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Public meeting set for March 18

Sewage plant changes could cost \$7 million

By CHRIS AAGAARD
 Herald Staff Writer
 A jointly sponsored public meeting will be held March 18 to unveil both phases of the Georgetown Urban Area Review. Halton's planning and public works department determined Wednesday.

In Acton, the meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 18 at Centennial Public School. Regional council is expected to endorse the planning committee's decision next week. While the full report covering the investigation of Georgetown's sewage treatment system and how the community should grow considering the plant's ability to treat waste, will be released to the public next week, study consultants presented some of their findings to the planning committee Wednesday.

The first phase of the Georgetown study began in August, 1980 and, largely funded by area developers seeking to build in the community, indicates that aging and leaky sewer mains may be limiting the plant's ability to treat actual sewage by allowing ground water and rain run off to infiltrate the system. With new construction, a study summary indicates, infiltration at the plant can be reduced by 50 per cent, adding that the level of infiltration is greater than desired but not excessive.

Currently, the sewage plant has been certified to handle waste from a population of 30,000 (Georgetown's population is about 19,000) and its average daily operation is meeting provincial environmental ministry safety standards regarding the bacterial content of treated waste flowing into Roger's Creek. However, when the daily average increases, bacterial content of the treated effluent also rises, the study notes, concluding that some modifications are required at the plant to maintain safety standards while keeping the plant's treatment capacity at the 30,000 population figure.

Protect your bicycle regional cops urge

Bicycle thefts have become a major annual problem in Halton region. Bikes are at the top of the "most wanted" lists, and criminals know they will always have a quick resale. Each year, a great number of recovered or found bikes are sold at auction by the Halton regional police force, due to rightful owners being unable to identify their bike. The force's Crime Prevention Bureau urges bike owners to take the following

precautions:
 -Never leave your bike unattended without locking it, even for a few minutes.
 -Lock your bike to a stationary object.
 -Use a heavy-duty, case-hardened chain and lock. To protect your bike from scratching, encase the chain in an old inner tube.
 -Always run the chain through both wheels and the frame before locking.
 -Lock your bike in a conspicuous place, such as a

parking rack.
 -Never leave your bike out overnight, always secure it indoors.
 -Keep a record of the bike's serial number. It is found in three places on the bike.
 -Take a color photograph to help Police with identification.
 -As a further aid in identification, write your name and address on a piece of paper, roll it up cylinder fashion and slip it onto the handlebar under the hand grip.



BOTANY AND BEAVERS

First Georgetown B Colony Beavers celebrated the 75th anniversary of Scouting in Canada by investing three more members into their group last Wednesday. New members Mark Rattenbury, Matthew Zaraw and David Blyth were joined by leaders Jean Ellen Blinich (Hawkeye), Walt Buchanan (Rusty), Koo Cub Derek Follitt, Beavers Gord Buchanan, Colin Campbell, David Chambers, Michael De Rye, Curtis Hamilton, Shawn Kelman, Kevin Kostluk, Kevin McMurray, Martin Summers,

Ross Thompson and Ian Tribble. Missing from the photograph is Charles Snook. The colony is based at St. John's United Church and the investiture took place at Joseph Gibbons School. The Beavers participated in a "planting night" with Bouman Nursery's Jim Merrick and shortly should be able to see the results of their efforts when their planted geranium slips begin to sprout.

(Photo by Jean Layman)

John Black Aird to return for more 'Credit craziness'

Again this year, the Georgetown Crazy Boat Race will be enriched by the presence of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, John Black Aird. Taking time out from an unbelievably tight schedule, he will be arriving at the Tenth Line Bridge starting point at 11:30 a.m. March 27. An avid sports enthusiast, the Lieutenant Governor enjoys meeting both participants and spectators at various events throughout Ontario. The Guard of Honor for the

event will be Officers of the 78th Fraser Highlanders, a historical regiment, wearing the uniform and weapons and performing the drill of the 1750s. The Regiment was first formed in 1757 and sent to Canada to fight under General Wolfe of the British forces. The Regiment was re-raised in Montreal in 1967 as part of the Centennial Celebrations. Members of the Regiment comprised the Guard of Honor for Queen Elizabeth during the opening

of Expo. Outputs of the Regiment now exist in Ottawa, Toronto (Fort York Garrison), Calgary and Burnaby, B.C. Officers and men of the Regiment provide color and ceremony at various official functions and events throughout the year, including the opening of the Speyside Highland Games. The Lieutenant Governor has a staff of Aides-de-camp who assist him in his many duties. A number of his Aides, including Colonel Frank McEachern, Hugh

Aird, Tom Blackmore and Tom Amell are also members of the 78th Fraser Highlanders and wear the tartan of the 78th while performing official duties with the Lieutenant Governor, meeting dignitaries from around the world. As well as enjoying the Fifteenth Annual Georgetown Jaycees' Crazy Boat Race, this could be your chance to meet the Queen's representative in Ontario, Lieutenant Governor Aird. See you there.



With disarming candor, professional auctioneer Neil Fogel sold 128 of the 140 paintings up for sale at the Georgetown YMCA's annual fund-raising auction held Friday night in Holy Cross Church auditorium. In addition to those works, he also sold eight of 17 pieces from the auction's collectors' corner which features top material from among the world's best artists. Last year, commissions from the auction, arranged for the Y by Beaux Arts Internationale, put \$3,000 into the Y's coffers for programs youngsters and adults are enjoying today.

(Herald photo)

YMCA pleased with art auction success

Described in its brochure as a "gala auction of graphics, oils, water colors and sculptures, the third annual Georgetown YMCA Art auction has scored another fundraising success and while a final tally of the organization's commission is not yet available, the Y hopes to earn approximately \$2,700 from the auction for programs this year.

Auction sales totalled \$19,500 as over 70 per cent of the art available was sold. Friday night's auction in the Holy Cross Church auditorium attracted about 240 people, 123 of whom put their names on the bidding list hoping to hang on their walls a Kurelek or a Picasso or any one of a number of Canadian

and international pieces displayed. By the end of the evening, auctioneer Neil Fogel had dispatched 109 of the 156 available works, including eight of the 16 special collector's items. "It was very successfully done," Y executive director John Wood told The Herald yesterday (Tuesday), commenting on Mr. Fogel's light-hearted approach to the sale.

School board trustees want Grade 13 retained

By ANI FEDERIAN
 Herald Staff Writer
 Provincial education minister Bette Stephenson will receive a letter from the Halton board of education advocating the retention of Grade 13.

Although Halton superintendent of program R. T. Dixon says it's 99 per cent sure the minister is going to drop Grade 13 from Ontario high schools, the board nevertheless sent on its letter of warning.

In its letter, the board warned against "any costly revamping of our educational system which does not offer reasonable prospects of a higher degree of successful school experience for our students and greater public confidence in our schools".

The majority of board members agreed Feb. 25 that abolishing Grade 13 will mean problems for general level students, and extra cost for taxpayers to establish new curriculums and hire more teachers. "We feel it's unwise to abolish Grade 13," Mr. Dixon said. "But we've been given to understand everybody's mind is made up on this at the ministerial level. We've had indirect references...in couch-

ed terms." The board letter replies to recommendations in a revised Secondary Education Review Project (SERP) report commissioned by the ministry. The board objects to dropping Grade 13 and combining the currently offered five-year, 33-credit advanced level program and the four-year, 27-credit general level program into one four-year, 30-credit program. Thus, both general and advanced programs will lead to the same single diploma, according to SERP recommendations. SERP also wants hours of study per credit increased from 110 to 120. "Don't ask us to start doing this for a few years," Mr. Dixon begged. "I'm trying to slow it down. Don't abolish (Grade 13) right away, is my position."

Abolishing Grade 13 will swamp the board with three large projects to work on simultaneously, he said. Besides implementing Bill 82 by 1985, the board will also have to design appropriate general and advanced level courses and programs. PAPER COSTS "We have spent close to

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About the Hills

Lend them your ears

If you have a message to get across to people and you want to do it clearly and confidently, the Toast Mistresses' Club can help. New to the area, a chapter is hoping to establish itself in Milton for north Halton residents. There'll be a demonstration-information meeting March 27 and again April 1 at the Millowne Recreation Hall at 695 Childs Drive in Milton. Currently hoping to drum up a substantial membership in north Halton, the club, which helps people overcome fears about speaking before large crowds or small seminars, hopes to meet twice a month. For further information, call 876-1380.

Local orchids on display

Two Halton Hills residents will be displaying their greenhouse orchids March 14 at the Tropical Orchids exhibition at the Burlington Royal Botanical Gardens Centre. Doreen and Ron Haslam of RR3 Georgetown operate Esquejungs Orchids. The exhibition runs from 1 to 5 p.m. with adult admission \$1.

Y registration

The Georgetown Y's evening registration for spring programs will be held this Wednesday (March 17) from 6 to 9 p.m. at 89 Mountainview Rd. S. Registrations are also being accepted at the Y office, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Seniors' mystery tour

All senior citizens are invited to join the Blue Triangle Club's trip to Toronto March 16. Enjoy lunch at Old Ed's, followed by a mystery bus tour of Toronto which also includes a stop at Casa Loma. The bus leaves from the Y at 11 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Fee: \$8 (does not include lunch). Pre-register at 89 Mountainview Rd. S., 877-6163.

Guides in training

White Oaks Area Girl Guides will hold an Area Training Day March 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Centennial Secondary School in Brampton. All Brownies, Guides, Pathfinderers, Rangers, Leaders and Commissioners are invited to attend. For more information, call Lynn Clark, 877-1726.

Unveiled at last

The long-lost F Major symphony by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart discovered early last year will be performed March 18 at the University of Guelph's War Memorial Hall. The Guelph Civic Symphony Orchestra, conducted by its musical director, Dr. Stanley Saunders, presents what became the classical music sensation of 1981 in a special 8 p.m. concert. Mozart was already a nine-year old prodigy when he composed the F Major Symphony. Its existence had been known for years, but only the first 15 bars were common knowledge; then, last year, it was rediscovered in private possession in Bavaria, intact in the well-known handwriting of Mozart's father. Tickets for the Guelph concert at \$4 (\$3 for students and seniors) are available at the University box office (824-4120) or at the door.

Sap's a-flowin'!

Spring means maple syrup in parks and woodlots throughout Canada. Among local opportunities to watch the sap gathering and processing conducted annually by area conservation authorities is the Maple Syrup Festival coming later this month to the Orangeville Reservoir Conservation Area. The Credit Valley Conservation Authority presents an excellent opportunity for the entire family to find out how syrup is made, sample a little themselves, buy some to take home and - at the same time - enjoy wagon (or sleigh) rides, guided hikes of the sugar bush and treat themselves to some delicious pancakes. The festival takes place March 20 to 21, 27 and 28 and April 3 and 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is a \$3.50 per car admission fee.

The sap is flowing at the Halton Region Conservation Authority's Mountaberg Wildlife Centre, where the annual maple syrup festival continues Saturdays and Sundays until April 18. Again this year there's the Sugar Bush Express, visits to the sugar house and pancake house, taffy in the snow, candy making and interpretive programs, all for \$3.50 per car. Call 878-4131 weekdays or 845-2278 weekends for more information.



UNEARTHED IN THE LIBRARY

The fossilized skull and jaw of "Eremotherium", the giant ground sloth which roamed southern portions of the continent 50,000 years ago are considerably older than Allison Leanne Hubor's five years of age (well, four and three-quarters to be exact). Like other Halton Hills residents visiting the Library-Cultural Centre recently, Leanne seems equally impressed with this relic from the world's evolutionary past and which is currently on display along with some literature on the creature in the downstairs portion of the library.

(Herald photo)