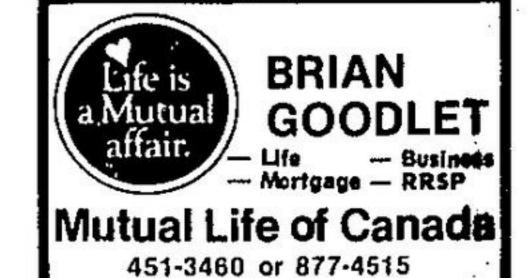


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Controversial sewer rates due for 1982

The region's long-awaited 1982 sewer and water rates. expected last week, will probably be ready sometime this week, Halton treasurer Gerry Lawson told the region's administration and finance committee last Wednesday.

Controversial and divisive. the rates issue has remained unstable ever since the region switched to an "equalized" system among the four area municipalities in January,

South Halton has long claim-

ed that rates for its residents were artificially raised when the "equalized" system was introduced, helping to pay for sewer and water facility construction in north Halton.

This year, Halton decided to petition the province for funds to help balance out the inequities before the 1982 rates were set. Mr. Lawson explained that the delay in presenting this year's figures stems from the province which has agreed to share in the rates and is working out an acceptable grant for the region.

About the Hills

S&S situation 'beyond control'

An early Christmas return to work for Smith and Stone employees laid off about two weeks ago isn't likely, a spokesman for the company said Monday. Harry Wakefield, vice president and secretary for the firm, which manufactures electrical components for home and appliance use, told The Herald that the company is continuing to monitor the nation's economy, looking for an upswing in the currently declining new housing market to perk up orders at the Georgetown plant. Two hundred and sixteen workers, including office staff, were laid off Dec. 3. "The speed with which employees can return is not in our hands," Mr. Wakefield said, noting that the remaining employees (approximately 160) are maintaining the firm's inventory.

Face the nation

CHCH-TV's "New Faces" program features a number of Halton Hills entertainers on its Christmas show Dec. 20. Chartered buses carried dozens of local residents. including many senior citizens, to the station's Hamilton studios last month for the taping. "New Faces" chooses a different community each week to be represented through music, dancing and acting. Appearing on the Dec. 20 Halton Hills segment will be Dale Wood's Cantante Singers, a choir of young women from Georgetown; Marg Eggleton, who'll read a poem as the Georgetown Little Theatre's representative; singer-gultarist Edgar Thatcher and Phil Sykes; Nornic Studio regulars Lynn Welton and John Smedley; and the vocal-guitar duo of Mike Dine and Peter Clark, both regulars at the Rib Cage restaurant.

Holiday happenings

Attention all five to 12-year olds! Plan to attend the Y's Christmas Hollday Happenings Dec. 23, 28, 29 and 30. Join the Y for a day of activities, or for four days. Pre-register at 89 Mountainview Rd. S. in Georgetown, 877-6163.

Couldn't wait 'til Dec. 25

A Christmas parcel was opened and taken by a thief who broke into a home on James Street. The resident, who had pecked a look under the wrapping said the thief had taken an air ecologiser. As well, stereo equipment and tools worth \$375 were taken by the thief who gained entry to the Georgetown residence through an unsecured front door.



FLAPPERS ON ICE

Last Wednesday night the Georgetown Figure Sknting Club's girls interpretive competitors took many admiring onlookers back to the days when the Charleston was the latest dance crare and feathered headbands were commonplace. In the GFSC's angual club competition held at Gordon Alcott arena. boys and girls skated in 11 different categories in their efforts to represent the club at February's Inter-club competition. Winning

the girls' interpretive skating routine was Kathy Boal (middle) who also will represent the club in the Junior Ladies Freeskate. Trina Wasylenko (right) was second while Tammy Morrow (left) finished third. See page B1, B4 for complete results and pictures of the skating club's competition.

(Herald photo by Dave Rowney)

FULL REPORT IN SPORTSWEEK

Croatians unswayed on cemetery bid

Proponents of a new cemetery on the 160-acre Croatian Boulevard and Sideroad Five near Norval have not given up on the idea, despite opposition from neighbors and the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee (HAAC).

William Whiteacre, the lawyer representing the Croatian proponents, told The Herald that just because some people

have protested the plan before of farm reps. Opposing the representatives have assured Halton Hills council and at the plan largely because it feels a town council there is adequate Centre at Winston Churchill HAAC, his clients have not cemetery is not good use of parking available on the prop-

> 'There's a tremendous amount of goodwill throughout the town of Halton Hills," he said, "and they're not going to let a vocal minority stop

Two weeks ago, the region's planning department asked the HAAC to explain its opposition to the plan for the eightacre, 1,600-plot cemetery expressed at an earlier meeting

viable farmland may adversely affect farming operations surrounding it, the HAAC endorses the planning department's concerns that the cemetery in the area does not conform with Halton's official

In addition, farm and nonfarm residents living near the site have expressed concern about traffic which may collect on the roadsides during a funeral, although Croatian In a letter to the farm

advisory committee, Mr. Whitenere pointed out that 130 acres of the Croatian Centre is rented for agricultural use while the rest of the property serves the large Toronto-area Croatian population as a weekend recreation facility, with swimming pool and soccer pitches.

"I think the vast majority of

people in Halton Hills have no complaint against my clients merely because they are Crostian," he sald. "There are a few who do, but I don't think this vocal minority should be

am not going to stand aside."

allowed to have their way and I

The town's planning staff is preparing a report on the Croatian proposal following council meetings last month at which the subject was exhaustively discussed. That report is expected to be presented to planning board early in the

pay the \$26,300 capital costs of

=MOE's decision: 3,000 more acres

Acton can add 2,900 rest-

Acton boundary study

dents and develop 57 acres more of non-residential land in the next 20 years while still remaining inside restrictions set by the ministry of environment (MOE).

Ken Taylor presented the findings of a Proctor and Redfern Ltd. study to about 35 citizens and developers gathered at Acton high school last Tuesday to find out what development options will exist within a proposed new urban boundary.

The proposed new boundarles include squaring off the northern town limit to cover all the land around Commerce Court and West Alteo's lands west of Highway 25 to Highway 7 along the Lot 31 boundary as part of the new non-residential

Three new residential parcels were proposed for inclusion, 20 acres east of the separate school property on Mill Street West, 51 acres north of Highway 7 along Churchill Road North and 63 acres south of Highway 7 also along Churchill Road.

Using the ministry figure of

3.8 occupants per home and the

proposed population growth roughly 760 new homes can be constructed over the years in the three areas.

The new eastern boundary which is roughly 1,500 feet east of the homes along Churchill Road would permit four or five streets to be constructed to the east of the present town limit.

The study includes Acton high school and the new separate school inside the town limits and sees no future Institutional growth needs for the town at present.

A strip of highway commercial development would be included along Highway 7 to the new eastern limits of the town. This highway commercial zone is projected as being sufficient extra commercial land to meet the needs of existing and future population in the town.

Mr. Taylor said the business improvement area (BIA) study as well as a market study should be used in determining new commercial development.

He said more than 100 acres of land already within the boundary may not be suitable for industrial use because of poor soil or drainage.

The population growth limit was set by the MOE based on the capacity of the Black Creek to carry effluent from the town's sewage treatment plant and on the availability of

water to the town. Town planner Mario Venditti said part of the residential land east of Churchill Road has development proposals on it and part does not.

A number of proposals tieve been eliminated from the area in which services will be available and Ontario municipal board hearings are possible if agreements can't be reached between the town and these property owners.

An urban area review steering committee is asking concerned citizens to submit their comments in writing to regional planning staff by Dec. 31. The committee will slft the submissions and make changes as members feel appropriate during January.

Committee chairman Mike Armstrong said the recommendations would be detailed and the public advised of the final form by late January so that Halton Hills and Halton region councils can both deal with the study and incorporate it into Halton's official plan,

More riders, funds for ActiVan service

Public enthusiasm for Acti-Van, Halton Hills' special transit service for physically disabled residents, shows little sign of letting up as more riders subscribe to the service and fund-raising efforts continue more successfully than anticipated.

ors were informed Monday night the ActiVan Advisory Committee had already passed its estimated year-end fundraising goal by about \$1,300. And while the number of riders dropped in August during the vacation season, use of the van increased dramatical-

In the second interim report

on ActiVan's year-long trial,

which began in May, councill-

ly in the autumn. The number of daily trips which the van makes averages eleven, almost half of them for shopping or social and recreational functions. Before the service began,

the ActiVan committee estimated that operations would cost \$36,000 during the trial period, half coming from the provincial government. An \$18,000 goal for public funds was set over the same length of time, but support for the project has already netted the committee over two-thirds the

Public funds are helping to the van and the 50-cent per ride fee has raised over \$1,000 as

Most of the van's approximately 86 registered users live in Georgetown; 45 reside in Acton and 15 live in the rural area. Almost 60 per cent of the riders are senior citizens, but the operating hours of the service were flexed a little la September to accomodate a school-age passenger in Georgetown.

There were 47 trips made by the van in its first month of operation seven months are. In November, 451 trips were recorded, and while most of the trips serve individual needs, the van gets plenty of use Sunday mornings as residents participate in the AZcton Friends-In-Deed Club swim lessons at the community's indoor pool in McKenzie-Smith Middle School.

A final report on the ActiVan service is expected in February, at which point, committee chairman Marilyn Serjeantsen said, council will decide whether to continue the service after April 30.

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HIGH NOON

Come on, Sally Ann, let's promenade! About 300 students whistled and twirled last week in the Centennial School gym to square dancing music. The noon-hour dance was organized by physical education teacher Alice Ogden to supplement dance lessons students are getting in their regular gym classes. More photos inside. (Herald photo)



MP McDermid on committee studying Polish crackdown

By GERRY TIMBERS Herald Special

A special committee of parliamentarians, including Brampton-Georgetown - MP John McDermid, met Monday afternoon to discuss the Polish government's surprise weekend crackdown on the Independent trade union, Solidar-

The Polish Committee of Concerned Parliamentarians, an eight-member group formed in mid-October, was summoned together by chairman Steve Paproaki, MP for Edmonton North.

"We are quite worried for the Polish people," Mr. Mc-Dermid said from his Ottawa office, "The news coming out of Poland is not the greatest." Mr. McDermid stressed that the weekend's events are still

an internal matter for the

people of Poland, and that the

federal government can do

little more than continue to monitor the news coming out of Western Europe. The Polish committee has been active over the past two

months lobbying the federal government for more than \$100,000 in ald, which has already been delivered to the European nation in the form of food, clothing and medicine. It was also instrumental in persuading Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy to allow an

increased number of Polish refugees to come into Canada. Brampton Mayor James Archdekin commented this morning that the situation in Poland "appears very grave, with danger of trouble breaking out between the United States and Russia.

"I would hope the situation remains an internal one," the mayor said. "I hope the Poles can work things out. There isn't really much we can do here in Canada, other than listen for new events. We are on the outskirts of the situat-

GDHS campaign ends over dog torture

Having collected 1,000 signatures and \$130 from fellow Georgetown District High School students, a week-long campaign protesting the inhumane way dogs are taken to market in southeast Asia. where dog meat is considered a delicacy, has ended for

the Grade 10 English stud-

ents in Judith Rossman's

The students organized the campaign to make their peers aware of the cruel manner in which dogs are being treated, and to get some financial support for the International Fund for the Welfare of Animals (IFWA).

The money raised by the students will be sent to IFWA, and the signatures

are being sent to the Filipine embassy in Ottawa. The Philippines is one country where the practice exists. Teacher Miss Rossman

said the posters students hung in the school halls are all down, but that the campaign started young people thinking about how animals are slaughtered in Canada for food, and about children starving in other countries.



'WHY ME?'

"Why do I spend so much time every Christmas wearing tights and playing the fool in front of children?" That's what Georgetown Little Theatre's John Roe seems to be asking himself in this scene from "Once Upon a Time", the rousing amaigamation of nursery rhymes and modern gags that delighted hundreds at the John Elliott Theatre over the weekend. A veteran of the GLT's perennial Christmas pantomimes, as well as their dramatic presentations through the season, Mr. Rés portrayed Robin Hood in this year's Yuletide offering. Robin Hood, Jack and Jill and Red Riding Hood joined a series of said characters for the engaging farce about a professor's atomic popcorn making machine. Review and more photos inside. (Herald photo by Ani Pederian)

Lurn on your Christmas lights tonight Kinsmen Club's third annual tour for local senior citizens tonight, 7:15 to 8:30 p.m., see page A3