

ROTARY-ANNES' FASHION FLING



Highland kilts were making the scene Monday night. Matched with coordinating blazers or sweaters, the kilts are warm and classy. Several of the models had French-braided their hair which added to the special look of sophistication.



Slick and entertaining, the Rotary Annes fashion show a week ago Monday night featured fashions from Halton Hills clothing stores. On a stage decorated with a Christmas sled and trees, models from the Elegant School of Modeling, along with some well-known personalities around town, paraded the winter garments and coats. Rex Heslop is seen here wearing a warm coat from Acton's Old Hide House.



The country look is big this fall. Knickers are making a comeback along with walking shorts. Completing the look are flat shoes and knee socks. The fashion commentator warned the wider leg was coming back in pants to which the audience responded with loud groans.

Herald photos by Ani Pederian

Region responds to Doberthien letter - will start by designating own spaces

Halton region has taken the first step of what might become a national trend toward providing preferred parking for physically handicapped drivers.

Responding to a letter from Acton businessman Lorne Doberthien, who says Canada is lagging behind other nations in providing this kind of special consideration to handicapped citizens, Oakville Coun. Terry Mannell suggested council should start designating special parking at regional buildings.

As well as endorsing Coun. Mannell's proposal, councillors have agreed to send Mr. Doberthien's letter to several provincial agencies and political leaders.

The two-page letter was presented at Acton's "drop-in" session three weeks ago, a casual forum in which residents discuss community problems with local councillors.

Mr. Doberthien, who lost his left leg to bone cancer about seven years ago, recalled problems with finding preferred parking at baseball games and while visiting the CNE.

In some American states and in England, he points out in the letter, preferred parking for the handicapped is protected from abuse by stiff fines.

Mr. Doberthien recommended that Canada establish a universal symbol for the handicapped—possibly a card or tag affixed to license plates—to prevent embarrassing misunderstandings, especially when the disability isn't immediately apparent.

Town will fight plan at OMB

Social concerns and planning policies clashed briefly during Monday night's joint session of the town's planning board and general committee.

Referring to a proposal to sever almost two acres from an eleven-acre property north of the Sideroad 22 along the townline west of Acton, Coun. Pam Sheldon said she was "appalled" at a town staff recommendation to help oppose the severance application before an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing Nov. 11.

The local planning department and the Land Division Committee (LDC) argue that the property is located in the rural area and that the proposal poses the "strip development" threat which the town is eternally trying to avoid.

However, Coun. Sheldon unsuccessfully argued, there is an element of compassion which needs to be considered when reviewing the application. The severance has been applied for with hopes that a house can be built for a handicapped brother of the larger property's owner.

In fact, she said, the town's official plan task force is currently studying how to incorporate the needs of the handicapped into planning policies. Maintaining family unity in this case, she added, may keep the handicapped individual out of an institution, saving taxpayers money.

Despite her appeal to councillors to reverse the staff's recommendation, the board supported the staff decision and the LDC's position.

Planning policies discourage residential construction in the rural area along remote stretches of highways; instead, planners prefer to see new rural homes built inside Halton Hills' smaller villages and rural clusters, filling in empty lots.

Town planning director Mario Venditti told the board that the OMB may yet consider the circumstances surrounding the case, carefully weighing the "hardship" argument against the need to support planning policies which are already incorporated in the region's official plan.



FOUR GENERATIONS

Four generations gathered Sunday at an 80th birthday party for Edgar Ireland, father of long-time area resident Gladys Caldwell of the Eighth Line North. While family and guests enjoyed an open house at the Caldwell home, Mr. Ireland, whose birthday was Oct. 20 and who has lived with his daughter about two years, took the honored spot in an easy chair for a family photo. Gathered around him are Mrs. Caldwell (who ran the Georgetown IGA outlet with her husband Bob for 20 years), grandson Edgar and great-grandchildren Robert, Glen and Cindy. A special guest at the celebration was Mrs. Caldwell's great-aunt, Mrs. Jack Beer of Acton, who recently celebrated her 87th birthday.

(Photo submitted)

Suspect held in Acton murder

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evening, leaving his wife and children with Kellar.

About 9 p.m., Ms. Patterson said Kellar invited her to join them and the three sat in the Oates' kitchen until about midnight.

Ms. Patterson said Kellar told her he used to be a steelworker but was on a disability pension because of a bad back.

Mr. White said Oates had received a call at work from his wife about 2 a.m.

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Beltone HEARING AID SERVICE

Norval neighbors face off over cemetery proposal

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and my livestock," he said. "In fact, if they can, they help my farm."

But Mayor Pete Pomeroy echoed sentiments expressed earlier by one resident opposed to the cemetery, stressing that ethnic differences are not at issue.

He maintained that the town has viewed the proposal in "a neutral way", and assumptions that the town is reluctant to approve the rezoning application for the cemetery because it doesn't want to include the Croftians as Canadian or Halton Hills citizens are unfounded.

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Budget time!

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to take about two months to complete within each department and will be sent back to the treasury department Dec. 30. When those are received, the treasury department and the town's clerk administrator will review the submissions for

the next two months, presenting their findings to council's budgetary committee by Feb. 15.

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Acton crafts show

Acton Arts and Crafts holds its 12th annual exhibition and sale this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Alban's parish hall in Acton. Admission is free and visitors can enjoy browsing, refreshments and special draws.

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