georgetown, at an estimated cost of \$462.62. The expenditure will be referred to council's 1979 budget discussions if the recommendation is accepted. Coun. Mike Armstrong commented that the residential street is "very, very poorl; lighted" at present.

Trinity agreement

A revised agreement between Halton Hills and the board of trustees for Trinity United Church in Acton, by which the town would upgrade and maintain the church parking lot in return for the trustees allowing its use as a municipal lot has been labled for further consideration. The town's general committee Monday night postponed a decision on the new agreement, which for the first time seeks to have the town pave the lot with asphalt at an estimated cost of \$5,000. Before a decision is made, Coun. Roy Booth said, council should be aware of all pertinent costs which the town would have to bear for paving, drainage, weed cutting, sign installation and lighting.

Raiders request

A request by the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders to have town council help the intermediate bookey team play host to the world champion ('C' division) Austrian team Jan. 5 has been referred to Mayor Pete Pomeroy. As Coun. Roy Booth pointed out, such requests, which in this case seeks a financial contribution to help cover the costs of an afternoon reception and the presentation of token souvenirs to the visiting Austrians, should go directly to the mayor's office. The mayor, he explained, is responsible for such public relations items and is granted a special fund each year to cover any expenditures incurred.

Town sells voters lists

The town's general committee has endorsed a suggestion that voters lists used in the recent municipal election should be sold to individuals and companies who have been requesting copies of the lists. The committee recommended to council that the lists should be sold, when available, for \$5 per copy with each copy including the names of all residents of a single ward. The move was opposed by Coun. Roy Booth, who conteded that the town 'should not be in the buiness of sending out lists to be used for the circulation of junk mail". Coun. Mike Armstrong chuckled that candidates in the election set the precedentby referring to the voters lists while mailing out their campaign literature.

Sorority draw winner

Jack Raftis

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new chairman is Halton's

strongest proponent of the Mil-

ton dump, a project that has

brought Coun. Raftis under

fire many times from farmers

and other rural residents. Hav-

ing already appeared before

regional council on several

occasions to state his opposit-

ion as an environmentalist to

the landfill proposal, Coun-

Johnson conceded that the sel-

ection of Coun. Raftis could

portend serious confrontations

among council members over

Coun. Raftis' election scem-

ed to please retiring chairman

Ric Morrow, 38, who announc-

ed in August that he was

withdrawing from the political

scene because of time const-

raints stemming from his fam-

ily and business obligations.

He continues to work as a pilot

more," Mr. Morrow commen-

ted when the unanimous ballot

count designated Conn. Raftis

Hills Ward 4 representative on

regional council, was a last-

minute candidate for the chair-

manship in 1976, when his

election from among five other

contenders, among them Hal-

ton's first chairman, Allan

Masson, took councillors and

ratepayers alike by surprise.

Mr. Masson bad been appoint-

ed regional chairman by

Queen's Park two years earl-

ier when Halton county was

restructured under regional

Following Coun, Raftis' election. Mr. Morrow left the

chairman's place on the council dias to observe the subseq-

uent discussions conducted by

confidence you have shown in

me," chairman elect Raftis

told his colleagues. "Ric's

· done an excellent job here and I think he'll be best appreciat-

while he was chairman."

got off to a bad start when

Oakville Coun, Laurie Mannell

ved too late for the chairman-

- ure and challenged Coun. Raft-

· ballots haif been in order.

is' ruling that the use of secret

ship balleting, questioned the legality of the election proced-

"I hope I can live up to the

ed as the man who got things

going around here. There was never any procrastination

The new chairman nearly

father of Terry, who had arri-

- ballots haif been in order.

Coun. Anderson acknowledged that secret ballots are indeed illegal as far as the

Jelection of a new chairman is 🚜

concerned, but pointed out that

council was not officially conwened as such, and would be

ratifying its choice legally at

Coun. Raftis' election as chairman would not be ratified, he

- Chairman-elect Raftis told media representatives later

the next meeting. There appeared to be no chance that

government.

his successor.

Mr. Morrow, then the Halton

for Air Canada.

as his successor.

Helen Raduka of Millon won a weekend for two at the Inn on the Park in Toronto in a draw sponsored by the Zeta Sorority recently.



Shelley Perkins and Geoff Fletcher of Fletcher's Family Shoes pick the winner of this week's prize in The Herald's annual downtown Christmas promotion, which will culminate in a draw for a trip for two to Florida. This week's winner of a micro wave oven from Goodlet's Hardware Is E. Williams of 10 Church St.,

Ray Munro leaves administrator post

Hallon Regional Police administrator Ray Munro will have to leave his job Friday if he does not comply with a ruling by the Ontario Police Commission (OPC) that he must become a member of the

Oakville mayor Harry Barret, acting chairman of the commission, said the commission has not received Mr. Munro's resignation, but if he has not become a member of the force as of Friday, "his services will no longer be required"

Mayor Barrett said no move will be made to find a replacement for Mr. Munro until after the OPC report on the force and its long-range needs. Mr. Munro's job is being covered by supervisors and that will continue until some time in the New Year, Mayor Barrett said. The OPC report is expected to be released by Christmas.

Mr. Munro, 56, was hired about six months ago for the newly-created post of civilian administrator, but the contract was never signed.

The Herald contacted Mr. Munro's office, but was informed that Mr. Munro is on holiday this week, and since his services will be concluded

the council chambers and dis-

cuss issues at hand informally.

the spirit of the area municipa-

lities over the next two or three

years and I fully intend to start

chasing the mayors to get

when working together."

Conn. Raftis said, "(With reg-

ional government at present)

you sometimes can't figure out.

if the people are following you

RELENTLESS EFFORTS

as public works committee

chairman to have a regional

landfill site established in rur-

al Milton, Coun, Raftis report-

ed that he has "never been

enthusiastic about landfill-

ing." A meeting has already

been arranged with consulting

engineers, he said, at which

resource recovery will be dis-

cussed and, hopefully, plans

for the construction of a refuse

transfer station and a front-

end recovery plant for Halton

will be laid. The new chairman

estimated that construction

The chairman-elect said that

he has no plans to quit his job

as western Onlario manager

for Canadian General Electric

while serving as regional

chairman. He added that the

\$25,000 annual salary paid Hal-

ton's chairman "seems rea-

Mr. Morrow assumed the

chairman's position two years

ago convinced that the post

was just a part-time job, but

admitted recently that its res-

will begin within two years.

Despite his relentless efforts

or chasing you".

"I would predict a return of

Halton's regional chairman

that Halton's goals are identi-

cal to those of the entire

nation. As evidenced by his

recent consultations with Hal-

ton's business development of-

ficer, Bill Marshall, Coun. Raf-

tis' chief priority will be plan-

ning for an increase in the

region's industrial assessment

base and a corresponding inc-

freeze on (regional) staff incr-

eases," Coun. Raftis continue-

d. "I think it's our job to help

make people 'grow' rather

than making government

DISPLAYS IMPATIENCE

ional displays of impatience

with red tape and the rules of

procedure, the new chairman

stated that he would not have

been elected if council memb-

ers have actually found him

"dictatorial." He commented,

to be "pretty lax" about the

formality of council meetings

and "Try and have a bit of fun"

in the hopes of developing

better rapport among the

councillors and the area mini-

sentiments expressed the week

previous by Chairman Morrow

who bemoaned the decline in

recent years of the camarader-

ie enjoyed by members of the

old Halton County council. Mr.

Morrow recalled the frequent

occasions on which he and his

fellow county councillars

would gather socially outside

The latter remark reflected

cipalities they represent.

"Nothing could please me however, that he will continue

Questioned about his oceas-

"Personally, I'd like to see a

rease in available jobs.

on December 15 (Friday), he was not experted back at the office.

Mr. Munro's short career with the Halton Regional Police has been a controversial one. In August, Mr. Munro was accused by the police association of barassing and intimidating the force's civilian employees, particularly the women, who were asked personal questions, and allegedly browbeaten, association president Al Reulens said.

Constable Reulens told the 46th Annual convention of the Police Association of Ontario in Hamilton that the civilian employees threatened a walk out in protest over actions by the administration, but were persuaded to stay on the job in order that the association could collect evidence on the allegations.

Mr. Munro had distinguished careers in aviation and journalism before he took on the job of civilian administrator. He served with the RAF during the Second World War as a fighter pilot with the wing of the legless ace, Douglas Bad-

After being retired to reserve with crash injuries, Mr. Munro spent 17 years as a newsman on five Canadian daily newspapers.

consibilities are demanding

enough to warrant full-time

attention by the new chair-

The election of the new

chairman might have turned

into a two-way race had one

would-be challenger been able

to muster the support she

needed from at least two reg-

ional councillors to move and

second her nomination for the

Ann Stasiuk, defeated last

month in her bid to become the

new mayor of Burlington, at-

tended last week's meeting

with nomination papers in

hand. She sought to address

council following Coun. Raftis'

election as chairman, but was

not allowed to do so. Following

his predecessor's example,

chairman-elect Raftis inform-

ed the woman that she would

have to abide by Halton's

procedural bylaw and have her

name placed on the agenda of

an official council meeting if

she wished to address the

Ms. Stasiuk then asked a

number of councillors to endo-

rse her nomination papers, but

Coun. Raftis' elevation to

the chairmanship necessitates

the election or appointment of

a new regional councillor for

members.

none complied.

chairmanship.

Council drops parking spots

lease on five parking spaces at more than that," Coun. Roy the rear of the Main Street municipal offices to expire, \$1,062 a year. I don't see the bringing in an annual saving of more than \$1,000, if a recommendation by the general com-

mittee is accepted next week. The committee is hoping that municipal staff who works at the Main Street, Georgetown, treasury and the courier service that makes daily stops at the building, will be able to find alternative parking spaces elsewhere in the area, but will take steps to ensure that Fire Chief Mick Holmes is properly accommodated at the

In a report by clerk-administrator Ken Richardson, the two spaces now used by the courier service and Chief Holmes were deemed "essential". Mr. Richardson recommended, however, that all five spaces off Wesleyan Street should be retained and a agreement drafted with the parking lot's new owner. TOWNLETTER

In a letter to the town, a Mr. D. Leadlay of Glen Williams indicated that he had become the new owner of the Alpine Club and the adjoining parking lot and wished to update the lown's agreement for renting the five spaces. The \$25 per month charge for the five spaces, he pointed out, has not altered since 1972 when the agreement was drafted

Mr. Leadlay calculated the new charge to be \$88,50 per month, based on a ten per cent per year increase, but expressed his willingness to negotiate the price. Mr. Richardson then determined that the new owner wished to charge \$25 per month if only two of the spaces were to be rented. Coun. Russ Miller was the

first committee member to comment that all of the spaces are not needed, noting that the town would save \$400 by dropping three of them from its agreement.

"We can save a hell of a lot Booth asserted, "We can save need for any parking at all. The courier can park the same as everybody else who makes pick-ups and deliveries, out in

the middle of the street, and

the fire chief can park almost

anywhere. I'm sure he would-

tickets for the short time he's in and out."

NOT CONCERNED Town treasurer Ray King conceded that he is "not particularly concerned" whether or not the town retains its three spaces for municipal staff, but questioned the wisdom of having staff fill other

spaces reserved for downtown shoppers. Mr. King reported that the town's new courier is female and contended that it would be unfair and inconvenient to make her carry her often heavy parcels the extra distance from the middle of Main Street.

Mr. Richardson's recom-

mendation to retain the spaces was nevertheless defeated and Coun. Booth introduced another motion by which the new lot owners will be informed that the town no longer needs the check with Chief Holmes to chedck with Chief Holmes to ascertain his needs for parking and make an effort to find him suitable space elsewhere,

with the majority who wishes

to follow the lead of George-

town council, stating that the

current council's credibility

would be seriously damaged in

the long run if there is no

consistency in the town's deci-

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rental accommodations here," he asserted. "If balf the developers in this town were as concerned as we are, you would have all the apartments you need."

Mr. Pilutti announced that he is prepared to allow the current tenants of his 12 apartments on Park Avenue a one year period following the day of registration for the conversion during which they could decide whether they wished to purchase accommodations in the condominium, or leave to fine new rental accommoda-

The developer added that those who chose to stay for the year would be required to pay slightly higher rent for their apartments in accordance with provincial guidelines.

Mr. Pilutti's plan for the conversion drew an immediate request from Coun. Buss Milfer to have the matter held over until additonal information about the need for more rental accommodations could be prepared. Councillors Miller, John Medonald, Marilyn Serjeantson and Harry Levy initially expressed serious reservations about council com-

"This started in 1973 as a recommendation for approv-

plying with the conversion

al," Coun, Roy Booth added, "I have a fair bit of sympathy for the people in the apartments. but for this council to all of a sudden slam the door and say 'no' would be ridiculous."

Mayor Pete Pomeroy agreed that Mr. Pilutti had "a valid point" and that council was dealing with "an unusual situation'

The developer has built some 16 apartments during the nast year, Coun. George Maltby noted, and on that basis alone, council should live up to the promise made by its predecessor.

NOT OBLIGED Coun. Bichn contended that

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follow the direction of an earlier council, but conceded that he felt "inclined to support" the condominium plan, He informed his colleagues, though, that he will steadfastly oppose all future proposals for construction of condominiums

council is in no way obliged to

in Halton Hills. "I think we all understand the need to take a close look at future proposals for this kind of thing," Coun. Les Duby acknowledged, "but I couldn't be so fickle to change my mind about this particular plan after I've already supported it in the

Coun. Ross Knechtel sided



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