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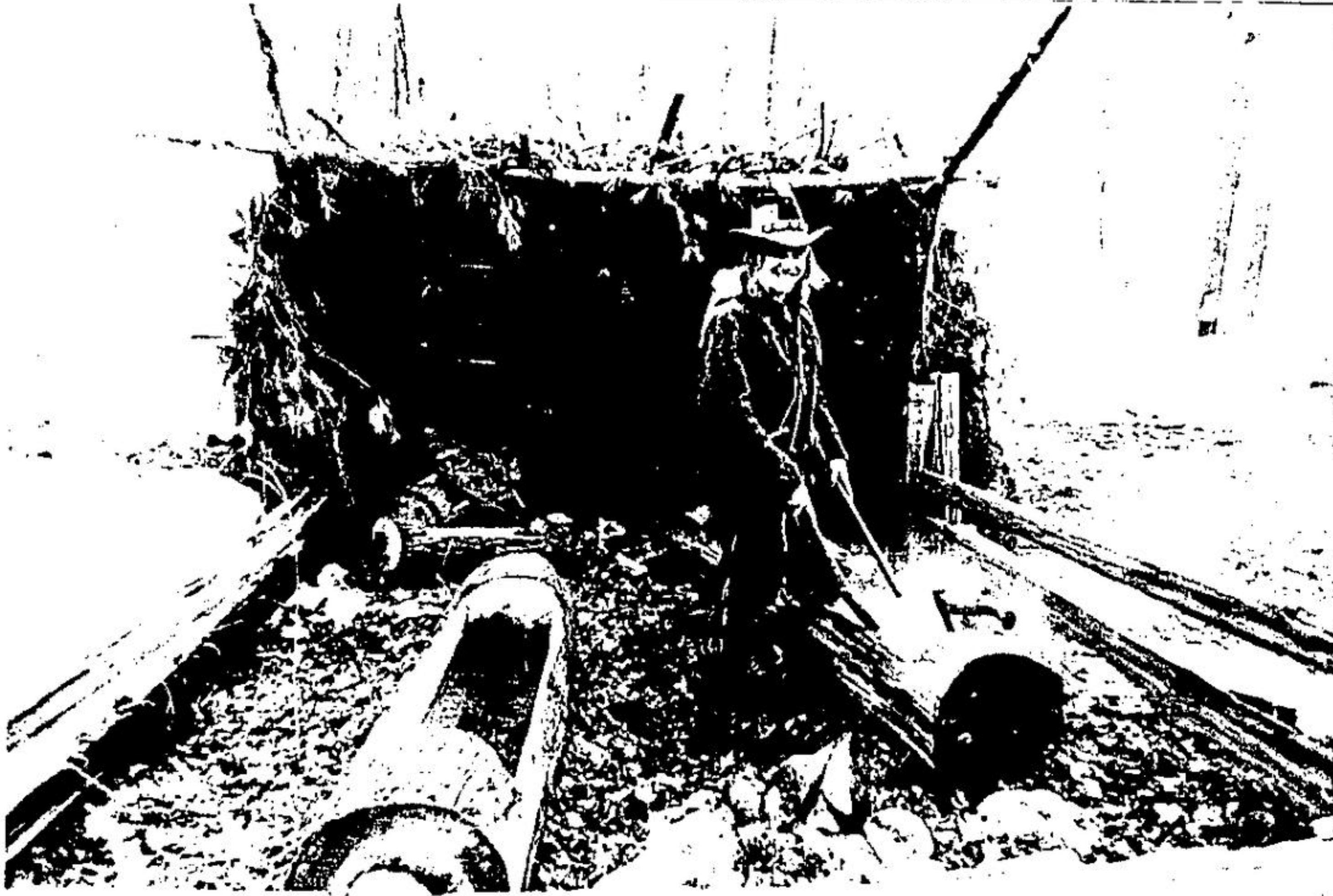
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LOT OF TROUBLE FOR FLAPJACK SYRUP

A blonde and blue-eyed Indian in summer moccasins was showing visitors to the Orangeville Maple Syrup Festival last weekend how syrup used to be made by the Indians. Jim Collis said sap was collected in birch bark buckets then put into a hollow basswood log where it was boiled by throwing

hot stones into it. He said the Canadian Indians used to cook their food in the sap. Basswood was chosen because it was easy to carve and it didn't transmit a flavor into the sap. Mr. Collis said. More festival photos in WEEKEND EXTRA, Friday. (Herald photo)

Room for 11,284 people south of Silver Creek

Urban study reveals its vision of the future

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer

After treating waste for residents and businesses north of Silver Creek in Georgetown, an expanded sewage system would still have enough treatment capacity left over to dispose safely of waste which might be produced by another 11,284 people, a study on Georgetown's urban area revealed Thursday.

Unveiled at a well-attended public meeting in Centennial school, the long-awaited urban area review for Georgetown has proposed extending the community's urban boundaries to take in additional land northwest and south of the current limits.

The study, which began in January, 1981, and joined a study of Georgetown's sewage system already in progress, was conducted by Municipal Planning Consultants Ltd. of Toronto and provides guidelines needed by regional and town planners to determine where Georgetown can grow and how much new development it can accommodate.

About 100 residents who crowded into the school's gym last week learned that if the town is to establish larger boundaries for Georgetown, it will have to expand the capacity of the local sewage treatment plant to treat waste. It is currently designed to handle waste from a population of 30,000 people; enlarging it to handle five million gallons of waste a day (a 40,000 population) would cost about \$7 million, the sewage system study carried out by Gore and Storrle Consultants Ltd. estimates.

Financing for the expansion, if endorsed, will come from

developers, many of whom funded the first part of the \$119,000 review of Georgetown's sewage system and the growth it could accommodate. No decision on the new boundaries proposed by the urban area review is expected until its steering committee has received responses to the public meeting from residents and developers. There will be another public meeting when civic officials are ready to incorporate a new Georgetown urban boundary into the town and region official plans.

While Glen Williams, Stewarttown and Norval have been excluded from the proposed urban area as outlined by consultants last week (but included in the study area), servicing for Georgetown's neighboring hamlets is part of the study's overall vision of an expanded treatment plant serving a larger community.

Tables in the urban area review show that 3,142,043 gallons of sewage per day would be treated at the expanded plant from existing development and lands already committed for development in the current Georgetown boundaries north of Silver Creek.

Even after new lands in this area have been developed and serviced, the study states that it expects the larger plant to have about 1.4 million gallons per day capacity left over for new community growth south of Silver Creek.

In total, the expanded treatment facilities and the network of underground gravity-fed mains which would go with it could service as much as 1,380 acres of new development (the study area covered

5,360 acres of land). Studies funded by developers would have to find water for new development south of Silver Creek, project what kind of traffic the enlarged community will have to cope with, and co-operating with town and regional planners, determine how development would be phased in.

Future land requirements in the study state that 850 acres of residential land will be needed to accommodate the additional 11,284 population in the study area, a potential for 3,472 new housing units.

New families would need additional school facilities, but declining enrollment at existing schools is expected to curb the demand for more classroom space. No additional land for public and separate elementary schools has been envisioned in the urban study, although it expects families will need 41 additional high school classrooms or 15 acres of new school development. Earlier schemes for the development of the area below Silver Creek had proposed more hospital space. However,

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About the Hills Cockburn fires up Junction

Four encores and the debut of a brand new song were proof enough that Bruce Cockburn and his audience of more than 500 got along just fine last Wednesday night at the Norval Junction. Promoter Jerry Robertson, who managed to book the Juno award-winning folk rocker midway through a cross-Canada tour, told The Herald the show was successful enough to keep his proposed concert series at the Junction alive and well. Tentatively booked for next month are Toronto rockers Carole Pope and Rough Trade and Mr. Robertson is still negotiating with Murray MacLachlan, another top Canadian troubador, and American folkrock legend J.J. Cale.

Lionesses' euchre party

Georgetown Lioness will be holding a progressive Euchre Party at the Lions hall April 2 at 8 p.m. Tickets will be \$3 and \$2 for seniors. There will be lunch and prizes. Come and have an enjoyable evening. Seniors, please call 877-370 for a free ride.

Easter bonnet preview?

Get out your funny hats, kids, and come on down to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party today (Wednesday) at 2 p.m. Both the Acton and Georgetown public libraries host the visitor from Wonderland during a leisurely afternoon of stories, songs, games and tea. Then, this Friday, celebrate Hat Day, also at both libraries at 2 p.m. Registration is necessary for this fun day for five to eight-year olds.

Helping the Red Cross

The minor disaster committee assists people whose property or personal belongings have been destroyed by such means as fire, flooding or vandalism, as with the family from Glen Williams. Temporary aid in the form of food, clothing and shelter may be provided for a period of three days.

Halton Hills area residents whose homes have not been canvassed by March 31 are urged to send their donations to the Georgetown and District Red Cross branch, P.O. Box 106, Georgetown, L7G 4T1, and include their address if a receipt is needed.

Sports groups' protest stops user-pay scheme

By CHRIS AAGAARD
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Unlike some of its municipal neighbors, Halton Hills isn't about to stop charging summer sports clubs for the use of playing fields, and council will vote next week on an upgraded "user-pay" system recommended by the general committee Monday night.

Under fire from clubs upset with any user-pay changes at this time of year because they have already registered players and set budgets, the town's recreation and parks department backed down from plans to charge clubs on a per game and practice basis for field use.

Instead, recreation director Tom Shepard presented the committee with another proposal similar to the user-pay system from previous years. Clubs, he suggested, would be charged on a yearly basis, but rates for teams affiliated with the department would rise and there would be a \$6 charge for using lights at night.

Mr. Shepard has warned that unless the town recovers more of the costs of maintaining fields from the cricket, football, soccer and baseball clubs, town tax dollars will have to rise, enabling the recreation department to maintain a good level of service on the fields.

After two hours of often confusing debate, committee members stressed their support for user-pay fees and, for 1982, blending Mr.

Shepard's proposed yearly rates with last year's charges. In addition, they called on the recreation department to report in December on the town's field maintenance costs, providing next year's council with information from which user-pay fees may be scaled.

USE LIGHTS

The committee's recommendation proposes that adult affiliated clubs pay \$20 each per season to use fields and \$6 per night if they use lights. Affiliated youth teams will be charged \$5 per season each. There are varying fees for organizations making occasional use of the fields and there will be per game charges for using park clubhouses or

changing rooms. Heating an entire park will cost \$30 for out of town and local non-affiliated organizations and \$15 for affiliated groups. Mr. Shepard's revised proposal presented to the committee, would have seen adult affiliated clubs paying \$20 per club and youth affiliated teams paying \$10 each year.

While he acknowledged that charges for using the lights had been arbitrarily set in the past, the \$5 per game fee levied against soccer clubs last year "very nearly" met the town's hydro expenses for the playing fields last year. Adult baseball clubs paid for lights in their user-pay team charge.

Mr. Shepard told the

Our trustees back \$132 m. school budget

By ANI PEDIHAN
Herald Staff Writer

The eyes had it Thursday night as all but one trustee voted in favor of the 1982 Halton board of education budget.

The \$131.9 million budget represents an increase of 13.7 per cent from last year's \$116 million budget.

Halton Hills taxpayers will have to fork over a total of \$7.8 million toward the budget. On the average, that will mean \$91 per house, to match the 18.5 per cent rise in the mill rate. However, trustee Elaine Riehm warned that the figure would depend on individual municipalities and will vary across the region.

Although provincial grant increases for Ontario school boards have been up an average of 10.9 per cent, the Halton board has only received a 4.3 per cent increase for 1982.

Why are provincial grants for the board declining? Mrs. Riehm, presenting the revenue portion of the budget to fellow trustees said provincial grants are down because student enrollment is down over last year. She said there were almost three per cent fewer elementary students and over four per cent fewer secondary students.

Relative to the rest of the province, Halton is slightly wealthier than last year, she said. As the region grows wealthier, the province deems

it better able to pay its education costs. Since 1972, Halton has had decreasing provincial grants.

Mrs. Riehm pointed out that Halton is assessed as 70 per cent residential and farm, and 30 per cent commercial. The greater the commercial assessment, the wealthier the region.

"In 1975, the province paid 61 per cent of the total cost of education in the province. In 1980, the province paid 52 per cent of the total cost. They are gradually shifting the responsibility for funding education," Mrs. Riehm said.

Last year, the board received \$59.9 million in provincial funding. This year they'll be receiving \$59.3 million.

While last year's grant paid for 49 per cent of the board's budget, this year's grant will only pay for 47.9 per cent of the budget, increasing the amount to be made up by municipal levy.

For the first time, the Halton board has exceeded ministry ceilings for elementary students, Mrs. Riehm said. All but one Ontario school board has been over ministry ceilings for years, she said.

At the elementary level, expenditures are \$49 per pupil



UP AND 'ATOM' FOR FIREHALL VISIT

Hoseheads for a day: the McNally Construction-Firefighters Major Atom hockey team paid its annual visit to the Georgetown firehall Saturday afternoon for a bit of fun with the waterhose (that's Curtis Green getting a hand from fire prevention officer Bob Meades above) and the proximity suit

occasionally used in close order firefighting (Stuart Vogt tried on the helmet while Doug Kent donned the jacket). Co-sponsored by the District 2 firefighters and McNally Construction Ltd., the team has an annual educational treat in store with every visit. (Herald photo by Harald Bransch)



THEY GROW ON TREES?!

Mom was the pleased recipient of a home-grown marshmallow tree Saturday morning. Puppeteer Lee Armstrong entertained about 60 youngsters in the gallery of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre and Library with an imaginative show called "The Wonderful Gift". Ms. Armstrong used a Chinese bag stage, a cloth-covered wire form around her body above which the puppets appear. She said it's a form of theatre that used to be very popular in Chinese marketplaces. The stage moves with the puppeteer.

(Herald photo)