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*Inquest decision awaited*

# Region delays rest home inquiry



## SEA SCOUTS AHoy!

Sailing off into the sunset Monday evening were 16 members of the Second Acton Trinity Sea Scouts and their four leaders. The cheerful group were having their regular meeting in three sail boats thanks to

the Optimists club. The club has given the sea scouts one main sail and two whisper sail boats to use for their meets on Acton's Fairy Lake. (Photo by Jean Layman)

By **MAGGIE HANNAN**  
 Herald Special

Halton region officials have delayed a possible investigation of conditions at an Acton rest home until it is known whether an inquest will be held into the death of a former resident.

Regional health and social services committee took no action Tuesday on a request from Milton Coun. Bill Johnson to investigate concerns that public health staff have been harassing Tryphena Cherwonik, operator of Cher's Rest Home, Main Street North, Acton.

Coun. Johnson sought answers Tuesday to inconsistencies in health unit staff and regional administration staff reports about conditions at the Acton rest home.

Regional chief administrator

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## Dead man's family

wants matter closed

# 'Sick of reading about it'

Herald Special

The family of a man whose death has become the centre of a controversy surrounding an Acton rest home would like to see the matter closed.

Aggie Evans, daughter of the late James Earl Scott who died July 13 in Guelph General Hospital, said the family has not been informed an inquest into her father's death was requested by Guelph coroner Dr. Walter Scott.

Ms. Evans said the family hadn't wanted an autopsy performed at the time her father died but it was done against their wishes because of the power of the Coroner's Act.

"I agree the sores were bad, but an autopsy wasn't going to help him," Ms. Evans said.

The depth of the infected bedsores on Mr. Scott's body at the time of his death caused Dr. Scott (no relation) to call for an inquest.

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# McDermid posts Tory petition: Would you like Liberals turfed?

By **BOB THOMPSON**

Herald Special

A petition calling for an

immediate federal election to resolve "the crisis of confidence" in Canada will be circulated by the

## Health Council exec

The Halton District Health Council has elected new officers for the coming year. G.W.E. Gordon of Burlington was elected chairman at the Council's meeting last Wednesday. Milton's Edgar Foster has been elected vice-chairman, Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett is the new secretary and Burlington's George Terrance is the new treasurer. Meanwhile, Georgetown's Douglas Brock and Pat Stuart-Haggo and Hornby's Robert Martin remain on the council as Halton Hills representatives. Regional Councillor Brad Clements and Burlington Coun. Pat McLaughlin join Dr. J.W. McFarlane as council members as well. Appointed for a three year term, Madelaine Thoma is the lieutenant-governor of the health council. Halton's health council is one of 25 in Ontario. These organizations provide the province's health ministry with advice on planning and implementing health care services. Membership is made up of volunteers.

Brampton-Georgetown MP as part of a Progressive Conservative Party campaign.

John McDermid said this week he will circulate the petition through a mailing list and has it available at his office for people who believe "a new government will provide a fresh mandate" for the country.

The Tory MP maintained he expects significant results from the petition, but refused to estimate how many of the 170,000 people and 100,000 eligible voters in the riding would sign.

The Conservatives decided in caucus to circulate the petition, "because we want to let the government know in no uncertain terms" how the electorate feels about Ottawa's performance.

Mr. McDermid said he is unsure whether the petition would force an election but it would at least put pressure on the federal officials to do something to turn the economy around," he said.

"Public opinion is very important to a political party — especially to a government in the last half of its mandate," he said.

The Toronto area campaign hasn't moved into full swing yet, but a petition is available at the riding office of Mr. McDermid. He also said he would help anybody who was willing to circulate the petition.

If the re-working of last November's budget is any indication, Mr. McDermid maintained, the Tory polls of voters, disgruntled with the government performance, could be a valuable tactic.

He said the government made about 35 changes when it re-issued a June

budget this year, which indicated to the Brampton-Georgetown MP Ottawa was "paying attention" to the public outcry.

The government has made some moves in the housing industry and is considering the Japanese car import quotas, "but the secret to the whole thing is that nobody trusts them anymore," Mr. McDermid said of the Liberal government.

Judging from the response from local residents to government policy, Mr. McDermid says he expects a strong and favorable reaction to the petition in the area.

Nationally, the Conservatives are hoping for about one million names. Brampton-Georgetown riding represents the third largest in the country.

Courtesy Brampton Times.



## SPECIAL GUEST

Guess who came to dinner July 26? Georgetown Rotary Club president Rex Heslop (left) and the rest of the boys at the club wined and dined Rotary District Governor Norman Simpson of Toronto. Currently president of the Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation and a director of the Rotary Foundation (Canada), Mr. Simpson was honored two years ago with a Paul Harris fellowship. The fellowship is the highest honor in the club.

(Herald photo)