

Your Morning Smile

Dad was worried when he learned that his son wanted to take up sky diving. "Are you sure you want to do this, son?" Dad asked before offering, "Why pick a sport where you have to do it right the first time!"

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This Week



Local linesman

NHL linesman Ron Finn of Georgetown was on hand in New York City on Saturday to officiate during the pivotal game two of the Challenge Cup series when the Soviets tied up the series. They went on to win. Finn tells reporter Sue Lohn what it was like to officiate one of the most important games in hockey history. **Page 26**

Encourage industry

Politicians in Halton region, and particularly Halton Hills are scrambling to encourage new industries to locate in this employment hungry area. Herald reporter Lori Taylor spoke with some of them to find out the problems in getting businesses to locate in Halton Hills and how government is trying to overcome them. **Page nine**

Female commander



ANN SMITH

The military used to be considered a man's world. Now even the reserve forces are admitting women to their ranks. One of these female officers is Georgetown's Ann Smith, the only female commanding officer in the air division of cadets for Central Region. Capt. Smith talks about her career in cadets and as a model. **Page nine**

OMB approves hydro corridor, ICG pledges to continue fight



CUPID CAPTURES KIDS

Cupid is no respecter of age, and while Charles Gils and Lorie Johnson of Wrigglesworth Public School may be young, the young aren't necessarily invulnerable to Cupid's arrows. Valentine's Day is that day of the year which is traditionally

reserved for love and lovers, when people show their devotion with a little special something. Think what a dull month February would be without it. (Herald photo by Lori Taylor)

Acton's Leishman park debate heads towards OMB hearing

The vacant, one-acre parcel of land at Mill Street and Acton Boulevard in Acton known as Leishman Park will be the subject of a third Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing if a recommendation of the town's general committee to proceed with the residential development of the land is accepted next week by council.

Lawyer Bruce Payne attended Monday night's committee meeting to reaffirm the desire of neighboring homeowners to have the site developed as a passive neighborhood park. Contrary to the residents' wishes, however, the committee voted to have council forward a restricted area bylaw designating the land for residential

use to the OMB for final approval. Already approved by council the bylaw was delayed last summer so that municipal staff could meet with neighboring residents who had expressed concerns over the town's plans to change the land's zoning designation.

JULY MEETING
At a meeting held last July, some 45 residents who had signed a petition requesting the development of Leishman Park as a passive parkette outlined their concerns. Among the objections discussed were the loss of an "amenity" which the residents had come to accept, the possible decrease in market value of

adjoining homes if residential development were to proceed and the suggestion that any alteration in designation from the park use zoning might constitute a "breach of solemn contract" on the town's part. The town's deputy planning director, Brian Kropf, explained in a report to the committee that the former town of Acton initially acquired the southerly half of the one-acre parcel as part of a plan of subdivision registered in 1946 by John R. and Aimee Leishman and Darwin and Helen Cripps.

"The deed which actually conveyed the land to Acton contained no right of reverter should the land not be used for

park purposes and had no express provision restricting its use to that of a park," Mr. Kropf reported. "The only references in the deed itself respecting its purpose are a note that the conveyance is a requirement imposed by the Province and a statement that the property is to be known as the John R. Leishman Park."

PROPERTY ACQUIRED
Mr. Kropf said the northerly half of the property was acquired by Acton in 1965 and 1966. That portion was then, and continues to be, zoned for residential use, he said. Applications to rezone the southerly portion for residential

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Executive members of the Interested Citizens Group (ICG) will meet tonight (Wednesday) to plan future strategy in their continuing opposition to Ontario Hydro's Brace to Milton transmission corridor, which has been approved by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

In a decision dated Feb. 5, OMB members H.E. Stewart and W.E. Dyer concluded that a route through Halton Hills

for the 500,000-volt corridor is "essential" and directed town council to amend its official plan and zoning bylaw so that towers for the line can be built.

CONCISE DECISION

The concise, nine-page decision comes less than four weeks after the conclusion of a nine-day hearing held at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena in Georgetown, where Ontario Hydro defended its application for municipal permission to build the line. Opposing the application were lawyers for

the ICG, town and Halton region.

ICG directors, though guarded in their initial reactions to the OMB decision, said a number of options are still available in their ongoing opposition to the corridor. Among the alternatives being considered at tonight's meeting are appeals to the provincial Cabinet, the Supreme Court of Ontario or to the office of the province's ombudsman, which is already involved in one aspect of the dispute.

According to ICG spokesman John Minns, the group's plans to challenge the OMB's authority to rule on the corridor matter before a divisional court are "still very much alive". That court session is expected to take place late next month or early in April.

Also buoying the ICG's hopes in the face of the OMB decision is recent communication between Premier William Davis and Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed, in which Mr. Davis expresses willingness to discuss the corridor dispute with the MPP. Mr. Minns told The Herald this week that Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy, Halton regional chairman Jack Rafita and ICG representatives may be involved in meeting with Mr. Reed and Cabinet and Hydro officials, expected to take

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Glen meeting fails to resolve services issue

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A meeting at St. Alban's Church Hall in Glen Williams Thursday to discuss the proposed hooking up of homes in the lower Glen to town water, as well as official plan proposals for the village, did little to resolve the confusion among the residents who attended.

The main accomplishment of the evening was to decide which questions had to be answered about the water installation to seven streets in lower Glen Williams before the residents on those streets could make a fully informed decision on whether or not they wanted the water. Among the concerns were the cost, the availability of provincial grants to defray the cost to residents, and whether or not the residents whose property lay along the proposed route for the main will be forced to hook up.

A second decision at the meeting was to have council direct town planner Mario Venditti to appear at a public meeting in Glen Williams to discuss the official plan and explain its conclusions, especially as far as population growth figures are concerned. The residents also agreed that the steering committee of Steve Hancock, John Halnes, Dave Smallwood, Keith Perkins, and John Minns should continue with the work they had begun.

The decision to hook up seven Glen Williams streets to town water was made by the region after residents complained that the quantity of water in their wells had been seriously depleted as a result of the pumping off surface water by a developer building homes on Mullen Lane during construction. The seven streets are Confederation, Alexander, Erin, Park, Beaver, Credit and Karen, and residents affected by the proposal number about 60.

COSTS VARY
The cost to the residents of having town water installed would vary, depending on the size of the lot. The total cost would include \$400 for the connection from the main to the property line, \$110 for the meter, \$8 per foot (estimated cost based on a similar project

in Norval) for installation from the property line to the house, and an estimated cost of \$26.25 per metre of frontage.

The total cost of the water installation is \$180,000, with the region contributing \$77,300 of that cost, and the rest being covered by the residents.

Coun. Russ Miller, who attended the meetings, said afterward that if many people object to the hook-up to town

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Circus meeting attracts few

There may be opposition to the use of the old Domtar building to house a flea market each weekend, but they weren't present at a meeting held Monday night in the building to discuss the matter.

Dan Wagstaffe and Ian Gardner, partners in Circus Flea Market Inc., had been informed that residents in the neighborhood were opposed to the presence of the flea market and although they had not received any complaints personally, they decided to hold Monday's meeting to get acquainted with the people in the neighborhood and discuss the flea market, before seeking a minor variance in zoning from the committee of adjustment.

Mr. Wagstaffe said each of the 25 homes in the neighborhood received a letter outlining the company's plans for the flea market, and suggesting the benefits the community might receive from the flea market. The letter concluded with an invitation to attend the Monday meeting.

SEVERAL WEEKS
Mr. Gardner said it will probably be several weeks before the company's request for a minor variance comes before the committee of adjustment for a decision. The zoning is currently M-2, which is manufacturing, with a certain amount of flexibility in the designation. This is not exactly commercial, Mr. Wagstaffe said, but until about three days before the flea market

opened, they thought it was alright.

Prior to the opening, however, someone registered a complaint about the flea market, and the question of the zoning was brought to light.

Two couples appeared at the meeting, one couple supporting the concept of a flea market, and the other, while not opposed to the flea market, having some questions about what was being sold and what the future plans for the market would be.

"Our objectives are to create a farmers' market, an arts and crafts centre, with an open stage concept for local folk singers, bands, artists of all types (high school folk clubs), etc.; a place to design and manufacture circus and theatrical wardrobe, props and paraphernalia, with a further view to leasing unused wardrobe, props and paraphernalia to local groups, service clubs or groups for parades and the like," Mr. Wagstaffe said in the letter.

"We'd like to see it grow and we would like to see more produce, to keep it more along the lines of a farmers' market," Mr. Gardner said. "Mr. Wagstaffe and Mr. Gardner said that if the major concern of the residents in the area is parking, as they have been informed, then there should be no problem, because there is about ten acres of land around the building for parking, and there has been no problem to date.



EASY AS ONE ... TWO ... THREE

Greg Dobbin looks a bit apprehensive during his metamorphosis into a clown, but he's got a clown's smile when the painting's all done. Showing Greg how to apply

the makeup is Roger Prystanski, alias Rumpy the Clown, who visited with the children at the Maple Nursery School in Cedarvale Park on Thursday of last week.

Taking the makeup off proved to be much less fun than putting it on, as Greg found out after he's gotten home and showed his mother his new look.

(Herald photos by Sue Lohn)