

## About the Hills

### Summer student wages up

Summer students hired by the town's engineering, public works and recreation departments this year are in for something of a raise as a result of a recommendation forwarded to council by the general committee Monday night. A five per cent increase over 1978 means that four university students to be hired for the town's engineering department office will earn between \$4.35 and \$4.65 an hour this summer, while 15 students who will be helping works employees with garbage collection and roads and parks maintenance will earn \$3.95 per hour. Wages for summer students working in the various recreational fields for the town will be increased across the boards without regard to age, as was the case last year. Wages range this summer from \$3 an hour for canteen workers at the arenas to \$10 an hour for programme instructors and ski bus supervisors to \$170 per week for summer programme supervisors.

### Hamlet signs considered

With Stewarttown already identified as a hamlet on signs erected recently at the village's two entrances on Trafalgar Road, the town's budget committee has been directed to report on the financial feasibility of erecting roadside signs to identify Halton Hills' other hamlets, Glen Williams and Norval. According to deputy town engineer Ted Ballinger, five signs would be required for the two hamlets for a total cost of \$500. If approved by the budget committee and council, Halton region works employees will be asked to erect the signs at the town's expense.

### Municipal complex funds

A bylaw is to be prepared for approval by town council that will see \$606,000 in lot levy revenues allocated over the next two years to a reserve fund intended to help defray the cost of constructing an addition to the Halton Hills municipal building on Trafalgar Road. About four years after a public outcry forced council to shelve plans for the construction of a massive new complex, the town's general committee voted Monday night to proceed with its more modest proposal aimed at centralizing all municipal departments under one roof. The reserve fund already contains \$218,000 allocated last year from the sale of town-owned land.

### Chudleigh parking problem

Parking will be banned along a section of Highway 25 outside the Chudleigh Apple Farm south of Acton in accordance with requests from the Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police and Halton Hills council. The "serious parking problem" noted by police at the location, particularly during the fruit season, will lead to the imposition of a roadside parking ban extending 1,400 feet north and south of the farm entrance road, if final approval for the action is granted by the ministry of transportation and communications.

### Knights of Columbus dance

The Knights of Columbus and the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary are joining forces for a dance in Holy Cross church auditorium on Feb. 17. Proceeds from the event will go to the Cardiac Care Unit at Georgetown hospital. Tickets can be obtained at the hospital gift shop or by calling 877-9338.

### School grounds designated

Seventeen public and separate school properties in Halton Hills will be designated as playing fields under a new bylaw to be placed before town council by which the municipality will be able to apply for provincial subsidies for the development of the locations as recreation facilities. Given the go-ahead by the town's general committee Monday night, the bylaw covers lands owned by the Halton Board of Education and used by the town in much the same way that a similar existing bylaw covers town-owned lands. To be identified as "community centres" are school grounds at Limehouse, Pineview, Stewarttown, Centennial, George Kennedy, Harrison, Howard Wigglesworth, Joseph Gibbons, Glen Williams, Speyside, Park, Georgetown District High School, Acton District High School, McKenzie-Smith Middle School, M.Z. Bennett, Holy Cross and St. Francis of Assisi.

### Pomeroy's speech

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think the politician should come in."

Rather than the townhouse-dominated housing planned by Focal, Mayor Pomeroy observed, single-family and semi-detached homes should be council's goals, if the quality of life in the community is to be upheld.

A "responsible program for land use control" would be prepared, the mayor said, by which Halton Hills would "realize its share of industrial development" and thus off-set soaring residential assessment and keep its tax ratio equitable.

Dividing a map of Halton Hills into four quarters by drawing lines along the Seventh Line (Trafalgar Road) and Steeles Avenue, Mayor Pomeroy expressed hope that the southwest quarter, which is predominantly farmland, will remain in agricultural use "forever".

Industry, on the other hand, should be largely isolated to the southeast quarter, he said, where municipal services can be extended from Peel Region and Oakville, creating a necessary link between Halton Hills and Lake Ontario.

**SOUTHERN STRIP**  
That portion of the town's southern strip would thus become part of the much larger "industrial corridor" paralleling the lake, which, as the mayor noted, is already attracting new residents from around the world.

Further attracted by the area's close proximity to major urban centres and prime transportation routes, Mayor Pomeroy said, factions of the automobile industry are locating in the region and are enjoying direct access to the industrial zones of Peel and Milton that sandwich Halton Hills.

Existing farmland in the town's southeast quadrant would eventually become developed for industrial or residential use, Mayor Pomeroy said. While Georgetown would be permitted to expand southward, he added, the town's hamlets, including Norval,

Glen Williams and Stewarttown, would likely see no further substantial growth in size or population.

**ESTATE HOME**  
The town's northeast quadrant, meanwhile, would likely be designated for limited residential growth in the form of estate-home developments.

Mayor Pomeroy acknowledged that his 25-year forecast does not wholly correspond to the stated intentions of Halton region's new official plan, which is now awaiting approval by the ministry of housing.

He commented at the outset of his remarks that Halton Hills residents appear to have gotten over "the initial shock of regional government". The election in December of a Georgetown resident (Betty Fisher) to represent Acton and Esquesing on the Halton Board of Education, the mayor said, indicates that localized parochialism is on the wane and that regional government "is finally being accepted for what it is".



### PLANS FOR NEW MILTON HIGH SCHOOL

Roy Wollaston, superintendent of E.C. Drury School for the hearing handicapped, Al Nicholls, principal of the new E.C. Drury High School, and Halton director of education Em Lavender study blueprints at a press conference held last week to answer questions on the new high school, which is

scheduled for completion in September, 1980. The school will have programs for vocational students from north Halton, which means Halton Hills students may no longer have to go to Oakville for vocational studies.

### Legal Aid Clinic staff trimmed

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said he expected it would cost the clinic \$15,000 to \$16,000 for a lawyer fresh out of law school. There is no way they could think of hiring an experienced person.

Grant Isaac, one of the duty counsellors who works at the clinic's Georgetown office, finds it "surprising" that the clinic is planning to hire even a part time lawyer.

"I haven't been down there for quite a while, a couple of months at least," he said. "And then it was only for one evening. As far as I can see there isn't even any work for a duty counsel, let alone a part time or full time lawyer."

Mr. Isaac said that he has never been notified of board of directors meetings except by Mr. Cumpsty and at one point the board said neither duty counsel nor clinic workers could attend the meetings. This has been changed since, he said, but he is still not receiving notice of when meetings will be held.

When Mr. Savage came to Georgetown to do his survey of the clinic he didn't talk to Mr. Isaac although Mr. Isaac understands he talked to other duty counsellors at the clinic.

"There were some hard words at the time the clinic was first proposed and I don't think the clinic wants any more to do with us than they have to have. The local bar association is more than willing to assist the clinic but they don't want us."

Reg Benoit, who has resigned from the board because of his move to Calgary, said he was "shocked" to learn from the report that it cost \$94.70 per case to handle clients.

"That was one of the reasons we cut down on staff," he said. "The new board coming in after the election should look at the situation and give some thought to whether or not the clinic should be continued. Right now it shouldn't be closed up because it is helping some people but it is a very expensive way to help."

Mr. Cumpsty, who has a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of New York and more than 25 years experience in the field, said he had planned to leave the clinic at the end of the fiscal year since he felt there wasn't sufficient work to employ two full time legal workers.

**BEAT ME**  
"All they did was beat me to the punch by letting me go the end of January," he said.

The clinic isn't getting the clientele it was designed to serve, he said. Only a very few low income people come into the clinic and since very few financial statements are taken the workers don't know where people stand. There probably is a need for the clinic but it is very limited, he felt and the

small number of clients doesn't justify the high cost of providing services to them.

During the past year the clinic handled a total of 569 cases. At no time did the clinic ever handle as many as 60 cases in any month, Mr. Cumpsty said and most of the cases it did handle were the type that could be solved in less than half an hour on the telephone.

Mr. Cumpsty said he was in favour of the clinic when it was set up and still agrees with the basic concept of the clinic. What he disagrees with is continuing the clinic when there aren't sufficient clients to warrant such an outlay.

Mr. Cumpsty is deeply conscious of the cost of social welfare in Ontario and feels that government money should go where the need is greatest.

"There are places like Hamilton, or Guelph or even Burlington that don't have clinics," he said. "Why should the clinic be continued here when there isn't sufficient need. I think it should be closed here or cut down to one day a week and integrated with a clinic somewhere else like Burlington, he said."

Since he is leaving the clinic the Concerned Citizens Group have asked him to continue to help residents with unemployment insurance and workman's compensation problems and a number of volunteers have come forward to offer him assistance in handling other problems which people might bring to him. All these people are trained professionals who want to do a little volunteer work but are not prepared to take on a full time job.

"Volunteers are the backbone of the social agencies in Canada and I still believe people want to help one another," he said. "They don't all want to get paid."

Mr. Barrow said, "If it became very obvious there was no need for the clinic I'd be the first one to make sure it closed. I've no desire to proliferate wrongful use of public money."

He said all the board members felt that was a need for the clinic although it may be an untapped need, and thus the board plans to do more advertising in the coming year.

## Halton teachers settle contract

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made that salaries will be increased by five per cent that year.

Also part of the settlement was an agreement to re-calculate the pupil-teacher ratio, by taking kindergarten students as one-half student, since they don't attend classes all day. For the 1978-79 school year, the pupil-teacher ratio will stand at 23.5, with kindergarten students counting as one. For the 1979-80 school year, the pupil-teacher ratio will be 21.8, with kindergarten students counted as one-half.

Bill Priestner, head of the board's negotiating committee, said the hiring of the additional teachers was negotiated by number, and not by percentage. The board in its original offer was starting out with no teachers being hired, while at the time of the fact-finder's report, the teachers were still asking for 50 additional teachers, he said.

Bill Watt, chairman of the Halton Elementary Teachers' Association, said that a survey conducted in December, 1977, and January, 1978, reflected that the primary concern of 95 per cent of the teachers was a reduction in class size.

The total package for 1978-79 will cost the board \$28,255,000 including salaries and benefits. The average teacher will earn around \$19,500, an in-

crease of about \$1,500 over last year.

Discussion by the board on the memorandum of settlement presented by the board's negotiating committee was relatively brief, a number of members saying that they had made their feelings on the proposal known at the last board meeting, when the board ratified the proposed settlement with the secondary school teachers.

**SUPPORT PROPOSAL**  
Trustee Ivan Armstrong said he would be supporting the proposal, mainly because "I don't believe anything will be gained by prolonging this", but he said he was not in agreement with everything in the settlement.

"If our only goal is to reach the ceiling the province has set for us, with this settlement, we're only hastening the day when the province takes our business out of our hands," he said.

Trustee Fred Armitage said his main concern is that the settlement will have a major impact on the mill rate.

Trustee Dr. Helen Howard-Locke, who was a member of the board's negotiating committee said she would be staying away from marathon bargaining sessions in the future.

"I've yet to meet anybody who can think straight after even two hours of a meeting," she said.

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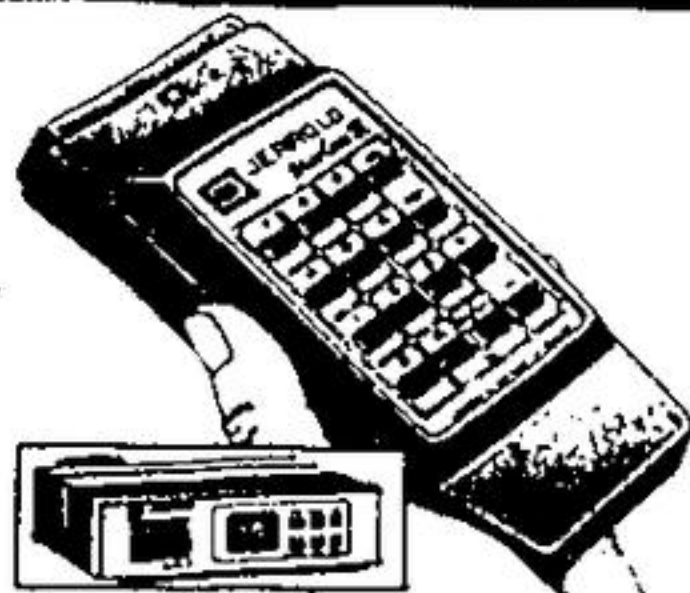
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