

This Week



Brian Markham

Halton's People

Trips to the dentist are one of those necessary evils that many people postpone until they can't avoid it any more. Dr. Brian Markham talks about what a patient puts a dentist through and how he uses hypno-therapy to deal with patient problems.

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Scuba Trek

There's a whole different perspective to be gained through looking at the surface of a body of water from underneath. The Halton Scuba Trek is a club made up of scuba enthusiasts.

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Saddlebred Show

The Ontario All-American Saddlebred Show was held at the Georgetown Fairgrounds Saturday, with horses from all over competing for a long list of prizes. It takes a lot of work to prepare a horse for such a show, and the photographs tell the story.

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Gemini name coach

The Junior "B" Georgetown Gemini have named their coach. He is Tom Daley, who has played for the Georgetown Raiders for the past three seasons. Daley will be assisted by Chris Milne, a former Gem and last year a Raider. See Sports Week.



Kevin Elwood

Going to Sweden

While North Halton residents have been busy giving home hospitality to overseas scouts a Canadian boy was off to Sweden to attend a jamboree there. Kevin Elwood enjoyed his trip and would like to go back again someday.

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Hospital helpers

This year, the Candystripers at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital celebrate their 15th anniversary.

Sympathy prompts action

More sponsors for 'Boat People'



AFTERNOON TROT

Tammy Star shows off her paces in the fine harness class at the Ontario All American Saddlebred Horse show, which was held Saturday afternoon at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. The show featured over 20 classes of competition, and horse-owners

came from all over to take part in the show. Tammy Star did well for her owner, Carol Martin, shown driving the silky. She placed first in this class.

(Herald photo by Lori Taylor)

Region to poll workers in 'ambitious' survey

By PAUL DORSEY

Herald staff writer

In its continuing efforts to attract new industry, Halton region is about to take inventory of its labor force and available skills through "one of the most ambitious surveys to be undertaken by any municipality", the region's director of business development announced last week.

Bill Marshall outlined plans for the \$10,000 survey at a press conference in Oakville last week where officials unveiled a survey questionnaire which will reach some 25,000 Halton households.

Mr. Marshall told reporters that the provincial govern-

ment is "aghast" at the scope of Halton's labor survey. If the undertaking is successful, though - if at least 25 per cent of those polled respond - other regional municipalities can be expected to follow suit, he said.

Using a numbering code, the survey questionnaire asks residents to list their type of occupation, place and length of employment, type of dwelling, educational level, occupational skills and age and sex. Unemployed residents are asked to explain why they are not working, what jobs they have held previously and, again, whether they have any occupational skills.

The survey is part of a comprehensive "Economic

Staging Plan" by which the region, largely through its business development department, hopes to attract more industry and, correspondingly, more industrial and commercial assessment.

"Attracting new business investments to Halton will help to reduce the property tax burden for residents and will provide jobs closer to home, thus reducing costly commuting as well," regional chairman Jack Rafis explained. "Many industrialists and businessmen who are interested in locating here have asked us what kind of labor and professional skills are available in Halton. At the same time, we want to attract the type of

industries that will provide suitable job opportunities for people living here."

With different-colored questionnaires delegated to Halton's four area municipalities, the surveys will be mailed to selected postal walks throughout the region. A preliminary test indicated it will take residents between five and 15 minutes to complete the questionnaire. A postage paid stamp ensures that there will be no cost to respondents.

Mr. Rafis and Mr. Marshall presented the survey as "one of the most valuable tools" the region will have in its ongoing efforts to attract new industry and compete effectively with neighboring Peel region.

PEEL FIRST

Since Toronto-based manufacturing firms tend to visit Peel first as a possible location for new branches of offices in their westward search for outlying sites, Mr. Marshall admitted, that region averages 132 new industries each year.

Further to the west, Halton averages only 23 new manufacturing industries a year, he said, although that figure compares favorably with new assessment in the Guelph-Kitchener-Cambridge area.

In the interest of attracting investment further west then Peel, Mr. Marshall said, Halton hopes to offer land at prices "a little bit more competitive", as well as better living conditions, than those found in Peel.

"There's no question that Halton has better status in terms of living conditions," Mr. Rafis added. "I would say we've never really been interested in following Peel's example of rapid growth. I

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The formation of yet another private group to sponsor the immigration of a family of Indo-Chinese refugees bears witness this week to the community's continuing interest and concern for the plight of Vietnam's "Boat People".

A southeast Asian immigrant who himself adopted Canada as his new home 15 years ago is among the members of "Group Two", a self-titled gathering of area

residents who pledged sponsorship funds last week at the home of Gerry and Louise Cunningham in Glen Williams.

Ik Soon Geh, a Hong Kong native, joined ten other concerned residents while members of the Georgetown rescue committee, a chapter of Operation Lifeline, explained the procedure for "adopting" a refugee family.

The members of Group Two cheered as the first count was made of available funds and the \$2,500 minimum sponsor-

ship requirement was already cleared. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham also offered lodging for the family at no initial cost in the basement apartment of their home.

Similarly, clothing and food for the refugees appears readily available through the Group Two members themselves. Job offers are invited.

HAVE CONFIDENCE

"Group Two is confident of the support of the community as a whole," Laurent Thibault, another member, commented. "One of the key things is to make these people feel welcome. They will need all the help we can give them to overcome the language and cultural barriers."

Any other residents interested in contributing directly to the efforts of Group Two are welcome to phone Mr. Thibault at 877-7795, or Operation Lifeline's Georgetown representatives (see box inside).

The local Operation Lifeline chapter, meanwhile, is continuing its efforts to round up sponsors and donors for the refugees in the hopes of bringing 20 Vietnamese families to Georgetown.

At press time, several sponsorships remain in the preliminary and tentative stages as immigration forms are filled out and other arrangements made. The number of refugee families sponsored thus far by Georgetown area residents thus remains at five.

The congregations of four area churches, for example, are now in the process of jointly raising sponsorship funds and recruiting help for one family. Members of St. John's United, Knox Presbyterian and Limehouse and Glen Williams churches are reportedly eager to finalize their sponsorship.

The Herald incorrectly reported last week that all

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LACAC revived by historians

Rejected twice by town council, the Esqueping Historical Society has taken the initiative in forming its own "heritage advisory committee" to take inventory of buildings and sites in Halton Hills worthy of official designation as being historically or architecturally significant.

A meeting at the Glen Williams home of Rev. Ric Ruggie, Society president, last Wednesday night saw members delegated to prepare lists of possible sites throughout town.

Taking inventory of noteworthy buildings and places is considered the first step toward designating them by law as being significant to the community and thus protecting them against any modernization or other renovation.

Ward 3 town councillor John McDonald, a Society member, told The Herald this week that those delegated to certain areas of town will meet in September to compare notes and compile the inventory. Then, although no schedule has been set, the advisory committee will submit a "shorter list" of local sites which the Society considers worthy of the community's special attention.

UP TO COUNCIL

The decision rests with town council as to the designation of a selected site. Site approval by council leads to the preparation of a formal bylaw to which neighboring landowners are given a time period to respond.

All proposed designations will first be advertised in local newspapers so that concerned citizens will be alerted. There are also provisions for an appeal procedure once the designation is approved by council.

Council rejected proposals for the formation of a similar advisory group twice during consecutive terms, fearing the

imposition of new legislation to curb the rights of property owners. Appeals by Coun. McDonald and Rev. Ruggie failed to change council's decision.

The difference between the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee

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Local vacationer meets his idol

Jim France of RR4 Georgetown encountered an unexpected surprise and a life-filling honor during his recent holiday in England when he and his wife met Lord Mountbatten, a man Mr. France has admired since his youth.

"It was the thrill of my life," Mr. France said about his chance meeting and brief visit with the 79-year-old great grandson of Queen Victoria. "My wife and I are over the moon."

The meeting took place at the White Horse Hotel in Romsey, southern England, where the Frances were guests and during their holiday. On the morning of July 3, they learned that Lord Mountbatten was to attend a Rotary Club luncheon in the hotel that day.

Excited at the prospect of seeing a man he calls his idol, Mr. France decided to postpone a planned drive to Scotland and await Lord Mountbatten's arrival.

The Romsey home newspaper explained in an article headlined Canadian Veteran Meets His Idol that Mr. France sought the help of its staff in arranging the meeting with the lord. Calling himself "a great Royalist" and citing his six

year's service in the Canadian Black Watch, Mr. France expressed his desire to shake Lord Mountbatten's hand.

READILY AGREED

"Lord Mountbatten readily agreed" to the meeting, according to the Romsey Advertiser, "shook both Mr. and Mrs. France warmly by the hand," and chatted, making references to his own numerous visits to (Toronto).

Lord Mountbatten conversed with the Frances for several minutes before inviting them to visit Broadlands, his home nearby. Special arrangements were made for the visit while the Earl attended lunch.

Lord Mountbatten began an illustrious military career as the young aide-de-camp to Edward, Prince of Wales. He was a Royal Navy sub-lieutenant during World War One, a director of military raids upon Dieppe and Norway during World War Two.

As head of Allied Southeast Command during the late years of second war, Lord Mountbatten's troops liberated Burma, and in the years that followed, the Earl served as Viceroy and Governor-General to India during a period which witnessed the creation of the state of Pakistan.



WAITING FOR SUPPER

English Scout leader, Ken Holland and three of his boys wait patiently for their supper to cook at a winter roast Saturday night. The Hannah family of the Sixth Line entertained the Halton families and their English visitors.

(Herald photo)