

# COUNCIL NOTES

## Downtown studies

MacPherson, Walker, Wright Associates, Ltd. have been hired to conduct a \$62,000 study of the Acton and Georgetown Main Street business cores. The study, approved by town council Monday, will feature a marketing analysis to determine what sort of retail floor space is available in each commercial area and how commercially viable Halton Hills' old cores really are. At least half of the money for the study, which once completed, will make Halton Hills' Main Street business centres eligible for additional grants to bolster their physical appearances, will be funded by the provincial government. The town's share of the study is not expected to rise above \$36,000.

## Cookie time

Has Halton Hills had the biscuit? Not yet anyway. Councilors Monday night agreed to proclaim the week of April 18 to 25 as Girl Guide Cookie Week in town, a period when the girls are out selling cookies to raise money for the organization.

## Highway widening

In the short run, it will mean a few annoying delays this summer for motorists travelling through Georgetown along Highway 7 (Guelph Street); in the long run, traffic will flow smoothly in and out of the community. The town's general committee Monday night recommended approval for the second phase of a four-phase program which will eventually widen Guelph Street between Maple Avenue and Hill Road. While roadwork at the easternmost entrance to the community was largely completed last fall, the second part will widen the area between Mountainview Road and Sinclair Avenue to five lanes, improve intersections at Mountainview Road, Alcott Drive and Sinclair Avenue and possibly better synchronize traffic lights in the area. Sidewalks are also proposed for both sides of the street. The town's engineering department hopes to get council's approval for the road construction at next week's meeting, allowing it to call for tenders and set an October, 1981, deadline for the completion of most of the project.

## Weed war

The town's general committee has agreed to retain Keith Leslie to combat the annual noxious weed problem in Halton Hills. The town's weed inspector for the past seven years, Mr. Leslie will receive \$3,700 for his services in 1981. Last year, Mr. Leslie handled a total of 68 complaints and 121 telephone calls concerning certain tenacious and unwanted plant growths, thus pleasing farmers, urban gardeners and hayfever sufferers.

## Clean up or else

Contractors whose trucks and equipment dumps dirt and other refuse on public walkways could face hefty charges to cover the town's costs of cleaning up the mess. The town's general committee passed a bylaw onto council for approval Monday night which would make firms working on construction sites responsible for keeping the surroundings neat for cars and pedestrians. Under the new regulations, clean-up charges of \$100 would be slapped on violators and the town could sue for damages to sidewalks and streets.

## Incisors insured

Despite concerns from at least two councillors that the town's staff would better be covered by a recognized health insurance agency rather than a "car company", the town's general committee has chosen Allstate Insurance to cover dental bills incurred by municipal employees. Forced to look elsewhere for health insurance protection following last month's collapse of Co-Operative Health Services, the town's discussions with West Insurance Ltd. narrowed down Allstate and Blue Cross as offering the most economic and complete coverage at \$1,586 per month for the former and about \$3 more for the latter. But Coun. Roy Booth, joined by Coun. Ross Knechtel, said he felt the town might get quicker service dealing with a health insurance company, rather than the "Good Hands People" widely known for their automobile and house coverage. Allstate will cost the single municipal employee \$9.41 per month, while married workers will pay \$20.08.

## Permits up 10%

Halton region's business development department reports that building permit sales in the region increased by 10 per cent last year over the 1979 total of \$58,653,558. Optimistic that the upward trend will continue this year, the department notes that \$1,326,216 of the \$54,682,390 worth of permits sold last year came from Halton Hills. Among the local businesses which underwent expansion were F. Heller Company in Acton, Superior Glove, HLO Ltd., Curwood Packaging, Canadian Dominion Battery and Toronto Wood Finishing Ltd. Oakville boasted the highest sale of permits, collecting a total of \$32,902,200 for industrial and commercial expansion.

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# Acton Heart fund topped \$4,300

**Herald Special**  
The Heart Fund Campaign in Acton collected \$4,300 this year to equal last year's total but fell slightly short of their \$4,500 announced goal. Campaign chairman Vic Braslow wishes to thank those who supported the campaign so generously and especially the 100 canvassers who donated their time for this cause. A breakdown of contributions shows rose boxes collecting \$282, industrial campaign \$182, commercial campaign \$723 and residential campaign \$1,133.

## Ashgrove

# St. Patrick's Day tone at W.I. committee meet

By Mrs. JOHN BELLBODDY  
Herald Correspondent 877-3193  
The Resolutions and Safety meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the lovely home of Mrs. Ford Wickson March 17, with 35 ladies attending. President Mrs. G. Trevinanus opened with a St. Patrick story and the ode and collected. Minutes of the last meeting were read and Holi Call was answered with "What resolution concerning safety have you applied in your own home?" An invitation was received from Norval W.I. to their 75th anniversary April 4, also one from Nelson W.I. to a dessert luncheon and euehre April 7, at the Boyne Centre. Mrs. J. McNabb reported on euehre held last month. A nominating committee of Mrs. Pat Stark and Mrs. Ralph Cunningham was appointed. Mrs. J. Carney called on Betty Brownbridge for the motto on "Respect other people property." Mrs. Francis Thompson led in singing "My Wild Irish Rose." Mrs. William Allison conducted a safety contest which was won by Muriel Nurse then she demonstrated different ways and secrets of caring for one's back and the proper way to get into a bed. When sitting always have legs crossed; when driving a car, have the seat close with your knees slightly bent. She said always bend your knees for picking up objects. Mrs. John Bird played some lovely hymn selections on the electric organ, also some lively Irish songs. Peggy O'Neill sang "An Irish Lullaby", "When Irish eyes are Smiling," and "Danny Boy". Mrs. J. Carney gave some interest-

**IN THE CHURCHES**  
*Top-notch performance*

By BOB OLAVIER  
Herald Columnist  
It's over, regrettably, "It's Cool in the Furnace", that is. The program put on by students of Georgetown Christian School was better attended than most plays put on here and with good reason.  
With a cast of 150 singers, players and assistants, the whole thing went off so smoothly, it was like watching television. Those young people knew their parts and believed in what they were doing. When 720 persons come together for anything in Georgetown, it is news of the highest order, and we only hope that the school puts on another performance next year, maybe even this Christmas? Congratulations to Principal Petrusma, chair director Margaret Grant, drama director Hicks and the whole cast.  
One hundred women turned up at the Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship meeting last Tuesday. The afternoon coffee sessions are obviously filling a social need among the women of our area, and also filling a spiritual need as well.  
April 28 is the next meeting date, when Evelyn Michelle is guest speaker. Mrs. Michelle is the mother of one of the boys drowned in a canoeing accident on Lake Temisaming. Feature for this meeting will be a spring fashion show and music by Gerri Kunica of Hornby. Make reservations by calling Ruth Buttery, 877-4158 or Cathy Lane 877-7257.  
Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship is also holding an evening of music and fellowship with guest speakers Karen and Hollis Huff, Chapel Leaders of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pirates and Penguins. The upcoming session will give the working women a chance to hear these interesting speakers at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.  
Lots going around the district;  
A "Sing" at Lester B. Pearson Theatre in Bramalea Civic Centre, April 4. Lighthouse Gospel Singers and two other groups that I don't have the names of yet. In the near future is the Canadian Gospel Music Association annual do May 1 and 2. Write Box 2, Stouffville.  
When you get up for Sunday School and church this Sunday, turn on the FM Radio to CHRE 105.7, St. Catharines. The Sound of Gospel Music is a regular Sunday morning event in our house, and I am sure Wall Andrea will be your Sunday morning conditioner, too.  
Don't forget the choir will be in Georgetown from Temple Baptist Church, Sarnia. Close to 50 persons come to bless you at this time we call March break. Break from

school, not from Church). They will be presenting their program at Maple Avenue Baptist Church. All persons, all faiths welcome and encouraged to attend.  
The film series will continue at the Georgetown Christian School on Trafalgar Road this Friday. An "interfaith" series of family-oriented films, with answers to today's questions. Don't miss them.  
Israel is in the news again. Forty Christian leaders met recently in New York to re-affirm their unity with the Jewish people, and the state of Israel. The central theme, "Israel matters, because it is God's workshop for the redemption of His whole Creation."  
LENT March 4 to April 19. This 40-day period is a tradition of the Christian Church. The essential idea was to fast for each of the 40 days. Now it's a matter of "cutting down" rather than fasting. Yet most Christians don't even do that. Fundamentalists feel that the true Christian should, as the Gospels put it, "pray without ceasing" (First Thessalonians Chapter 5 verse 17). If the Christian was to obey that injunction, there would be no need to fast or hold a special time for it. It would and should be a part of everyday life. See Ephesians 6:18, "in the Spirit..." Should we not do so even today?

ing concerns of Halton County for the competition at the District Annual six beautiful tennis lawns had been brought and two boxes of Maple Cream Pudge.  
Lydia Snow of Ballinacraft was judge and said all was excellent and after considering order of crust, slightly rounded

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This stylishly modern leisure home design provides in excess of 1,200 square feet of well-planned finished floor area, on its two levels, yet it is perfectly suited to the very narrow frontage recreational building lot. The high-style exterior, finished in vertical channel siding and heavy shake roof, provides a generous glass area on the upper level which, if the home were correctly oriented on its site, would serve as the basis of an active solar heating alternative. The concrete slab construction provides a main living level which is well above normal snow depths, and affords great economy of construction. Should potential builders prefer, this plan could easily be built so as to provide a basement, with access door from the rear of the kitchen.  
The weather-sheltered main entry leads into a compact reception foyer and outdoor storage area facing the stairway to the second level. There a second entry door to be installed within, an energy-conserving vestibule would result, to serve as a buffer between the outdoors and the heated indoors. From the foyer, traffic moves naturally left into the large rectangular living room, which features a wide-hearth, energy-efficient, zero-clearance fireplace, a wide sliding glass walk-through which leads into the deep front-facing balcony, and a sloping ceiling open to the second storey. Where the fireplace is to be shifted to the wall adjacent to the main entry, a continuous and unbroken wall would result, allowing the design to be converted to a duplex or a multi-housing unit.  
A compact and efficient service core separates the living room and the dinette area. It contains a stacked washer-dryer behind bi-fold doors, and easy access to the furnace and hot water tank.  
A well-planned U-shaped kitchen provides generous counter-top work surfaces, abundant cupboard storage and a practical and step-saving work triangle. The kitchen separates from the dining area via convenient snack bar counter, for quick and casual meals. The kitchen also provides a side access door to the exterior.  
The separate dining area provides a sliding glass walk-through to the full-width enclosed rear deck, for easy and rapid access to outdoor dining in fine weather. Both the front and rear balconies could be screened for protection against noxious insects.  
The second level contains two spacious bedrooms and the three-piece master bedroom. Each has generous closet storage facilities, abundant natural light and excellent view to the rear of the design. The long upper level gallery affords a dramatic view of the living room below.  
This is an outstandingly practical cottage country design, which would make an excellent second home for the younger family, or a practical retirement home for the older couple whose family has "fled the nest".  
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