BEAVER COLONIES GROWING

A group of kits were invested as Beavers Monday night at St. George's Anglican Church, with their leaders also being invested. The new Beavers are, front row, left to right, Scott Adams, Gregor Adams, Brent Wasylenko, Wesley Coxon, and Ian Vint, Middle row, left to right, are Grant Pomski, Marc Edwards, Greg Sinclair, John Manning, Curtis Hamilton and Jeff

Atkinson, Back row, left to right are Jeffrey Wright, Steven Weight, David Frost, Michael Tribble and Daniel Jennings. The Beavers' new leaders are Alex Wasylenko (Hawkeye), Catherine Adams (Rainbow) and Colin Jennings

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vised Coun. Serjeantson that

the occupants of the rest home

will pay about \$15 a day for

their accommodations and ser-

vices. If they cannot afford the

money, he said, there are

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Conditional approval

Rest home endorsed

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council this week that neighborhoods in the vicinity of George Kennedy Public School and Joseph Gibbons Public School both have ample recreational facilities and open space, while the area around Chapel Street school only has the small open area on the grounds.

In response to the petition, council requested a staff report on the feasibility of retaining the lower area of the school grounds for use as parkland.

One of the residents, M.C. Woode of Chapel Street, told the board that he and others share the concern with some councillors that the rest home may eventually be converted into a nursing home, a use which he said would have much "greater impact" on the neighborhood.

Council was assured on Monday, however, that the owners of the proposed rest home do not wish the facility converted into a nursing home "now or in the future".

VEHICLE ACCESS Mr. Woode was also under the impression that the rest home, if approved, would require vehicle access off Dayfoot Drive, thus creating a driveway through the parkland area. He was assured there would be no such access and that the lower open space will

be left untouched. Coun. Roy Booth called the 25 parking spaces planned for the rest home the "bare minimum". In order to accommodate both staff members and visitors to the home, he said. the site should feature at least one space for every two beds-

Mr. Paulson added this week that more space has been designated at the site for ten additional parking spaces if they prove necessary.

CONCERNS OUTLINED Mayor Pomeroy eited coneerns outlined in a letter from Fred Morris, administrator of Georgetown District Memorial Hospital.

"The management committee of the hospital and the board of directors has spent a fair amount of time examining the plans and tried, unsuccessfully, to formulate one single lavorable recommendation," Mr. Morris has told municipal officials.

"In terms of providing something supportive in terms of health care, this proposat does not fall into the category of a health care facility and it would be most inappropriate if people were led to believe that to be the case," Mr. Morris wrote. "If it were being proposed as a facility to assist the health care facility problems we have in this community, it falls considerably short in terms of comfort of the occupants and in terms of recreational-occupational activities."

"I'm not very happy about the proposal at all," Coun. Serjeantson said, citing the apparent lack of amenities thus far proposed for the rest home. "There's no indication in this report that the people who are going to run this thing are really concerned about the people who live there."

Coun. Knechtel added that, while no public money is being spent on the proposal, the rest home will be a source of revenue, even moreso than a nursing home.

Consultant Wayne Weller ad-

7-5 vote rejects complex

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recreational activities which are permitted by municipal bylaws.

Only the construction of bulldings at the site is precluded according to the land's present zoning designation, Father Galic explained. If the proposed buildings could be erected. however, they would greatly

assist the owner's efforts to comply with neighbors' wishes and reduce noise levels at the site by installing buffers, he contended.

Father Galic said he and his colleagues were "surprised and angry" at council's May 7 decision to deny their application, primarily because they had not been "officially informed" that the proposal was to be discussed.

MPP Reed addresses rally

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with those serious reservat-Mr. Reed argued that the

development of renewable energy sources as well as efforts to increase energy conservation in Ontario should be the province's priority.

He closed saying, "I ask all of you here today to resist those siren calls and keep the messages coming home to government that the positive answer to the perceived need for nuclear power is through those very methods of conservation and renewable energy development.

AFTER RALLY Mr. Reed spoke with The Herald ofter the rally and re-stated his party's belief that there is a place for nuclear power in Ontario but he emphasized that any further development of the industry must be done cautiously.

Mr. Reed said his biggest reservation about nuclear energy revolves around the question of waste storage.

"It has still not been demonstrated to me that it can be

stored with complete safety". He said that if nuclear technology does not solve this problem he would not support the construction of additional nuclear plants. One of the MPP's major

objections to the Darlington plant is that, considering the questionable safety aspects of nuclear power and Ontario's stated hydro surplus there is simply no need for the risky SOME TIME

"What I think we have here is some time because of our surplus power."

He said that if we fully develop our potential energy savings through energy conservation. Ontario will have enough time to properly develop renewable energy resources as well as develop additional hydroelectric power. He said that these three steps would help delay even further the additional development of

nuclear energy.

Mayor Pomeroy pointed out that the lawyer representing the applicants was aware that the matter was to be discussed at the May 7 meeting.

Coun. Wood suggested that the applicants should commence their social activities at the site without the rezoning to determine whether there would be any serious problems with traffic or noise. He admitted that his chief concern was the claim that "thousands" of visitors would be converging on the site several times a year. Father Galic conceded that the applicants anticipate gatherings of 3,000 to 4,000 visitors about

four times each year. Anita Samardzie, co-owner of property adjacent to the site, presented council with a petition which suggested that council's May 7 decision may have been based upon "misunderstanding and possibly prejudiced statements" about the applicants.

TWO WEEKS Lawyer Kent Webster, who claimed to represent "roughly 15" ratepayers whose lands abut the proposed site, argued that there had been nothing said during previous council or planning board meetings which could be "construed as being prejudiced against the applicants".

'The issue is not 'who' but what," he said, repeating the assurance he gave council two weeks previous on his clients'

Mr. Webster again explained that his clients have no dispute with the intended land uses. but believe that any council decision to allow buildings to be erected would open the door to further expansion of the site and enable the applicants to

exert greater pressure on the town to sanction additional development.

Coun. Patterson pointed out that two of the landowners named by Mr. Webster as his clients had also signed the petition favoring the rezoning. He contended that council, like lawyers, must try to adhere to facts, rather than "eventualities".

"One must theorize what might happen in the future." Mr. Webster maintained.

SHEEP FARMER Steeles Avenue sheep farmer Peter Branch told council that his background as a civil servant in the provincial government's planning division gave him "some authority" to comment on the issue at hand.

Mr. Branch explained that he witnessed the sale of the site in question to the Croatian-Canadians and has since watched the new owners "put the property in shape and restore the farmhouse" at the site. Since their proposal has become a source of contention in the council chambers. though, he said he has become "a little tired seeing the lack of

progress" the project has confronted. If council continues to "walfle" on proposals for such major facilities, Mr. Branch

warned, any industries which examine the area as a potential location may be frightened off by the propsect that they may "go broke" waiting for council's endorsement.

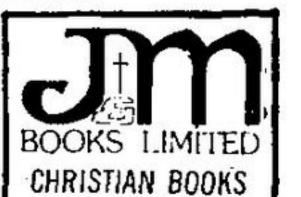
FEDUP Remarking that he is "fed up with rising taxes," Mr. Branch

pointed out that the Croatian Centre represents no capital expenditure for the citizens of Halton Hills, all of whom, in fact, would be welcome

visitors to the centre. Of the concerns expressed by some council members, Mr. Branch contended that the noise emanating from the centre could be contained and that the Olympic-sized swimming pool proposed for construction could provide all the water necessary for

emergency firefighting uses. "Are we to have a reputation as a municipality that we are not progressive?" he asked. "if we re-open this issue now, we can well and truly be accused of waffling," Coun.

Levy countered. Mayor Pomeroy advised council that acceptance of Coun. Armstrong's motion to re-open the matter should represent council's intention to approve the application. Since no new information had been provided by the four speakers, he said, "there's little reason to reconsider this as far as I'm concerned"



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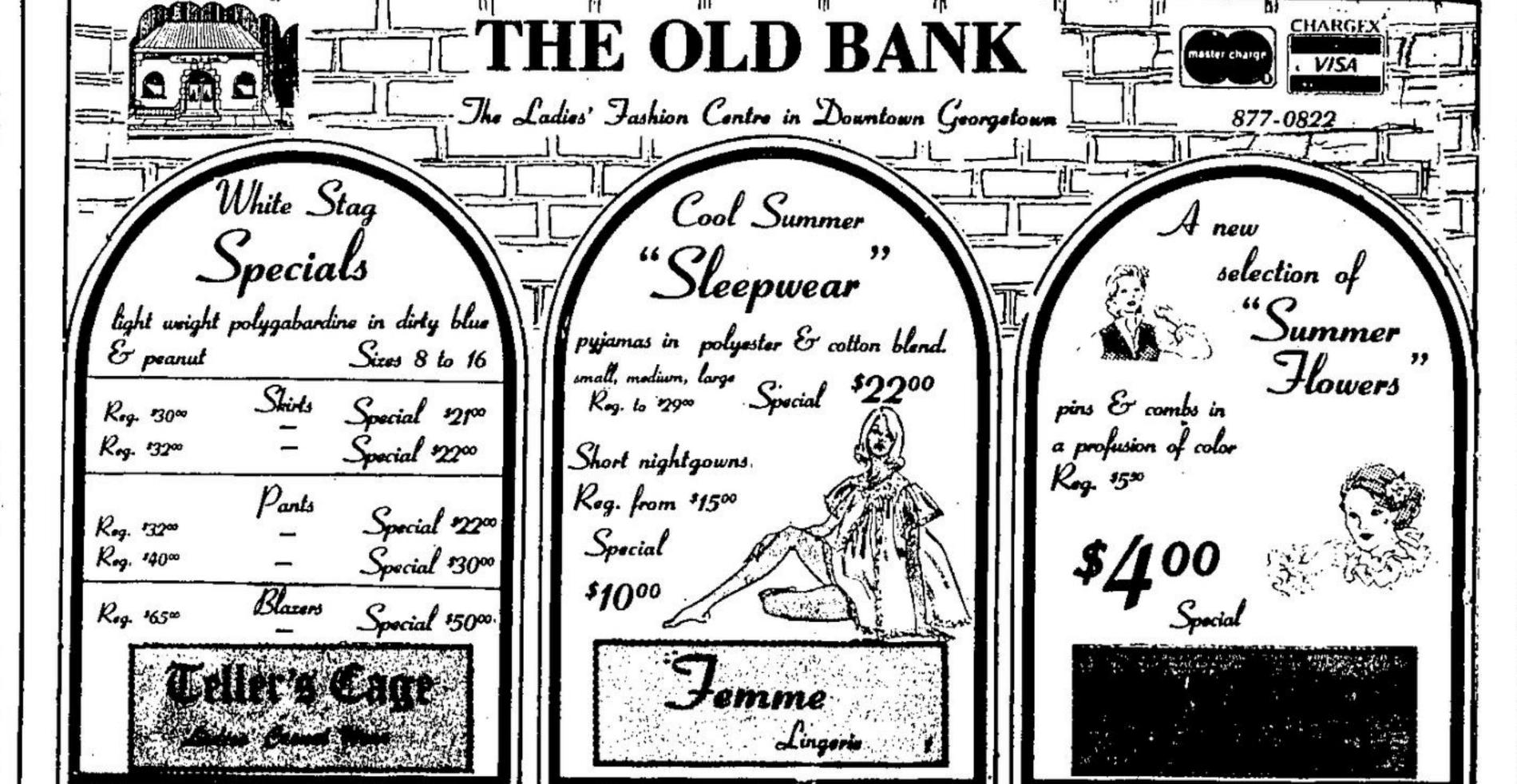


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Town council has granted a licence to Howard Oram to open and operate a pool hall in the newly-opened Halton Hills Shopping Centre in Georgetown. Mrs. Oram, representing her husband's interests at Monday night's council meeting, reported that the pool hall will be located on the centre's main floor next door to the triple cinemas.

Pool hall approved

Playground opening Holy Cross Separate School in Georgetown will officially open its new creative playground at a special ceremony scheduled to begin this evening (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. Mayor Pete Pomeroy, Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed, transport minister James Snow and officials of the ministry of culture and recreation and Halton's separate and public school boards have been invited to attend the opening of the playground, which was financed by the Holy Cross Parents' Association.

About the Hills

There will be a teen dance in Knox Church Hall

Saturday, June 9, at 8 p.m. sponsored by Red Cross Youth.

Red Cross Youth dance

Music will be provided by disc jockey Mike Dine.

Acton plaza appeal

A letter from the law firm of Siegal and Fogler alerted town council Monday night that Landawn Shopping Centres Ltd. has launched an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board which would challenge council's March 5 decision against Landawn's proposal to build a major commercial plaza on Acton's eastern boundary. The company has also filed an application with the provincial ministry of housing requesting a referral of Landawn's request for official plan and zoning amendments for the shopping centre.

TD bank winner

Gordon Johnston of Mountainview Road South in Georgetown has won about \$200 worth of lawn furniture. including an umbrella, table and chairs, as a result of his number being drawn Friday night in a raffle sponsored by the Toronto Dominion Bank branch which recently opened in the new Halton Hills Shopping Centre. Branch manager Roger Shouldice told The Herald that the draw was made in conjunction with the last week's opening of the centre's Miracle Mart outlet.