

# Another meeting set on emergency number

Representatives of Halton regional council, the four area municipalities and the various emergency services across the region will gather at regional headquarters in Oakville May 14 for a special meeting on the proposed implementation of a three-digit telephone number through which all such services could be promptly contacted.

Bell Canada officials will make a presentation on the feasibility of introducing the special phone number, possibly 911, as has been done in neighboring municipalities.

Representatives of the various emergency services, including the Halton regional police and ambulance and firefighting crews from the local area, will be asked to appraise the potential value of such a number to their daily efforts.

The May 14 meeting has been organized in response to regional council's March 7 decision to follow up on the emergency number proposal first raised by Oakville Council.

After being rejected by both council and its committees twice, the proposal finally gained enough support at council to be placed before regional staff for further study.

The cost of implementing the special number, and particularly that of converting pay phones so that the number could be dialed without depositing coins, has been cited as a major prohibitive factor facing the proposal. However, regional council has been unable to determine final costs of the operation.

A letter from the region's chief administrative officer told the Halton Hills general committee of the May 14 meeting Monday night.

Coun. Harry Levy recalled that the introduction of an emergency number was one of several suggestions considered by the Georgetown Safety Council prior to the implementation of regional government in 1974. He noted that the Safety Council decided the idea may be useful, but not for another few years.

Levy expressed hope that town staff who will be representing the municipality's interests at the special meeting will point out the concept of an emergency number has been previously considered a worthwhile idea.



**CHRISTIANITY AND PLANTS**

Martha Veldhuis was the guest speaker at the annual Daffodil Luncheon at Hillcrest United Church. Miss Veldhuis spoke about Christianity and plants; she brought with her a number of plants, and went through from A to Z, describing briefly the care best suited to each plant. Miss Veldhuis' brother, Ben, runs the Veldhuis Greenhouses. (Herald photo)

# Tories attack Liberal flyer

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the election act but that we would report anything blatant to the Chief Returning Officer.

## DEFINITELY ADVERTISING

"We feel this tabloid was definitely a piece of propaganda advertising and that it was not fair to distribute in that manner at that time."

Mr. McDermid said had his party not reported the alleged offence he would have been questioned as to why his campaign had not produced a similar piece of literature at the same time and distributed in the same manner.

"We would have looked like jerks," he said.

"We didn't do it because it's illegal."

# Barrack must pay court costs

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through a successful \$8,000 lawsuit against the builder of the house.

Mrs. Barrack told council that a sympathetic friend, Archie Brown, attempted to ascertain the cause for Mr. Sargent's incomplete inspection and discovered that the building inspector had no copy of the revised site plan when he visited the home.

The only time Mr. Sargent saw the revised plan, Mrs. Barrack said, was when the builder came to his office to obtain the necessary permit.

A subsequent inspection of the home by another building department official uncovered the faults immediately, she recalled.

Mrs. Barrack's lawsuit started to run aground when Judge Quinlan ruled all of the town's preliminary inspections are invalid because there was never a final inspection.

"I never considered launching an appeal," Mrs. Barrack said. "I just couldn't afford any more financial losses."

She said there is now a lien against her home aimed at recovering legal costs, as well as the town's court expenditure, estimated at between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

Support was offered Mrs. Barrack by councillors Russ Miller and Marilyn Serjeantson, but a majority of council members agreed that the waiving of courts costs would be unfair to the town's other taxpayers and offered nothing more than verbal sympathy.

**NO LIABILITY**

"I always felt (the town) had no liability in this matter, and that was proven by the court," Coun. Miller acknowledged, "but to have her pay these extra costs is nothing but an imposition on her."

"I sincerely hope we're not going to re-open this court case," Coun. Levy countered. The lawsuit was started by Mrs. Barrack, and I think we would be lacking in our duty to other taxpayers if we did not collect what we're supposed to."

Coun. Walter Biehn said he was "shocked" by Coun. Serjeantson's suggestion that council should "forget about the money". He too cited council's accountability to other ratepayers whose money was spent on the town's defence last month.

# Summerfest volunteers

The Halton Hills Arts Council is looking for people to perform at its annual Summerfest, which is being held at Acton High School June 2.

Some groups have already come forward and agreed to entertain, including the Georgetown Little Theatre and the Georgetown Choral Society.

One of the highlights of this year's Summerfest will surely be the performance of the Teen Choir, a choir of nineteen "beautiful and talented young women", as choir director Dale Wood describes them.

# PERMISSION GRANTED FOR CHEER GARDENS

Two applicants for permission to stage outdoor cheer gardens at upcoming events in Georgetown and Glen Williams were recommended for approval by the town's general committee Monday night. Subject to council's approval next week, the Halton-Peel Highland Games Association will be able to offer a "cheer garden" at the Speyside Highland Games June 9, and the Glen Williams Town Hall Trustees will provide a similar function at the hamlet's annual commemoration of Canada Day, to be held this year on June 30.

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