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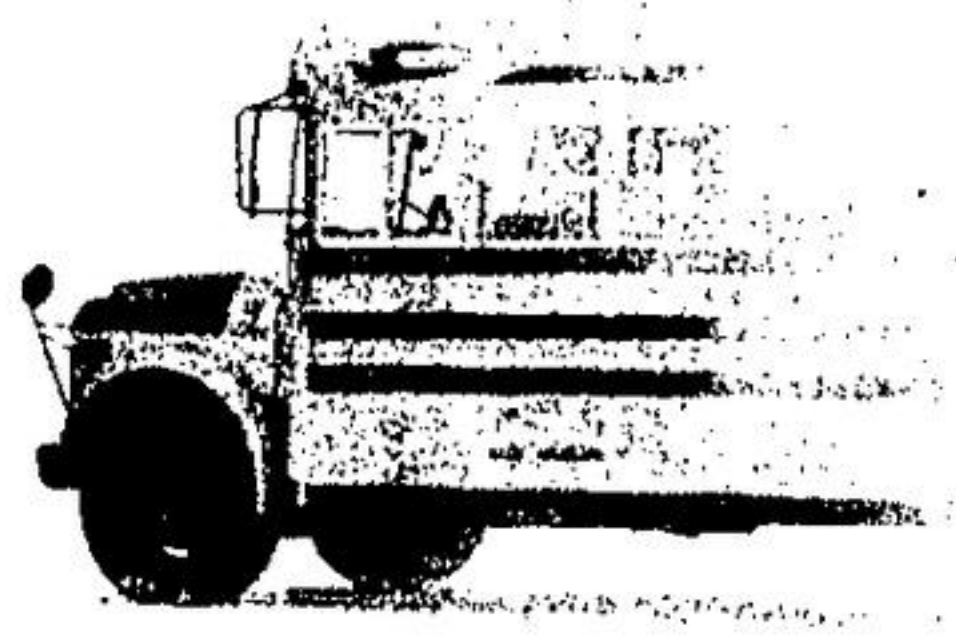
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DRESS REHEARSAL - JUST IN CASE

About 35 "casualties" were pulled from the smoking wreckage of a mock plane crash Sunday when the Georgetown branch of the Red Cross Society tested its emergency response plan on a simulated disaster. With help from the Acton Red Cross, including president Henry Kroes (inset), the Volunteer Ambulance Service, the volunteer firefighters, the 1st Acton

Scout troop, Halton Regional Police and amateur radio operators, the Red Cross Society was able to make a dry run, using two buses and some wet, smoking straw to create a disaster. Red Cross officials said they are very pleased with the results. More photos inside.

(Herald photo by Lori Taylor)

Date switch annoys some voters

Fran's candidacy may split Tories

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald Special

Halton-Burlington Tories may have chosen Georgetown insurance agent Fran Baines to be their candidate in the March 19 provincial election Monday, but a dispute over the voting could split the party, a member of

the executive fears. Eric Gudgeon, the riding association's past president, tried unsuccessfully during the Milton meeting to have the executive change a rule which disenfranchised many party members. Association president Jack Bellegem of Georgetown

said the rule that membership must be paid and registered with the party 14 days in advance of a nomination meeting is part of the association constitution and changing it at the meeting Monday, as Mr. Gudgeon motioned, would be tantamount to changing the rules in the middle of the game.

Mr. Bellegem explained how the problem had resulted from the need to move the nomination meeting date forward from Feb. 24 to Feb. 9 in order to give the PC candidate time to mount a proper campaign. The move meant the cut-off date for voting members was Jan. 26, although those purchasing memberships thought they had until Feb. 9 to do so. The decision to stick to the 14-day rule resulted from advice

Penman speech questions PC popularity

Halton-Burlington Progressive Conservatives chose Georgetown insurance agent Fran Baines as their candidate in the March 19 provincial election during a nomination meeting in Milton Monday.

Mrs. Baines, wife of Ontario Municipal Board member Terry Baines, has held numerous offices with both the provincial and federal riding associations over the years.

Her sole challenger, Milton councillor Brian Penman, makes up in practical experience through working with the people what he lacks in service to the party, according to his nominators.

The difference between the two candidates has highlighted by their election speeches. Mrs. Baines told delegates that hard work will win the riding back from the Liberals, not rhetoric, then listed things the Conservatives have done for Ontario during 38 years in power, such as responding to "the health needs of the voters in this province", building senior citizen apartments, reducing the provincial deficit and announcing the formation of the Board of Industrial Leadership and Development.

Mr. Penman, on the other hand, acknowledged that the Conservatives party has a problem in Halton. He noted the disenchantment voters feel with regional government, the concern over property tax reform, and opposition to the proposed site of the region's new dump, as evidence of this dissatisfaction.

He asked delegates if they should "continue to accept legislation which is too often directed by public opinion polls" from a government "guilty of management by crisis". He asked them to set aside "partisan politics" and "parochial vested interests" and decide which candidate can heal the divisive wounds and "topple the Liberal candidate".

Penman as independent?

As the Herald went to press Tuesday, a former member of the Halton-Burlington PC riding association revealed that Tory supporters disgruntled by Monday's voting dispute are trying to persuade Brian Penman to run in the March 19 election as an independent.

From provincial party headquarters, he said.

Mr. Bellegem ended his explanation by saying he realized it would be the membership which would

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About the Hills

Day of prayer for Terry Fox

Church-goers of all faiths are invited to join in a non-denominational day of prayer for Marathon of Hope hero Terry Fox Monday at Holy Cross Church in Georgetown. Parishioners at the Maple Avenue Roman Catholic church announced plans this week for the special open "service", in which residents can drop by anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. to offer individual prayers for the cancer-stricken British Columbia student whose recovery, doctors said last month, would now require a "miracle".

The Mr. Bill no-show

Yesterday (Tuesday) mornings scheduled Conservative party breakfast in Georgetown with Premier Bill Davis failed to take place when more pressing campaign work elsewhere preoccupied the premier. Party workers had hoped a Cabinet minister would take his place, but ended up cancelling the breakfast altogether. They remain hopeful that Mr. Davis will soon visit the riding.

Firm's failure affects staff

The bankruptcy of an Ontario insurance firm and its dental plan subsidiary has repercussions for town employees, treasurer Ray King told the general committee Monday night. While the liquidation of Co-operative Health Services and Delta Dental Plan of Ontario will have widespread effects on municipal employees in North York and Toronto and workers with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Mr. King said he expects "no major problems" for local town employees covered under the two plans. Town council will receive a more in-depth report on the bankruptcy's effect at next Monday night's meeting, he said.

Section 86 debate

The anticipated debate on Section 86, or equalized assessment, originally planned for Monday night's general committee meeting never took place. Instead, supporting a recommendation by Acton regional rep Dave Whiting, town councillors opted to debate the issue March 9, allowing more time to study the benefits, or lack of them, in switching to a more balanced means of assessing property values throughout the town.

Heslop Ct. extension

Town council has approved a subdivision agreement with Rex Heslop Holdings for a 28-home extension to Heslop Court in Georgetown's east end. While most of the properties will be built along the southeastward extension, eight homes are planned for a northerly cul-de-sac known as Delma Court. A bylaw outlining the conditions of the agreement has been prepared and will be circulated through the local newspapers.

Satellite now weekly

With the volunteer help of Norm Elson, the Halton Hills Public Library Board's satellite library service on Georgetown's Main Street is now operating every Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Through an arrangement with Pennisworth co-owners Lynn Barnard and Greta Hopkins, the board had originally offered the satellite service every third Friday in the back room of the shop, as an extension of its temporary quarters in Guelphview Square. Mr. Elson's offer to run the service on a weekly basis enables the board to help out senior citizens and other downtown area residents unable to reach Guelphview Square.

PWP winter fun

The Georgetown chapter of Parents Without Partners has plenty of winter fun planned for its members beginning Feb. 15 with skiing, sledding and tobogganing at Wildwood Manor near Ballinacree. There are lots of other activities coming up besides; if you're interested in joining, contact president Anne MacDonald or membership officers Darlene Munro and Angie Laing.

Greenthumbed guest

The Herald's "Greenthumb" columnist, Terra Cotta's Ell Dryden, will conduct a plant clinic and plant exchange at Monday's general meeting of Parents Without Partners. The meeting begins at 8 p.m. in Mountainview Baptist Church.

Dini's got Spring Fever

CITY-TV's Dini Petty and internationally-known beautician Zehava will be among the special guests at "Spring Fever", a fashion and beauty show being presented April 14 at North Halton Golf and Country Club. Co-organizers The Beauty Spot and The Lingerie Boutique have also recruited Mayor Pete Pomeroy and Coun. Pam Sheldon as "guest clients"; they'll loan their political visages to several demonstrations of Beauty Spot cosmetic and skin care techniques.

Search for alternatives may cost us \$200,000

Look beyond Site F - MOE

A long-awaited minister's decision released late Monday concerning Halton's proposed Site "F" garbage dump in Milton could have implications for the future of solid waste management in the region.

After three months of deliberation, provincial environment minister Harry Parrott ruled Monday in favor of having public hearings into the proposal held under the Environment Assessment Act (EAA) thus forcing the region to consider other possible sites in Halton. Had the hearings been held under the Environment Protection Act, as the region asked, evidence presented would deal strictly with the 246 acre site at the corner of Milton's Tremaine and Britannia Roads.

Halton's solid waste management committee chairman, Russ Miller, told The Herald Monday that the ministry's decision could put some future waste disposal programs in jeopardy.

Coun. Miller said he was informed that assessing the Site F proposal under the EAA could cost the region an extra

\$200,000. Over \$500,000 has already been spent on environmental testing and engineering studies, at Site "F".

The extra money needed to study alternative sites could cut into long-term budget plans for recycling garbage or turning part of it into fuel, Coun. Miller said. Maintaining that he understands the concerns of the town of Milton and a large, well-organized citizens group opposed to the dump proposal, he indicated that waste management programs could offer "another way around" garbage headaches in Halton.

Meanwhile, the ministry's decision is expected to prod regional council to accept an offer from National Sewer Pipe of Canada Ltd. to use a shale quarry in Burlington as a landfill site. A recent hydrogeologists' study of the property indicates that it could safely accommodate a garbage dump, but only if contaminants leaking into underground streams from the adjacent King Road municipal landfill site are controlled.



Georgetown's Fran Baines was selected by Halton-Burlington Conservatives Monday night to carry their banner in the March 19 provincial election. Husband Terry and sons Devin (left) and Brian congratulated her on her nomination at Milton's E.C. Drury School.

PUSHY POLITICIANS PUNCH AND POKE THEIR WAY TO PRIZE



Town councillors and staff appear to have the winning team in this broomball match. "Town Council Bullies" were more than a match for their competitors and went on to win the game. Unfortunately, all the pressure was too much for the big ball, which burst in a later game under a sudden onslaught from the two teams which were tangling for a win.

Squad welcomed by 200 Actonians

Rapport with cops gets boost

By LORI TAYLOR
Herald Staff Writer

Friday's meeting of the Halton Regional Police force and about 200 Actonians may mark a positive upswing in what has sometimes been a troubled relationship.

The informal meetings, which ran two hours in the

morning and again in the evening were designed to give Actonians the chance to meet not only the officers who'll be patrolling the community, but others behind the scenes, including Chief James Harding, Deputy Chief Bob Middaugh and Inspector Matt McPherson, commander of the police

district which includes Acton. Sgt. Al McQueen, public relations officer for the force, estimated the turn-out through the day at about 200 people. The atmosphere was characterized by the fact that a suggestion box set up in one part of the room received absolutely no suggestions, Sgt.

McQueen said. Chief Harding described the day as "time well-spent" and "very rewarding".

Comments from members of the community were very positive, the chief said, often thanking him and his officers for taking the time to meet with the people.

There were one or two specific complaints which are now being investigated, and action will be taken on them shortly, Chief Harding said.

"Two very important things came out of Friday," he said. "The public realized we want to be in Acton, and the officers got the distinct impression that we are wanted there."

Chief Harding gave credit for the meeting to Acton resident Lorne Doberthien, who was the first Actonian to publicly express his concerns about policing in Acton.

"Because he had the integrity and the community spirit to bring this out, he brought this about, and we are appreciative of his part in all this," the chief said.

Mr. Doberthien said he was quite pleased with the way the



Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding (left) credits Acton resident Lorne Doberthien (centre) with setting in motion the events which led to Friday's meetings between Actonians and members of the police force responsible for serving the community. Mr. Doberthien attended both morning and evening sessions, and said he was extremely pleased with the number of people who turned out. Here, the chief and Mr. Doberthien are talking with Reg Glinger.

(Herald photo)

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