

## Predecessor resigns suddenly

# Miller takes over waste committee



Chris Edwards, a grade 13 student at Georgetown District High School, is the school's newest Snow Queen. Miss Edwards, who plans to attend Sheridan College to study social work, is seen

here with escort Edgar Thatcher moments after being crowned Snow Queen. See also page 3.

(Herald photo)

## ANNUAL WINTER PAGEANTRY



The first intermission featured an hilarious dance routine by Georgetown high school teachers to a disco hit from The Village People. The teachers were, from right to left, Fred

Kotani, Gary Miller, Grant Clatworthy, Mavis O'Neal, Bob McKay, Shirlene Villa, Shirley White and Mike Mahore.

(Herald photo)

# MTC wayside pits concessions reward residents' negotiators

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Negotiations involving the town, a Sixth Line resident's group and the provincial ministry of transportation and communications (MTC) have resulted in a number of significant ministry concessions regarding the listing and operation of specific wayside gravel pits in Halton Hills.

The three groups have had several meetings in the last few months in an attempt to resolve concerns over the method of listing wayside pits and the length of their operation.

The town's general committee Monday passed a series of recommendations on wayside pits, based on a number of concessions contained in a letter from the MTC to Mayor Pete Pomeroy.

While the recommendations are for specific pits only, Mayor Pomeroy indicated that

further developments of a more general nature would be announced at next Monday's council meeting.

The MTC has agreed to remove the Pilutti pit on the Sixth Line from all future aggregate source lists for ministry projects, and will not process any further wayside applications on this pit without written approval from the town, effective March 10.

The Spitzer pit is also being removed from future source lists and any further wayside applications will also require written approval from the town, but no time frame is given.

The MTC has agreed not to list the Odorico pit on any MTC project advertised after December 31, 1980, without the written approval of the town. In return, the town has agreed not to oppose the listing of the Odorico and Vincent proper-

ties on aggregate source lists for MTC projects advertised prior to December 31, 1980.

The town is requesting that the MTC confirm in writing that any permits issued prior to December 31, 1980, will indicate that the aggregate will be removed no later than December 31, 1981.

The MTC is also being requested to advise in writing that the aggregate remaining within the Odorico Pit to be removed does not exceed 300,000 tons.

Council's committee reviewing aggregate resources lists will meet with MTC officials around April 1, July 1 and October 1, of this year to review the status of the Odorico property in order to assess the resources remaining, operational plans and resources committed under wayside permits, with the objective being an earlier delisting of the

property.

The town acknowledged the MTC's intent to review the status of the Vincent property during January, 1981, for future utilization.

No mention was made in the recommendations of the general committee regarding the MTC's request for extended operating hours.

## SALT TRUCK COLLISION

Halton Regional Police are still investigating an accident which occurred at 2:30 Saturday afternoon on Steeles Avenue just east of the Fifth Line, involving a car and a Halton regional works truck.

The driver of the car, Pauline Dickson, 27, and her passengers, Katherine Mulholland and four children aged 2 to 7, were all taken to Milton District Hospital for treatment following the mishap.

The truck, loaded with salt for spreading on the icy roads during the storm, overturned but the driver, regional works foreman Brent Marshall, 29, of Acton was unhurt.

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Halton Hills Coun. Russ Miller says he is pleased about becoming the new chairman of Halton region's solid waste management committee, but admits he is disappointed with council's reluctance to implement an ambitious \$16 million waste management system.

Council's decision two weeks ago to refer the proposed system back to staff for further study prompted the committee's previous chairman, Oakville Coun. Terry Mannell, to hand in his resignation in a scathing letter to council last Wednesday.

Coun. Miller told The Herald that he was

approached Wednesday morning by several council members who urged him to take the post.

"I told them I would be willing, but not if council is going to turn it into a 'nothing' committee," he said.

Council accepted Coun. Mannell's resignation that afternoon and immediately named Coun. Miller the new chairman.

In his letter of resignation, Coun. Mannell strongly denounced the region for its recent action on the solid waste management system.

"I refuse to be used any longer," he wrote. "I will not be co-opted by a council which has misled the public by proclaiming policy state-



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ments it now shows no commitment to; which has found every excuse conceivable to delay a meaningful commitment and now, faced with a well-researched, carefully considered resolution that does represent a meaningful decision, but one so couched in safeguards and escape clauses that it represented no risk at all, has found a method of further delay."

TURNED BACK

Coun. Miller said he agrees that regional council has abrogated its commitments to the people.

"I'm disappointed with the action of council," he said. "I feel the region has turned its back on its responsibilities."

Coun. Miller said he was not present when council voted to refer the recommendations of the solid waste management committee February 20, but expressed disappointment that other Halton Hills representatives

on regional council chose to support the referral decision and that Mayor Pete Pomeroy had moved the motion.

He indicated that the proposed transfer station for Georgetown, recommended as part of the solid waste management system, is a vital necessity for the town.

"We're the ones who are suffering most from the present garbage situation," he said, referring to the town's new requirement to haul garbage to Oakville.

The long haul to Oakville is costing the town a lot of money he said, and is also resulting in other problems.

"Right now we've got people dumping garbage on rural roads, because they don't want to drive to Oakville," he explained.

Coun. Miller said that Frank Morette, the town's public works superintendent, is keeping track of the illegal dumping going on and has taken pictures of people dumping.

"Mr. Morette will be turning the information over to the police," he added.

Coun. Miller said he agrees with Coun. Mannell's contention that a source separation program, by which glass, metal and paper waste could be reclaimed and sold, thus reducing the volume of garbage which needs burying, is feasible for Halton region.

"If we tell people the costs that are involved in garbage pick-up and haulage, they'll realize the necessity of source separation," he said. "We bought an extra packer at around \$100,000 to help move the garbage to Oakville."

## SLOW SALES PROMPT LAY-OFFS

Beardmore and Company Ltd. of Acton will be laying off 25 to 30 workers during the coming weeks as a result of slow sales.

Donald Rankin, personnel manager for the tannery, which has been in operation in the town for more than a century, says the industry is running below capacity at this time and there is no demand to use the plant's products.

The layoffs will be spread throughout the plant and affect about eight per cent of its 300 union members, he said. Layoffs will begin next week and take several days to complete as the lowering of production catches up with various departments on the line.

He could give no estimate on how long it would be before the workers are recalled but was confident that it was just a matter of time before demand rises and workers return to their jobs.

The tannery is Acton's biggest employer.



## FAITH AND BEGORRAH!

Lori Taylor, intrepid young Herald photographer, has just returned from an exciting trip to the Old Sod in an attempt to commemorate St. Patrick's Day next Monday by proving or disproving the existence of the fabled Leprechaun. Provided with an unlimited expense account (well over \$2 a day) and the opportunity to work her way to Ireland on a cattle boat, she returned triumphant. Despite a hazardous journey through bogs, and fighting off amorous Irishmen, she returned with photographic proof, and that's no blarney.

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