

May be more money available

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



PREPARING FOR TAKE-OFF

Race organizers at Sunday's GT Motor Club soap box derby strap seven year old Kerri Stittle into her "soaped-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 Avenue.

(Herald photo)

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 disposal bin in Acton sparked an angry clash last week between acting chief administrator Dennis Perlin and Halton Hills Councillor Russ Miller.

Miller asked in the midst of a heated public works committee debate on the issue last Wednesday, "It makes me sick that something like this shows the bureaucracy that this thing does."

from Halton Hills council that a bin be installed at the Acton sewage treatment plant, the works department recommended that it be deferred until budgetary discussions in 1981. The initial cost of installing the bin—the region has recommended using the old Churchill Road landfill site as

the location—includes fencing, landscaping, access to the site and construction of an operator's station. It will cost an estimated \$40,000 per year to maintain the garbage container.

when the committee prepares the 1981 budget.

"I have to agree with Dennis (Perlin)," Councillor Armstrong said. "And I'm prepared to see the recommendation go ahead. Let's do it but let's do it right."

Mr. Perlin suggested that the bin might be maintained by the town as part of its own refuse collection responsibilities, locating the bin in the town's public works yard. A joint decision on the matter reached between Halton Hills town staff and the regional public works department was suggested by Councillor Bill Johnson but quickly dismissed by Councillor Armstrong.

"Who says the town staff is 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."

ELECTION CENTRAL



George Malby

Three-way race in Esquesing

Ward 2 Councillor George Malby has announced his intention to seek another term as a local councillor for Halton Hills.

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

regional level. Mr. Malby indicated he was pleased to see a race shaping up in Ward 2. "We've had a race before when no one else did," he says. "I can't appreciate why no one is standing up in the Georgetown Wards. It's an unfair thing. Ninety per cent of the people seem to be unhappy with council but nobody comes out to run for an election."

Settlement reached in Maple Lodge strike

A 28-day old strike at Maple 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 "time-off" schemes and long hours, all but shut down Canada's largest chicken processing plant.

The workers—mostly live-haul, production and delivery personnel—demanded an 80 cent-per-hour increase in wages in each year of a two-year contract, the first January. Prior to the strike, the workers were earning \$8.20 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 filed by Peel regional police and four women strikers were taken to hospital following a no-ice in front of the plant gates last Monday.

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 relations officer Keith Coultie told The Herald Tuesday that it would take the company some time to recover customers lost during the strike. He said that the plants normal output of about 140,000 processed chickens dropped to 25,000 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

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

Mr. Sherk said, "I got the feeling that if we built the type of school she wants to see built we might get more credit for it than we think."

Parents' association president Vince Whelan said he felt the minister was being genuine when she said she was doing her best given the limited funds available to her for distribution.

While he was not totally enthusiastic about a modular

school, Mr. Whelan said the parents weren't seeking lavish accommodations for the school.

STANDARDS
 "I think we could be convinced to go that way if we have to," Mr. Whelan said. "But we aren't going to lower our standards unless we have to."

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

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 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 convenience.

Nassagaweyans join Wellington?

The executive of the Nassagaweya Residents' Association wants to see the area become part of Wellington County.

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 McRobbie 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 ascertained the feeling of

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, try to stop 'Nassagaweya 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 of Nassagaweya who are upset at tax hikes as a part of the town of Milton in Halton 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 RRI, 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 candidate 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 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."



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)

Pat Patterson won't run, supports Sheldon's bid

Esquesing (Ward 2) Councillor Pat Patterson, town council's vehemently outspoken critic of Halton regional government, will not seek another term on the Halton Hills council in the November 10 elections.

"I'm going to support Pam Sheldon," Councillor Patterson told The Herald Monday. "I think she has the fortitude to say what she thinks and will tell those fence-sitters what they should or shouldn't do."

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

regional council. But Monday night he offered a parting volley to the region:

"Frankly, the region has lost all credibility with the people," Councillor Patterson said.

Mrs. Sheldon announced her candidacy for a Ward 2 seat on the local council September 16. Dolly Moulden, a Limehouse housewife, entered the race last week seeking incumbent Russ Miller's regional seat.

Councillor 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".



C.F. (Pat) Patterson