

About the Hills

Hospital readies 'unique' plan

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital officials are currently preparing a licensing proposal for the ministry of health that would combine nursing home and chronic care facilities in the same building on the hospital grounds.

GDMH finance committee chairman Ab Tennant said he believes the combination is unique in Ontario. The Halton District Health Council identified the need for additional nursing home beds in north Halton as "critical" in recent years, and officials regard the need for chronic care facilities as serious.

The proposal, if accepted by the ministry, would see 58 nursing home beds located in a new building along with chronic care facilities and "a small number of self-care units", according to hospital administrator Fred Morris.

"Provincial funding for chronic care facilities is fully committed over the next few years and, in order to provide the needs of this community, the hospital, as part of its proposal, will offer to provide funding on a lease-back arrangement or mortgage financing, which the province can support through an operating cost arrangement," Mr. Morris added.

Mr. Tennant noted that the overall proposal will greatly relieve the current crowded situation in the hospital's active treatment facilities.

GO buses return

GO Transit resumed bus service stops at Moore Park Plaza in Georgetown Monday, according to Coun. John McDonald. Coun. McDonald received official word from GO officials last week that buses would again stop at the Highway 7 shelter outside the plaza's Firestone outlet following several months of discontinued service. GO buses will drive through the plaza on their way between stops in Acton and downtown Georgetown.

Police pay statement

Bruce Richards, president of the Halton Regional Police Association, said he will be making a statement about the alleged overpayment to the force's officers in 1980 following the next meeting of the association. The statement is expected to be released some time in the next week or so, but no definite date has been set. The problem arose when a pay cheque which should have been dated to fall in 1981 was dated Dec. 31, 1980, resulting in an extra pay cheque for 1980.

OK for Edward lots

An Etobicoke developer has been given permission by the town planning department to subdivide four acres of land at the southeast corner of Georgetown's Edward and Margaret Streets into 11 semi-detached lots. Proposing to build 22 houses on the property, Merity Development Ltd. asked for a bylaw change allowing it to shorten frontages from 70 to 60 feet. Although some area residents expressed concern at a public meeting Jan. 13 that changing the bylaw would spark a precedent for future development applications, a Merity representative maintained that the housing market in the province puts large lots out of reach for most home buyers.

Eliminate street signs?

Street sign vandalism in Halton Hills hasn't necessarily increased, but it hasn't stopped entirely, town engineer Bob Austin indicated at Tuesday night's general committee meeting. Questioned by Ward 4 Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson, Mr. Austin said councillors can expect a report on the street sign situation, in which the lighted beacons occasionally fall prey to snowballs and stones. Eliminating the signs may be among the report's recommendations, Mr. Austin said.

Save Alcott land

Acknowledging that the town is badly in need of more fastball diamonds, Mayor Pete Pomeroy nevertheless thinks the property behind the Gordon Alcott Arena is better used industrially rather than recreationally as has been proposed. Zoned industrial, the property could be valued at \$50,000 to \$60,000 an acre. Following a suggestion at Tuesday night's general committee meeting, by Coun. Harry Levy parks and recreation director Tom Shepard will be asked to suggest other locations for the diamond.

PM's scheme assigns Cabinet guardian angels

The federal ridings of Brampton-Georgetown and Halton would be placed under the watchful gaze of Cabinet ministers Jim Fleming and John Munro, respectively, if a new scheme proposed by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau is approved.

House of Commons Speaker Jeanne Sauve told opponents of the plan last Wednesday she may honor their request to have a Commons committee decide whether making Cabinet ministers responsible for individual ridings - ostensibly so that each region has a voice at Cabinet meetings - is a good idea.

Mr. Trudeau presented a list last week assigning his ministers to keep an eye on specific ridings. Brampton-Georgetown would become the responsibility of York West MP Jim Fleming, the minister of state for multiculturalism, while Halton riding would be handled by Hamilton East MP John Munro, minister of Indian affairs and northern development. Both ridings elected Conservative MPs last election.

Spokesmen for both the Conservative and New Democratic parties argued for more than an hour against Mr. Trudeau's scheme, calling it political interference and an attempt by the Liberal government to claim credit for any positive action in a given riding.

Otto's last stand - 'Maybe he's not a liar, but...'

Halton MP Otto Jelinek has taken one final swipe at Prime Minister Trudeau on the constitution issue.

Mr. Jelinek, who was forced to leave the House of Commons when he called the PM a liar during debate on the government's constitution resolution, again accused Mr. Trudeau of making inconsistent and contradictory statements about meetings he had with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The veteran Tory repeated the charge, but without using the unparliamentary word "liar" when he presented a motion demanding a committee review of discussions between the two government leaders.

Such a review, he argued, would "clearly once and for all the many uncertainties and inconsistencies in this regard."

At the same time, Mr. Jelinek made an effort to "dispel the myth that I was nervous" during a recent afternoon sitting when it was feared the prime minister would demand the Tory MP be suspended from the Commons.

...but MP did some squirming first

Otto Jelinek expressed some relief Tuesday after the government failed to act on his accusations that Prime Minister Trudeau lied in public.

An anxious Jelinek remained in his Commons seat Tuesday long after question period ended at 3 p.m., expecting Prime Minister Trudeau to censor him for his comments made during debate on the government's constitution resolution Monday.

An unusual number of opposition and government MPs also remained in their seats and a dozen reporters lingered in the galleries, aware of the fact that the PM had notes and a motion on his desk ready for presentation.

It was thought that the motion could express Mr. Trudeau's ire for Mr. Jelinek's use of unparliamentary language and that it could demand a suspension for the outspoken Tory.

For 40 minutes Mr. Jelinek twisted and squirmed in his seat in apparent discomfort, before the Prime Minister rose to the floor of the Commons. But the tension in the chamber quickly evaporated when the Prime Minister made it clear that he would ignore the Jelinek affair for now, when he offered Parliament's congratulations to Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer, who announced their engagement that morning in London.



Georgetown's Citizen of the Year was surrounded by family and friends Friday evening at the annual banquet at the Lions Hall. Helping Violet Haines (front row centre) celebrate the honor bestowed on her by the Lions Club are (front row, left to right) Margaret Haines, Evelyn Haines (back row, left to right) John, Jeff, Terry, Scott, Joy and David Smallwood and Bud Haines. Standing behind Vi is her husband, Tom.

Georgetown Citizen of the Year Vi Haines

Community work never ends, but 'happiness is helping others'

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 "Happiness is to be found in helping others," Georgetown's Citizen of the Year for 1980, Vi Haines, told family, friends and supporters at her banquet Friday.

"There are so many people today looking for happiness and I'd like to remind them that happiness is to be found in helping others," Mrs. Haines said in her acceptance speech.

She said she was honored to accept the awards, which included plaques from the town of Halton Hills, the province and the federal government, and the plaque from the Lions Club, sponsors of the event.

Mrs. Haines expressed her appreciation to George and Marlene Webster, who nominated her for the honor. She also thanked the "wonderful people" in the many organizations in which she has been involved, for

their help, friendship and co-operation over the years. Special thanks went to her husband, Tom, and her family, who supported her efforts and worked together with her.

Lion Stan Callaghan, who chaired the selection committee for the award, was the master of ceremonies for the evening. He introduced the head table guests and recited Mrs. Haines' list of accomplishments in the 50 years since she married Tom and moved from Limehouse to Glen Williams.

Mrs. Haines is a member of the fourth generation of the Scott family in this area. She was born in Limehouse, and moved to Glen Williams after her marriage.

It was shortly after she married that Mrs. Haines started out on a trail of community work that "now has so many lanes a super-highway couldn't keep up,"

Mr. Callaghan said. At the same time, Mrs. Haines maintained a happy, devoted family, he added.

During the Second World War, Mrs. Haines worked with the Red Cross, sending packages overseas and raising funds. She still works with the Red Cross Disaster Unit.

For 12 years, Mrs. Haines was a member of the Rotary-Annes. In addition to her service club activities, she was also active with sports groups, serving a term as president of the Halton Ladies' Softball League, and supporting the teams her husband managed in hockey and lacrosse. She is a member of the Glen Williams Cemetery Board, and has been its secretary-treasurer for a number of years.

"She is continuing in her services when most of us would be easing out," Mr. Callaghan said. "She's a remarkable woman."

Those sentiments were echoed by Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed, Fran

Baines, who was there on behalf of Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid, and Mayor Pete Pomeroy.

"There are some who do not participate in volunteer work in a community. There are some who criticize volunteer work," Mr. Reed said.

"Those who do not, are the lesser, those who criticize do not understand, and those who do are the vitality and the lifeblood of the community."

"You have just joined an elite and very esteemed group, and certainly you will carry the flag of the Citizen of the Year in Georgetown very well," Mayor Pomeroy said.

Fast citizens of the year in Georgetown include Peggy Treahy, the Georgetown Volunteer Fire department, Rev. Peter Barrow, the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service, Connie Nieuwhof, Walter Gray, Irwin and Joy Noble, and Karen Harrison.

Halton only region not independently studied

NDP backs full regional review

Halton NDP candidate Chris Cutler and the party's two other candidates in the region are calling for an independent review of regional government in Halton.

At a press conference Thursday with Burlington South candidate Michael Wright and Oakville candidate Zora Hollingsworth, Mr. Cutler unveiled a proposal for a full review of each regional government in the province, particularly of Halton, the only one of the 12 regions which has not been reviewed.

The New Democrats also propose a reform package including systems of municipal finance, property taxes and assessment to accompany the reviews.

In a joint statement released at the press conference, the candidates acknowledge the inadequacy of the old county system in meeting current demands, but question whether the regional system adequately accommodates the individual differences in each region.

The necessity for planning on a regional basis, the crossing of municipal boundaries when it comes to services and the economies of a larger tax base for services leads to the conclusion that simply abolishing regional government won't solve the problem, the candidates suggest. However, simply tinkering with the regional system isn't enough, either. The system must be tailored to the unique needs of each

region, according to the NDP proposal.

The proposed inquiry would examine administrative practices, the operation of council and its committees and specific problems experienced since 1974, as well as the division of responsibilities between the two levels of municipal government.

The study should also include financial analysis to study the effects of the first seven

years of regional government in Halton, Mr. Cutler said.

The proposal calls for a four-pronged attack on property taxes, assessment and municipal finance, in a proposal drawn up by the party at the provincial level.

The proposal also calls for a reduction of the percentage of education tax paid from property taxes; a policy of locking the rate of municipal

grant funding to the growth of provincial revenue to maintain a constant level of provincial funding to the municipalities; the introduction of a new form of property assessment based on the rental value of the property; and a property tax credit system which would be directly related to the owner's income.

The New Democrats hope by these proposals to ensure

that the property tax pays only for benefits received and for services related to property, Mr. Cutler said.

The position papers were drawn up by the three candidates and based on provincial policy, Mr. Cutler said.

"Perhaps this example of regional co-operation between three candidates can show that people of goodwill can work together on a regional basis," he said.

Conservative supporters await court decision on candidacy

ELECTION CENTRAL
 Candidates' meetings set
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The Supreme Court of Ontario was expected to rule yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon on the legality of Fran Baines' candidacy in the March 19 provincial election.

Justice R.E. Holland heard some arguments Thursday in the injunction appeal launched by Campbellville businesswoman Oriana Currie, one of the Progressive Conservative party members recruited just prior to the Halton-Burlington nomination meeting Feb. 9 but then denied the right to help choose a candidate.

Lawyer Anthony Keith explained that, unlike the majority of new members denied the right to choose between Mrs. Baines and

Milton contender Brian Penman, Mrs. Currie had purchased her party membership in time to qualify her to vote. Mrs. Baines, already on the campaign trail, was represented at Thursday's hearing by former Halton MP Terry O'Connor.

Mrs. Currie alleges that Mrs. Baines was thus illegally nominated and wants an injunction to prevent the Georgetown insurance agent

from declaring herself the Tory candidate and from using party funds in her ongoing campaign.

Justice Holland said more arguments in the matter would be heard Tuesday. The outcome of the hearing was not known at presstime, but details will appear in The Herald's Weekend Extra Friday.

The problem of voter eligibility came to light at the nomination meeting when

hundreds of new members found they could not vote because a probationary period of time required by the party constitution had not yet passed. Although the new members enlisted before Premier Bill Davis picked the election date expected to help choose the PC candidate Feb. 24, the premier's announcement forced the Halton-Burlington nomination date to be advanced to Feb. 9 so Mrs. Baines would have ample time to campaign.

Mrs. Currie said she bought her membership 17 days before the nomination meeting, a period three days longer than required in the constitution.



VAMPIRELLA

The unsuspecting Jonathan Harker will have a surprise in store for him if he doesn't wake up quickly, as his fiancée, Mina, prepares to lunge. The audiences will have a few surprises in store for them too as the Georgetown Little Theatre winds up its production of "Count Dracula" this weekend. Bob Willis and Melissa Bell are just two of the fine actors in the play. For a review of the play, see page A8.

(Herald photo)



NOT JUST HOT AIR

Mark Dykun and Geoff Tyler demonstrated some of the qualities of air in their project for the science fair at Centennial Middle School Tuesday. Their experiment involved showing how hot air expands by using air heated by warm water to blow up a balloon.

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