



### DANCE FLOOR GENEROSITY

The Pine Valley Square Dancers swung into the Christmas spirit last week, donating money to a number of Halton Hills service organizations. Celebrating the presentations last Tuesday night at Howard Wrigglesworth School in Georgetown were (left to right) volunteer fire prevention officer John Murray, who accepted \$100 for the department's "Jaws of Life"

rescue tool; Santa Claus, who helped promote the festive and giving spirit of the evening; Pine Valley Squares presidents Hilda and Lou Darcel; Morley Mills, representing the Halton Hills Contact Centre, which received \$100 and Nora Vilkauskas for the Meals on Wheels organization of which its Acton and Georgetown branches received \$50 each.

## Lorne Scots launch fund-raiser to replace aging ceremonial dress

With the costs of uniforms rising steadily and little financial help coming from Canada's national defence department the Peel-Dufferin-Halton Lorne Scots regiment has embarked on a \$150,000 fund-raising drive and wants town council to contribute \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Council decided to wait until the draft budget for 1982 is presented in February before offering funds.

Money raised in the one-time effort is to be held in a trust, Lorne Scots Frank Ching and J. S. Rodaway explained to council Monday night, while the interest accrued will help purchase new ceremonial uniforms and assist the operation of the nearly two-centuries old infantry regiment based in Brampton.

Major Rodaway explained that the defence department does not pay for the elaborate, colorful kilts and other ceremonial trappings the regiment wears on parade, and the uniforms, some of them nearly 30 years old, are in need of extensive repair or should be entirely replaced. The Lorne Scots adopted the present-day uniform in 1951.

Contributions from municipalities, which the fund-raising committee hopes will amount to \$15,000, will join funds collected from industries, business, former members of the regiment and the current "regimental family". Major Rodaway said. Of the 40 paid days which each reservist spends per year in the regiment, two days' pay has been pledged by

Lorne Scots to the campaign. Other funds which the Lorne Scots hope to receive may come from Wintario and a private donation from the Duke of Kent, the regiment's Colonel in Chief.

Uniforms for the regiment vary in total price, Major

Rodaway indicated, but an officer's ceremonial dress may cost as much as \$4,000 while full dress for lower ranks about \$600 per uniform. The ceremonial swords which some of the officers wear, are worth about \$1,250, he said, and they used to cost about \$90.

It's not uncommon, Col. Ching assured, for other Canadian reserve regiments to launch fund-raising drives to pay for uniforms and other operational expenses. Also involved in the Lorne Scots campaign are the 33 regular reservists and the 30 cadets headquartered in the Georgetown armory in Fairgrounds Park.

Boasting a distinguished career in Canada's military history, the Lorne Scots have fought in both world wars and trace their roots through such monumental Canadian events as the War of 1812, the McKenzie rebellion of 1837 and the Fenian invasions from the U.S. in 1866.

### Tables turned annually

The Lorne Scots' Peel-Dufferin-Halton regiment militiamen and their families enjoyed the regiment's annual Christmas dinner at the Brampton armories Sunday. Adding to the festive atmosphere, officers and senior non-commissioned officers observed regimental tradition by serving dinner to the other ranks.

## Dialogue called for to ease urban versus rural differences

By MARK WESSEL  
HeraldSpecial  
North-South Dialogue took on a new meaning Saturday at the Halton Rural Forum. After six hours of discussion between people of all walks of life concerned with the future of rural lands in Halton, located predominantly to the north, participants called for improved communications with urban neighbors to the south.

The forum issued a statement which said north-south dialogue is needed "to clear up the difference of interests (that pit) urban against rural residents." It suggested farm and non-farm rural residents should begin to educate Halton's urban dwellers through petitions, letters, and additional forums in an effort to protect the region's agricultural lands.

"We've done a tremendous job (discussing issues) today, but we've only just begun," said Val Gilmor, assistant director of the University of Guelph's Rural Development Outreach Project (RDOP) which co-sponsored the forum

with the Halton Community Pulse Group (CPG). "The important thing is that you keep control (of what actions to take) in your own hands," Ms. Gilmor told a group of about 40 people assembled at the Halton Centennial Manor.

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## Young Dave runs family farm now

Although he sat in the corner quietly, Dave Wilson stood out more than anyone else at the Halton Rural Forum this weekend.

At 17 Dave was by far the youngest person at the meeting, which was attended by a cross section of society concerned about farming future. And he was the only one there who expressed interest in becoming a full-time farmer, however bleak that future may seem.

Dave spent most of the time listening, and while he didn't partake in discussions, his name invariably popped up every time the plight of the young farmers was mentioned.

He attended "just to see what the meeting was all about," he said later.

"Since his father died of cancer six months ago, Dave has tended the 150-acre farm he lives on with his mother and two sisters with the help of relatives and friends.

And when the Grade 12 student leaves high school he faces the decision of whether or not to do the job full time. Right now he's pretty sure that's what he wants to do, but first, he'd like to take farming courses at the University of Waterloo, he says.

Asked what he got out of the forum the quiet young man replied: "If you want to do something, it's up to yourself."

Halton's loss of farmland was placed at the top of the list of concerns dealt with by the forum. Discussion on the matter was kicked off in a speech by Henry Stanley, area representative for the province's ministry of agriculture and food.

"There's more Class 1 land in Halton than all of Quebec, Newfoundland, and P.E.I. put together," said Mr. Stanley, but he warned the land is in danger of being gobbled up by garbage dumps, industrial parks, hydro lines, and subdivisions.

"I'm concerned about the garbage dumps that could endanger water needed by cattle. And the large number of (urban people that buy land) who bring in their snow mobiles and complain about the smell and noise from farms."

Problems such as these combine with current economic hardships to discourage farmers from staying in the business, he said. In discussions that followed, farmers, local politicians, rural residents, and others voiced their concerns on issues

### Lottery sleight of hand

Somewhere there's a thief who's feeling lucky. He made off over the weekend with about \$600 in Wintario, Cash for Life, and Pot of Gold lottery tickets from the Jug City store on Georgetown's Main Street North, Saturday night. About \$250 cash was also taken, and some film.

### Liquor theft thwarted

Forcing open the lock on the front doors, a would-be thief broke into the North Halton Golf and Country Club in Georgetown late Sunday night or early Monday and almost made off with five bottles of wine. Police say the liquor cabinet was pilfered, but an alarm was triggered and the thief, apparently fearing arrest, ran away, leaving his cache outside the building. An investigation is continuing.

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