



**AWARD-WINNING CERAMICISTS**

Students at Georgetown Ceramics on Armstrong Avenue received awards Saturday following the second annual show judged by Toronto artist Harry Wilson. Gale Verhaegen, left,

took an award for staining while Sheila Kirk, right, got one for glazing. June Gilson accepted the student of the year award for Aileen Armstrong, who was unable to attend Saturday's event. (Herald photo)

**MTC on receiving end of councillor criticism**

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gating, passing other vehicles on hills, running stop signs and hauling uncovered loads.

Hundreds of phone calls at all hours of the day and night have reportedly been received by Mayor Pomeroy and Coun. Miller from residents testifying to the all-night crushing of stone at the pits and movement of trucks, operations which are restricted to daylight hours by the conditions of approval.

Of the six conditions placed before the committee regarding the new Odorico pit licence, five involve the rehabilitation of the site once extraction is completed. The sixth condition specifies a truck route southerly to the sixth concession, east of 17 Sideroad to Trafalgar Road, and then south to Upper Middle Road.

Coun. Booth advised Mr. Waller that he has, in the past, been less concerned about pit operations than Coun. Miller because he felt sure the demand for aggregate would only last a relatively short time until the pits are exhausted. Forecasts of available aggregate at the various wayside pits are more contradictory than ever, however, leaving town councillors with no reassurances for affected residents, he said.

"I'm sure you can prove there's 15 million tons in the Odorico pit, because you're a different department or a different ministry," Coun. Booth said. "I guess this council should emphasize (to Queen's Park) that there are ample sources of aggregate elsewhere; it may cost a little more, but we've already got enough problems here. This makes us look like a bunch of jackasses. I bet you that 10 years from now, they'll still be digging gravel out of the Odorico pit."

**RURAL RESIDENTS**  
Ward 2's other representatives on the committee, George Maltby and Pat Patterson, similarly complained that their credibility has been undermined by "misleading" ministry forecasts. Coun. Patterson said he assured many rural residents that operations at the Odorico pit would be complete by Novem-

ber. The new licence is effective until September, 1980.

"You've duped 13 people here (on council)," Coun. Maltby added. "We all thought this year was 'it'. Can't you level with us? This is terrible."

Objecting to the deployment of Halton police officers to investigate reports of bylaw contravention by gravel trucks, Mayor Pomeroy suggested that the MTC ought to construct its own private

**Fatal accident Saturday**

A 21-year-old Mississauga man is dead following a single-car accident at the corner of Guelph and Main Streets late Saturday night.

Douglas Alan Miles, 21, of Mississauga, was pronounced dead on arrival at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. He was a passenger in the back seat of the car. The driver and three other passengers were also injured in the accident, and are presently in hospital. None of those involved in the accident is from the Halton Hills area.

The accident occurred late Saturday night, when a car, driven by Jack Blanchard, 20, of Bramata, failed to negotiate the turn on Guelph Street at the intersection of Guelph and Main Street, and struck a tree. Halton Hills firefighters had to pry open one of the car doors to free the people inside the car.

The driver, Mr. Blanchard, suffered a broken leg, and was taken to Peel Memorial Hospital in Brampton. Darlene Miles, 18, sister of the victim, was taken to Toronto General Hospital, where she is in the intensive care ward. Donna Cox, 18, of Brampton is reported in good condition in Peel Memorial Hospital, and Andrew Burkett, 21, of London, is also in good condition at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

Halton Regional Police are investigating the accident.

road into Halton Hills for the trucks to use, since there appears to be such a great demand for, and a large quantity of aggregate here.

The town will have to take expensive steps to replace water supplies allegedly depleted by mining operations, the mayor added. Three "bona fide" complaints from Ward 2 residents this year offered conclusive evidence that wayside pit operations nearby had lowered the area water table and depleted well supplies, he said.

Mayor Pomeroy asked Mr. Waller whether the MTC is willing to provide Halton Hills residents with a 24-hour phone number they can call with complaints, as well as an enforcement officer who can monitor operations and investigate bylaw contraventions.

When Mr. Waller asked for specific examples of the MTC's failure to co-operate with the town, Mayor Pomeroy recalled a 24-hour a day extraction operation on the Eighth Line which prompted dozens of complaints and was

eventually confined to "reasonable hours".

Soon after, he continued, the operation moved elsewhere and the complaints started again. Time limits for the operation of both on-site crushers and gravel trucks were "never adhered to", the mayor said, with the trucks constantly eluding police through the use of CB radios.

At Coun. Patterson's suggestion, further consideration of the MTC's new licence was deferred until next Monday night's council meeting.

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**Rental increase challenged by two affected organizations**

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predicted, Maple Nursery's request has little hope of approval.

While commending parents for operating their school so inexpensively, Mayor Pete Pomeroy agreed they "stand a very poor chance" of obtaining a grant next spring.

Coun. Ross Knechtel also opposed the deferral motion, suggesting a review of all rental arrangements with the town's co-operative nurseries is in order. Acton's nursery school is "having an awful time" financially, he said, and is currently seeking better accommodations than the store basement where it now operates. To reduce Maple's rent or defer the request, he argued, would create many more problems.

"It's not a question of worthiness," Coun. Walter Biehn added. "Certainly the school does good work, but I don't think an increase in the rent is going to stop any of the children from attending school there. A good presentation from the speaker and good

representation from the parents tonight shouldn't sway us on this."

**YAREMY LETTER**  
Mrs. Yaremy's letter to the town on behalf of the local Red Cross branch suggested that the committee may be unaware of the branch's contributions to the community.

The branch, she pointed out, issued some 400 pieces of sickroom equipment free of charge in Halton Hills during the past year, pays for swimming badges awarded in local programs, collaborates with the recreation department in water safety programs, dispensed \$3,000 worth of food, clothing and lodging to disaster victims in the area, organizes and operates eight blood donor clinics a year, transports patients in need of rides to Toronto and promotes community involvement among young people through Red Cross Youth.

"Because of inflation, our campaign results have remained stationary in the past several years, although the cost of our

services is a reflection of present times," Mrs. Yaremy wrote. "Therefore, if the rent increase is passed by council, we will have to reduce some of the assistance to the community."

Mrs. Yaremy's letter was filed by the committee with little comment other than acknowledgment that the situation could be reconsidered at budget time if the Red Cross wishes.

Mr. Gray described his rent increase proposals as another in a series of cost reviews being conducted with regard to the town's recreational facilities. A rise in rental rates for ice-time at the three arenas has already sparked much controversy and debate, and a

report is forthcoming outlining possible charges for the use of outdoor facilities, currently provided free of charge or users.

"As committee is aware," Mr. Gray explained, "the ages and conditions of the community centre buildings a few years ago were such that a number of renovation-reconstruction efforts were required. The municipality, we feel, is now in a position to 'legitimately' increase their rental rates."

With the community centres in more frequent use now than in past years, Mr. Gray said, the net operating cost to the town has nevertheless decreased from \$25,317 in 1977 to an estimated \$17,780 in 1979.

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**CORRECTION**

A report on the rental accommodations situation in Halton Hills which appeared in last week's Herald may have been incorrectly interpreted to suggest that local developer Al Pilutti sought financial assistance from Canada Mortgage, formerly the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, for the 61-unit condominium apartment building he proposes to construct on Hall Road in Georgetown.

While Mr. Pilutti had asked Canada Mortgage to insure a loan for the 158-unit apartment building proposed for construction elsewhere on Hall Road, he has never sought any form of federal assistance with regard to the nearby condominium complex.

The developer has, in fact, already found several prospective buyers for the custom-built luxury condominiums, which he hopes will receive final approval within the month.

Despite Mr. Pilutti's belief that there is sufficient demand in Halton Hills for both the 210-unit McNally apartment complex now under construction downtown and his proposed 158-unit apartment project, Canada Mortgage has denied his application for loan insurance in deference to the McNally project. As reported last week, Canada Mortgage is waiting to evaluate the impact of the McNally apartments before considering other proposals.

The Herald regrets any inconvenience which may have been caused.

**Rec facilities rentals surveyed**

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involved, and whether or not the towns make grants to sports groups.

**LATTER QUESTION.**  
With regard to the latter question, responses were largely positive but qualified. Brantford and Burlington subsidize hockey and lacrosse groups only, Brantford makes grants in accordance with budgets submitted, Cambridge's grants average \$3 per member and are based on individual needs, Guelph covers 65 per cent of rental rates for special events, Kitchener grants half proven cost needs, Milton makes a \$1 per player grant and Mississauga and Oakville makes grants as needs dictate.

Only Orangeville indicated that no municipal grants are made. In Halton Hills, arena-using groups are granted \$1 per player and "successful" coaches and leaders trained by the town qualify for some "payment".

Mr. Gray's report was referred to a special committee of council formed to review the rental situation. Its members include Mayor Pete Pomeroy and councillors Ed Wood, Pat Patterson, Roy Booth and Harry Levy.

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