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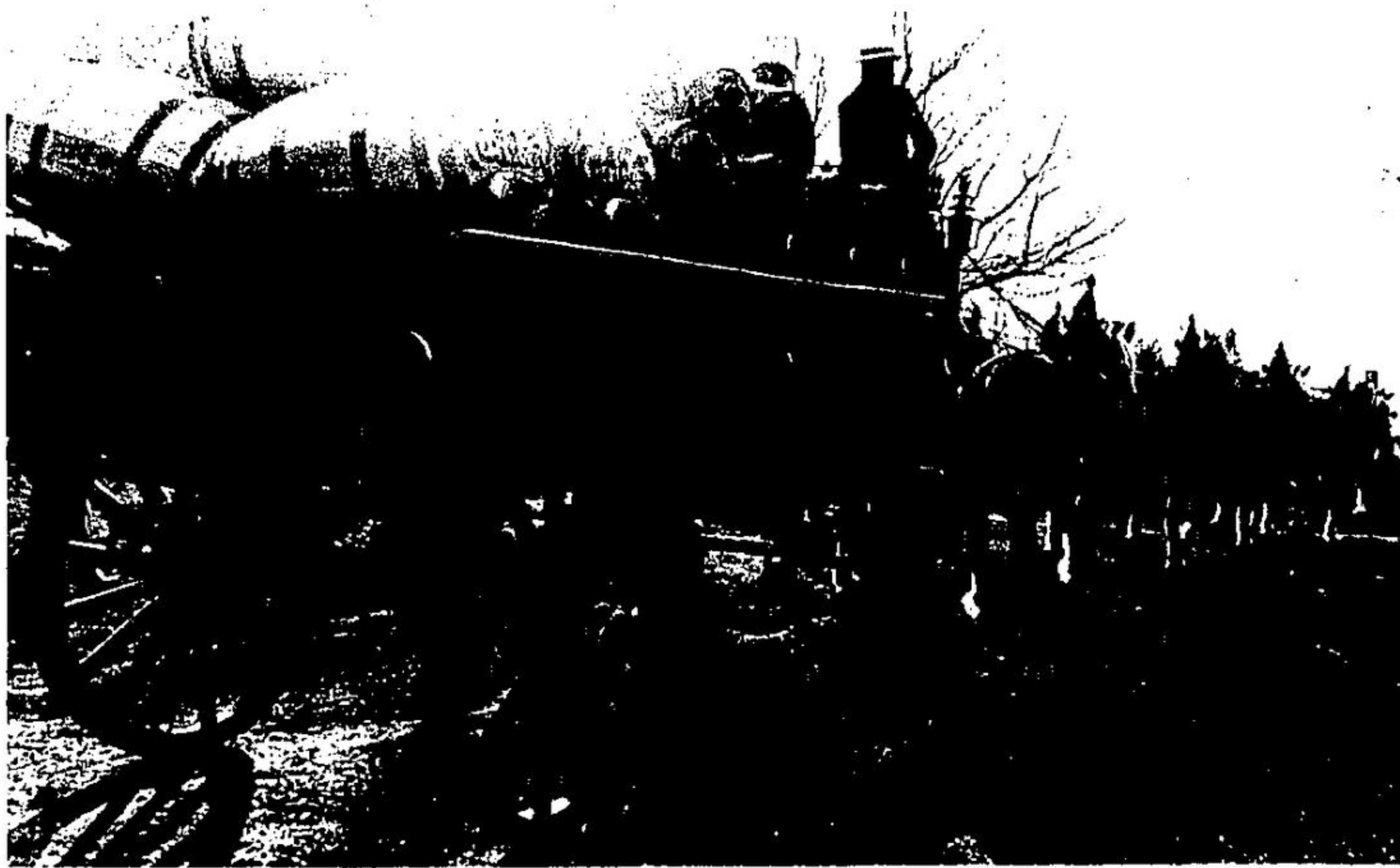
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EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, CARL AND SVEN AND THE BOYS...

Film crews and Belgian horses moved onto S.G. Bennett's Scotsdale Farms in Hallinford last week to produce a commercial for Carlsberg beer. The famous Carlsberg wagon, popularised by television and a crowd-pleaser at the Acton Fall Fair, was once again the focus of the beer company's latest promotion, scheduled to air as early as the Grey Cup football game Nov. 22.

Film crews from Scollard Productions in Toronto joined the Carlsberg team (eight Belgians and a host of fellows who take care of them) Thursday and Friday, completing the production directed by Derek Vanlint in an amazingly short time.

(Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)

Prospect Park well poses problems

Actonians can claim for water damages

By **MAGGIE HANNAH**
Herald Staff Writer

Regional public works staff goofed in the handling of water from Acton's well at Prospect Park and as a result residents with stained clothing or dead pets may submit claims for damages.

Regional councillor Dave Whiting told a group of 20 residents at the council drop-in last Friday to discuss the water problem that claims for damages resulting from 10 days of bad water in town may submit their claims in writing to the region and should expect some response within 10 days.

Claims should be addressed to Don Morrier at regional headquarters and may be sent directly to the region or left at the Acton municipal office to be forwarded to the region.

The Prospect Park well, the last one arranged by the Acton council prior to the formation of regional government, came in 1972 or 1973 and has never been used much because of its high iron content, residents were told. Bacterially, however, the water is acceptable for human consumption.

Acton murder suspect starts psychiatric tests in Penetang

A man charged with first degree murder in connection with the stabbing death of an Acton woman is to undergo psychiatric observation at the Penetang Psychiatric Facility.

Colleen Oates, 22, a housewife and mother of two young children was found stabbed to death early Oct. 22. Following the discovery of the woman's body by her husband Kevin, 23, Halton police began an intensive search of the Acton area, then joined forces with Durham police to scour the Whitby-Oshawa-Bowmanville area where the murder suspect was from originally.

Eric Howard Kellar, 31, appeared in Milton provincial court Monday morning and was sent for psychiatric testing not to exceed a period of 60 days.

Teams of detectives traced the suspect from Acton to the Fifth Wheel, a truckstop on Highway 25 at Milton, and from there to a Durham region hotel until his arrest in Pickering.

Kellar was arrested Oct. 28 without incident at a warehouse where he once worked in the Pickering area and was returned to Halton region.

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Halton Hills voters can only lose if Burlington swings 'rep by pop' vote

By **CHRIS AAGAARD**
Herald Staff Writer

"Representation by population," one of the catch phrases of the American revolution, is now being uttered around Halton's regional council chambers, at least by some Burlington members.

However, his alternative proposals to bring representation by population into the region's electoral process narrowly failed to win enough support at last week's administration and finance committee meeting.

Most of the alternatives which Mayor Bird presented would see Halton Hills and Milton lose councillors. Mayor Pete Pomeroy, however, persuaded council to receive and file the rep by pop motion, effectively squashing it at the committee level.

In the first two proposals, Burlington's representation would not increase, but Halton council's total number of representatives would shrink from 25 (including mayors and chairman Jack Rafits) to 21, by lopping off two members

each from Halton Hills and Milton. The second proposal again makes no changes to Burlington's current representation, but adds one more councillor to Oakville's five, takes one

away from Milton and two from Halton Hills. Other alternatives would use Halton Hills' one rep per 6,879 people as a base figure throughout the region. The

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Neighbors raise \$900 so far

Fund-raisers in Acton have raised over \$900 for Kevin Oates, 23, the widower of murder victim Colleen Oates.

Mrs. Ruse said she and her husband had met the Oates through the bowling league. The league has collected \$140 on their own for the bereaved family.

Friends of the Oates, Wayne and Lynda Ruse started the drive last week by opening an account in Mr. Oates' name at the Bank of Nova Scotia on Mill Street East.

Another fund-raiser is a close friend of Mr. Oates, Peter Buna, who has collected nearly \$300 by going to local firms.

"I thought I'd rather put my money somewhere instead of buying flowers that'll be gone in a couple of days," said Mrs. Ruse.

The community drive is appreciated by Mr. Oates. The funds will help him with medical expenses for his 15-month old son, who has spinal meningitis and chronic asthma, requiring constant attention. He also has a three-year old daughter. Together with his children, Mr. Oates is temporarily living with his parents in Erin.

A bookkeeper at the Acton Medical Group, she said anonymous donors had placed \$458 dollars in the account as of 3 p.m. Monday.

About the Hills

Peaceful Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en weekend was surprisingly quiet this year. Halton regional police welcomed the lack of vandalism and violence which has characterized previous Oct. 31s.

Spot checks begin

A four-man police patrol carrying out spot checks throughout the Halton region on the use of seatbelts, excessive speed and drinking drivers, began this week, at about the same time as merchants began their Christmas pitch. The more rigid enforcement is hoped to improve safety on local highways. There were nine fatalities in car crashes this year in Halton Hills and Milton.

Back from Europe

Marilyn Milton of Georgetown will recount her experiences as part of a Canadian delegation just returned from a foreign policy fact-finding mission to Europe at a special meeting tonight (Wednesday) in St. John's United Church. The church-sponsored meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. in the Allen Room, St. John's. Milton recently spent ten days as part of a 12-member delegation sent to Europe by Canada's external affairs ministry to study Canadian relations with other countries. Her talk tonight will focus on such issues as peace, disarmament, energy and the environment.

Town hall is topic

While the fate of the aging Acton town hall is at least a month away from being decided, consultants studying the building to determine whether it can be economically restored will reveal their first findings at a special open meeting at the Acton High School tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. The \$11,000 study, which may help the town get Wintario funding to restore the building, is being conducted by Fleinfeldt Consultants of Brampton, who hope to be finished by the end of the month. The next public meeting is planned for Nov. 23 at the high school. A report on the building is scheduled to go before town council Dec. 7.

Police assaulted

A charge of assaulting police with intent to resist arrest was laid against Steven Sutor, 23, of Caledon, Oct. 24 at 2 a.m. A uniformed police officer investigating a disturbance in a Georgetown nightclub questioned a man who had been drinking. An abusive conversation developed into a physical altercation at the scene and at the police station where the man assaulted two officers. One officer received cuts to his right cheek and another had his glasses broken.



OH, WELL...

The front stairs to the new Library-Cultural Centre got a blasting Friday from the construction company that originally installed them. Elliott Theatre manager Hank Huhtanen told The Herald the stairs were incorrectly installed, so that rainwater is retained instead of running off. He said they should have been built so they tilt downward. Sanding them down didn't help, so the only solution was to re-pour them. Mr. Huhtanen said the work isn't going to cost the town a cent; it's being done at the contractor's expense. The contractors are working to correct other deficiencies which project manager Al Tennant recently listed for them. Mr. Tennant said he expects all the correction work to be finished by next week.

(Herald photo)

Stores close - town writes off \$32,000

Halton Hills has written off about \$32,000 in reduced or unrecoverable taxes, about a third of this falling back directly on the town treasury while the balance of the tax bill loss is shared between the region and the Halton board of education.

Improvement areas have incurred. BIA members pay a separate tax on top of their regular assessment in the downtown cores, the money from which is used for BIA improvements. New assessment is expected to recover almost half of the lost revenue.

However, revenue from new businesses recovers a large part of the town's loss, according to a treasury department report presented to council Monday night.

Sadly, applications for cancelling, reducing or refunding taxes according to the province's Municipal Act include the names of several short-lived Acton and Georgetown businesses which were once established in the downtown cores. Although records indicate that new tenants have located where these shops were, a number of stores are still vacant, leaving gaps in the amount of assessment the town and the BIAs can count on.

Of the \$32,000 which the town has to write off, about 80 per cent stems from businesses which have changed hands or folded completely. Fires, properties becoming exempt from taxation, errors and even bankruptcies account for the remaining amount, excluding the \$1,860 worth of lost assessment the town's two business

Delegation opposed to cemetery bid

By **CHRIS AAGAARD**
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A ten-person delegation has presented additional arguments against a proposed cemetery at the Croatian Cultural Centre at Winston Churchill Boulevard and Sideroad Five near Norval.

Churchill resident Rueben Wepler said, "is getting out of control. Why some of my neighbors and councillors support (the proposal) is beyond my reasoning."

Praised by Mayor Pete Pomeroy as being well-organized and informative, residents neighboring the Croatian centre expressed concerns Monday night that the cemetery would cause traffic problems and devalue surrounding property. They also suggested that nearby farm operations could affect, as well as be affected by, the proposed burial ground.

In the two years council has been hearing arguments for and against Croatian centre activities, Mr. Rueben said he has paid \$8,000 in legal fees and lost time battling the issue. Other residents echoed frustrations about weekend noise levels at the centre, citing in particular an early summer evening this year which was rocked by an as yet unexplained explosion, apparently originating at the Croatian Centre.

Harry Brander, a beef and hog farmer who lives next to

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HALLOWE'EN HIJINKS

Globe Productions, the historic local theatrical company revived last spring, raised some money for this February's presentation of "Anything Goes" by decorating some friendly faces for Hallowe'en Saturday. Lois Elliott (above), who made up Tracey Hatcher, 10, and Edna Ferguson (below), seen making up Sandy MacMillan, also 10, were joined by fellow Globe members Allison Chase and Cheryl Broughton Saturday at the Georgetown Market Centre. Youngsters and other passers-by had an opportunity to have a near-professional make-up job ready for the evening's trick-or-treating.

(Herald photos by Dave Rowney)

