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THE BIG PAPER WITH THE BIG CIRCULATION COVERING GEORGETOWN ACTONA SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

May be more money available

Month-long wait for word on St. Joe's



PREPARING FOR TAKE-OFF

Hace organizers at Sunday's GT Motor Club soap box derby strap seven year old Kerri Stittle into her "snaped-up" go-cart. The eighth year of the event, participants and spectators braved a chilly afternoon to get out and have some

fun. The derby was held between Main Street and Deirex Boulevard along Maple

Garbage bin cost skyrockets, Miller slams bureaucracy

A regional public works department report estimating that it could cost \$21,000 to install a temporary garbage between acting chief administrator Dennis Perlin and Halton Hills Coun. Russ Miller. "How can you read a report

like this and support regional government?" Coun. Miller asked in the midst of a heated public works committee disposal bin in Acton sparked debate on the issue last an angry clash last week Wednesday, "It makes me sick that something like this shows the bureaucracy that this thing

In response to a request

from Halton Hills council that a bin be installed at the Acton sewage treatment plant, the works department recommended that it be deferred until an estimated \$40,000 per year budgetary discussions in 1981.

The initial cost of installing the bin-the region has recommended using the old

Churchill Road landfill site as

"If we put in a facility, it has to be run and run well," Mr. Perlin argued, adding that the bin proposal would have to be approved by the ministry of the environment and could be subject to a public hearing.

But Coun, Miller was not satisfied with the region's explanation.

the location-includes fencing,

landscaping, access to the site

and construction of an

operator's station. It will cost

to maintain the garbage

RUN WELL.

"I'm trying to support regional government...but to see a report like this indicates that there is something very wrong with the system.

Despite his fellow councillor's scorn of the regional report, Coun. Mike Armstrong approved of the recommendation to discuss the bln proposal

when the committee prepares the 1981 budget.

"I have to agree with Dennis (Perlin)," Coun. Armstrong sald. "And I'm prepared to see the recommendation go ahead. Let's doit but let's doit right."

Mr. Perlin suggested that the bin might be maintained by the town as part of its own he said and he personally finds refuse collection responsibilities, locating the bin in the standpoint of a taxpayer. They town's public works yard. A joint decision on the matter beautiful, have an extremely reached between Halton Hills town staff and the regional public works department was age of being able to remove suggested by Millon Coun. Bill Johnson but quickly dismissed

"Who says the town staff is has to be obvious to anyone, he not happy with the recommendation?" he asked. "It's very very simple; they are not opposed to this, in fact, they are very much in favor of it."

by Coun. Armstrong.

before the Halton separate we might get more credit for it school hourd gets word about than we think." funds for a new facility for Parents' association president Vince Whelan said he felt At a meeting with representhe minister was being genuine tatives of the board and St. when she said she was doing Joseph's parents association in

By MAGGIE HANNAH

Herald Special

Acton's St. Joseph's School.

Queen's Park on Thursday

afternoon education minister,

Dr. Belte Stephenson said

allocation requirements from

boards should be updated and the ministry will also know what funds, if any, are avail-

in place she will know what noney if any she can allocate for the Acton school, said board vice-chairman Hartley

Byrnes, parents' association

the school without any mini-

"She made no promises,"

Mr. Sherk said, "but she hopes

to know in a month whether

more funds will be available to

The board asked for funding

for a new school in both Acton

and Oakville but received

funds only for Oakville in this

year's allocations, St. Joseph's

is now housed in a century-old

stone structure rented from

the Halton board of education.

Parents deem it inadequate

and badly overcrowded.

Oakville students have no faci-

lity to house students in the

MODULAR SCHOOLS

strong feelings that the

minister would like to see

boards building modular

schools in future rather than

the conventional types in use

now. Such schools start with a

central core to house such

things as administration offic-

es, heating plant, library,

gymnasium and washrooms.

Classrooms are attached to

this core in such a way that

they can be removed and taken

to another school at a future

time if enrollment drops in one

Only a few such schools are

in use in Ontario at the present

time, but the minister made

the message quite clear that

she felt that was the future

area and rises in another.

Mr. Sherk said he also got

area granted a new school,

stry backing.

allocate to boards."

It will be another month

her best given the limited funds available to her for distribution.

Mr. Sherk said. "I got the

feeling that if we built the type

of school she wants to see built

enthusiastic about a modular

While he was not totally

aren't going to lower our standards unless we have to."

school.

In discussing capital allocations for next year, Dr. Stephenson said she expects capital allocations to be made

school, Mr. Whelan said the

parents weren't seeking lavish

accommodations for the

STANDARDS

ced to go that way if we have

to," Mr. Whelan said. "But we

*I think we could be convin-

project in such a category.

Dr. Stephenson also seemed pleased by personal invitations from both the board chairman and Mr. Whelan to drop in and view the Acton facility at her

in January or February rather

than in June, as happened this

year. She was told that a new

Acton school would be the

number one priority on their

allocation list in 1981 and that

it would be the board's only

Vassagaweyans able from the government by that time. With these two items join Wellington? Describing the meeting between the minister, board chairman Bob O'Brien board executive director Cliff

president Vince Whelan and himself as a positive one, Mr. Nassagaweya Residents' Sherk said she made no promi-Association wants to see the ses. The minister seemed to area become part of Wellingcompletely understand the board's problems including the on County. fact they purchased land for

The first step in the process will require the signatures of at least 800 area property owners on a petition which the association plans to take to the county's administration and finance committee meeting October 20. If the petition is well received, the representatives plan to attend the full council meeting October 29 to pursue their request to join the county as a member township like its neighbors, Puslinch and Eramosa.

Association chairman Bonnie Newton called on volunteers from those attending Wednesday's meeting in Brookville Public School to canvass the former township. If less than half the area's property owners sign the petition during the next eleven days, there won't be any point in attending the committee meeting, she warned

Mrs. Newton said contact with Wellington County Warden Archie McRobble indicated the county council would probably be receptive to their plea if they could prove they represented a sufficiently large number of area

taxpayers. DARK DAYS Once the association has

Wellington County Council, they will approach Queen's Park. If the county will accept them and the residents want to make the shift, Mrs. Newton said she'd "like to see any machine, blue, white or pink, from leaving the dark days of

regional government behind". The association was formed in June in response to concern expressed by residents of the former township Nassagaweya who are upset at tax hikes as a part of the town of Millon in Halten region.

While they work on getting out of the region, the association will also attempt to field three candidates in the November 10 election to oppose those already representing Ward 3 on Milton council and regional council. A.G. Watson of RR1, Acton, indicated he would be a candidate for the group, while B.A. Rieger of Caledonia Street, Guelph also offered his services if no one else can be found to tackle the job. Mrs. Newton said either she or her husband would stand for election if a third candiate can't be found before

nominations close October 20. "If no one else surfaces by the time nominations close. Maurice or I will run," Mrs. Newton said. "But no one's going in by acclamation from our neck of the woods in this election.

COVERING BASES Questioned how they can ascertained the feeling of field candidates to represent

the area on Halton and Milton councils at the same time they attempt to join Wellington, Mr. Newton said he was covering all bases by the action.

"We don't know how long it may take to accomplish our goal," he said, "and we intend to cover our bases while we work on it."

A new township council would need to be elected after they joined the county, he said. The association has also collected more than double the required 50 signatures to a petition calling on the province to initiate a judicial inquiry into Halton Region's deficit The deficit inquiry petition will be available for more signatures until the end of October.

Mrs. Newton said. When asked why the association should succeed in breaking Nassagaweya loose from the region when an attempt to get Acton separated from Halton Hills failed two years ago, Mrs. Newton pointed out the difference in the two cases. Nassagaweya wants right out of the region to join Wellington County. Acton just wanted out of Halton Hills. By investigating three possibilities, (joining Wellington, leaving Halton Hills or getting a better deal within the existing system). the Acton group fragmented their case, she said.

"To be Churchillian," Mrs. Newton said, "we do not entertain the idea of defeat."

ELECTION CENTRAL



Esquesing (Ward 2) Coun.

Pat Patterson, town council's

vehemently outspoken critic of

Halton regional government,

will not seek another term on

the Halton Hills council in the

"I'm going to support Pam

Sheldon," Coun. Patterson told

The Herald Monday, "I think

she has the fortifude to say what she thinks and will tell

those fence-sitters what they

The 68-year old former vice-

president of Swift Chemicals

(Canada) Limited and current

owner of a large cattle farm in

Norval, stated two weeks ago

that if he did run again he

would be after a seat on

should or shouldn't do."

November 10 elections.

Three-way race in Esquesing

Herald Special Ward 2 Councillor George Maltby has announced his intention to seek another term as a local councillor for Halton

This is Mr. Malby's fifth race for Halton Hills Council. He also served a term on Esqusing Council prior to the formation of regional government. He says he has no aspirations to move up to

regional council. But Monday

"Frankly, the region has lost

Mrs. Sheldon announced her

candidacy for a Ward 2 seat on the local council September 16.

Dolly Moulden, a Limehouse

Russ Miller's regional seat.

housewife, entered the race last week seeking incumbent

Coun. Patterson said he still

plans to be a regular figure in

the gallery at town council

meetings after the November

elections. He said he may sell

the farm in the future but

expects to stay in Halton Hills

"to have some fun".

all credibility with the

people," Coun. Patterson said.

night he offered a parting

supports Sheldon's bid

volley to the region:

Mr. Maltby indicated he was pleased to see a race

people seem to be unhappy with council but nobody comes

C.F. (Pat) Patterson

shaping up in Ward 2.

is standing up in the Georgetown Wards. It's an unfair thing. Ninety per cent of the

far type of building for Acton," "We've had a race before when no one else did," he says. Settlement reached in Maple Lodge strike

A 28-day old strike at Maple Pat Patterson won't run, Lodge Poultry Farms in Norval came to an end this weekend as workers ratified a new two-year contract in a 189-3 vote Sunday. The strike, which began

September 15 when about 200 members of the 325 workers unionized under the United Food and Commercial Workers Union walked off the Job to protest low pay, poor "timeoff"schemes and long hours. all but shut down Canada's largest chicken processig plant.

The workers-mostly livehaul, production and delivery personnel-demanded an 80 cent-per-hour increase in wages in each year of a two-year contract, the tirst January. Prior to the strike, the workers were earning \$6.20 per hour.

NEW AGREEMENT Under the new agreement, the company will give a 65 cent increase in the first year and 70 cents in the second year.

Details of the settlement on the other demands made by the union were not available as The Herald went to press.

During the bitter and violence-ridden dispute, a total of 26 charges were filled by Peel regional police and four women strikers were taken to hospital following a notice in front of the plant gates last The union failed to muster

the full support of its Maple Lodge membership, and since they became certified in charged that the company was

"strongly advising" workers to break the picket lines and man the production system. Maple Lodge industrial rela-

MORE CREDIT

tions officer Keith Coutlee told The Herald Tuesday that it would take the company some time to recover eustomers lost during the strike. He said that the plants normal output of about 140,000 processed chickens dropped to 35,000 chickens per day at one point in the strike, and the plant was shut down last week when federal inspectors refused to go into the factory.

Hotel property sold

Herald Special Roman Kassian purchased the Dominion Hotel property on Main Street North Saturday. Doug Fread, an associate of Mr. Kassian, sald there are no plans for the site at the moment, .



CALL TO ARMS

Former Lorne Scot commander Col. John R. Barber was a guest at the official opening of the Halton-Peel Lorne Scots Regimental museum Sunday afternoon. The museum on John Street, Brampton will be open for visitors on a regular basis.

(Herald photo)