

# New group will push north Halton tourism

**Herald Special**  
When you tell people where you live, how many times have you been asked "Oh where's that?" If you live in a community in north Halton, this probably happens quite a few times. Unfortunately for local business operators, it happens too many times.

In general, people who live outside the north

Halton area don't know the exact location of Acton, Georgetown, Milton and the outlying communities. These people are missing one of Ontario's most naturally beautiful areas, boasting the Niagara Escarpment, numerous lakes and streams, rolling hills, and beautiful forests.

The towns and villages in the area - Milton,

Campbellville, Eden Mills, Rockwood, Acton, Linehouse, Glen Williams, Norval, Georgetown, Ballinacree and Terra Cotta, complement this natural beauty with a common heritage theme. The Ontario Agricultural Museum, the Halton county Radial Railway, an evolving leather theme town, apple farms, craft and boutique villages and

Country Inns collectively constitute a heritage microcosm of central Ontario.

Each of these component communities and individual operations within and between them have had varying degrees of success in attracting tourists, but as proven with the immensely successful and very analogous relationship

between the communities of Elmira, St. Jacobs, Elora and Fergus, a regional approach is needed to complement and foster these more local thrusts. The wider the area of co-operation, the greater the benefits that are available to the individual participant.

This is realized in terms of savings on advertising,

printing, and media support.

**AHEA TOURISM**

A concerned group of local business operators seeing the problem and realizing the great potential of this area has drafted a proposal for area tourism and commercial development.

The proposal states, "As there are three major

functions which must be performed if we are to begin to harvest these benefits: 1) Co-ordination within the north Halton area. 2) Liaison with, and the lobbying of, various levels of government to achieve the maximum levels of financial and non-financial support. 3) Promotion.

"It is proposed that a non-profit, non-share

capital corporation be established as the body to fulfill this role. Individual businesses and operations which would benefit directly from tourism would be offered to join the association for a tax-deductible membership fee."

The proposal was presented to other interested business operators at a meeting Thursday

and was formally accepted. A North Halton Tourism Association has now been officially established.

The proposal to create the association had already received full support from Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy, Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz, Halton region business development

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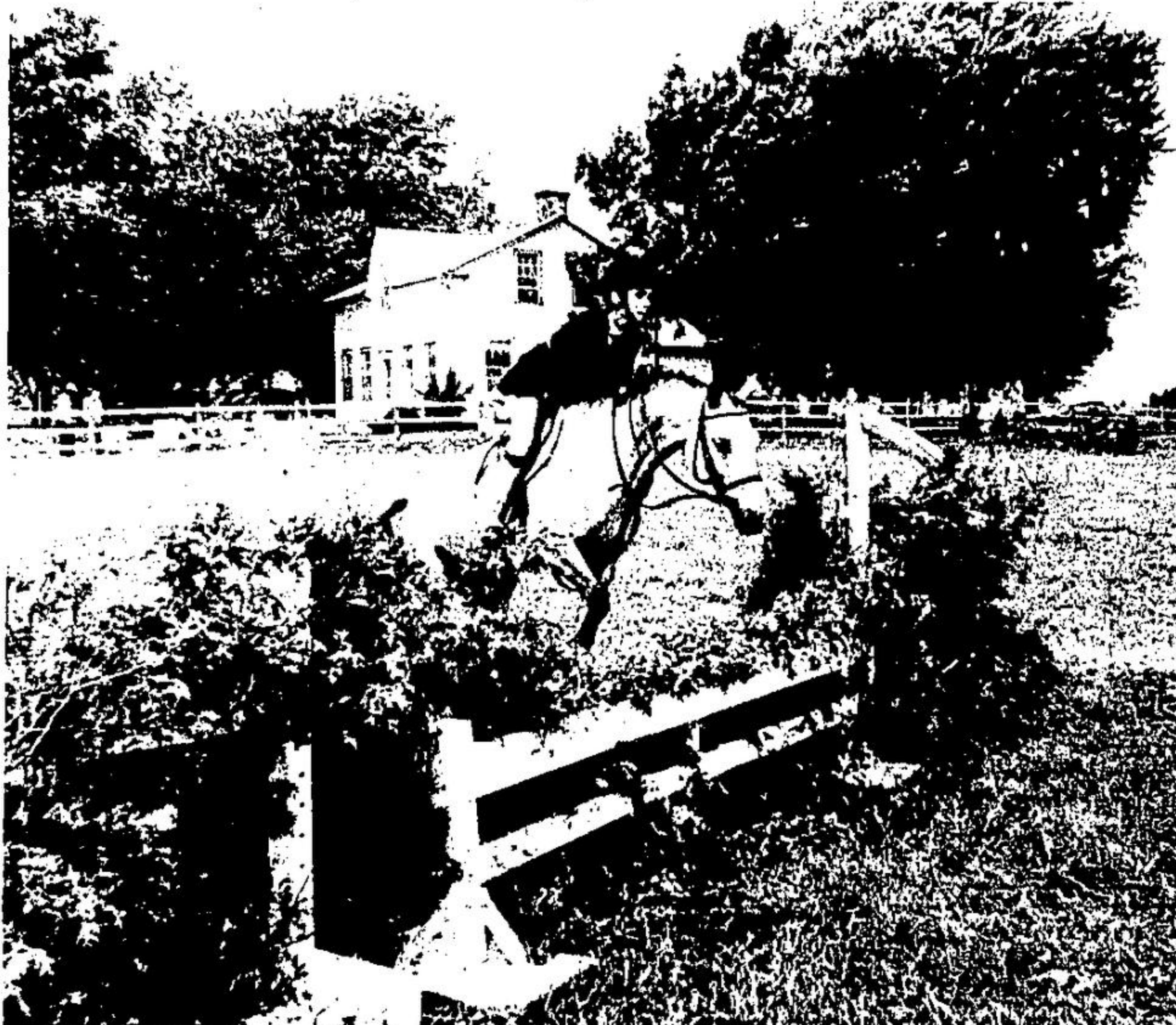
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**EQUESTRIAN ELEGANCE**

It was quite a weekend for horse lovers at Alregis Acres in RR5 Georgetown, where equestrians of all ages gathered Sunday and Monday for a wide range of competitions including the UCO \$250 Classic. Thirteen area businesses sponsored the major meet and hundreds of spectators attended to watch competitors like Cynthia Allen and her horse Flindin Cinnamon test their skills at such events as

Equitation Over Fences. Cynthia failed to place in this event but went on to win the Pony Hunter Hack and finished second in the children's Hunter Under Saddle event. In the photo below, competitors line up for the Equitation Flat, involving a general inspection of the horses and riders for stationary qualities.

(Herald photos by Harald Bransch)



## New three-day Georgetown fair could use your support, ideas

There's surprisingly little time left before the gates open and the parade marches through to open the 136th annual Georgetown Fall Fair Sept. 10. Organizers are busily planning to fill the entire Fairgrounds with events of interest to farmers and urban fun-seekers.

And that's where they need your help. There's room on the roster for plenty of activities and the fair board is open to suggestions from the public.

Joining the livestock and produce shows this year are a number of events sponsored by the Georgetown Kinsmen and Kinettes.

Centre field activities Saturday include a balloon race sponsored by the Kinette Club. This doesn't mean that balloonists will descend from out of nowhere, fill up their gondolas with unsuspecting spectators and then take off to make a beer commercial; this balloon race has a new twist.

Purchased tickets from the club will be attached to helium-filled balloons which will be released in a grand aerial display. Hopefully, once the balloons land, their finders will return the stubs; the ticket holder whose balloon travelled the farthest

is in for a nice prize. The dunking tank (popular at Acton's fall fair) will make a return to Georgetown after several years' absence. The Kinsmen Club, which is sponsoring the event, has

already sent a letter to town council, asking councillors to offer themselves as potential victims. Perched above a pool of water, a "dunkee" relies on the shooting accuracy

of the "dunker" aiming for the trigger which releases the perch. The tank and a long line of councillors and other local celebrities will be operating all day Sept. 11.

Georgetown's fire brigade will demonstrate the town's recently-acquired aerial ladder truck and the Halton Amateur Radio Club's display will introduce fair-goers to radio enthusiasts from all over the region, province and even North America.

Youngsters will no doubt make a beeline for the perennially-popular

Old MacDonald's Farm, an element of the fair which allows toddlers some safe, hands-on exploration of the animal world.

Those are just a few of the events planned this year, as the fair moves to a newly-expanded format covering three days instead of one. Organizers are looking for a club or an individual to operate a corn roast Friday night.

Anyone with an idea for some centre field activities, or who wants to put on an event, should call fair board rep Neil Frawley at 877-4170.

### Special decals for handicapped

If you're a driver with a physical handicap and therefore can park in the special "wheelchair" zones familiarly seen around government buildings, the town of Halton Hills has some news for you. "Wheelchair" decals advising patrolling policemen that your car is legally parked in one of the zones will soon be available at the town's Trafalgar Road offices. The first decal is free and each additional one costs 50 cents. While final arrangements are being made to have the decals available locally, it won't be long before handicapped drivers are spared the inconvenience of writing to Toronto for them. Drivers who are not handicapped and use the special parking zones could find themselves with a \$15 parking ticket.



**FIREHALL FUN**

Budding young firefighters, Cora Routledge (left) and Dylan Trotter got to try on some of the firefighting equipment used by the Acton brigade Friday. Acton's Tot Lot kids toured the station located on Bower Avenue and were given coloring books and allowed toinker harmlessly with some of the machinery. More photos inside.

(Herald photo)

## Cruisers bashed in high-speed chase

A 16-year old youth and a 22-year old man, both of no fixed address, were taken into police custody Friday morning following a high-speed car chase which stretched from Erin township to Steeles Avenue in Halton Hills and involved Halton region policemen and members of Guelph's OPP detachment.

The youth (and alleged driver of the chased car), Steve Molody, and James Lewis face several traffic and theft-related charges arising from the incident, which began about 1 a.m. Friday and ended ten minutes later.

Mr. Molody also faces criminal negligence charges for allegedly trying to run down one OPP officer and later attempting to cut off another's car during the chase.

Acting on a tip, Guelph OPP told The Herald Monday they were aware that Mr. Molody and Mr. Lewis would be driving by their checkpoint near the Wellington County Road 24 and Erin Sideroad 5 intersection at that time of the morning.

But as Constables T.J. Cooper and Stan Balemba flagged Mr. Molody's allegedly stolen vehicle,

the car swerved at Const. Balemba who dove to safety. A 25-kilometer chase involving Halton region police ensued, much of it along Trafalgar Road.

Const. Cooper's cruiser was sideswiped by Mr. Molody's vehicle about 150 meters south of Georgetown's Maple Avenue-Trafalgar Road intersection. The marked OPP cruiser was struck as Const. Cooper tried to overtake the fleeing vehicle, which suddenly moved into his lane.

The chase ended at the Steeles Avenue-Sixth Line intersection as an unmarked OPP cruiser, driven by James Shepherd collided with the rear end of the fleeing vehicle as Mr. Molody turned right on to the Sixth Line.

Const. Shepherd and his passenger, Const. Douglas MacMillan of the region's Criminal Investigation Bureau in Georgetown, were unhurt.

Complaining of chest injuries sustained in the Steeles Avenue collision, Mr. Lewis was treated at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital.

Halton region police suspect Mr. Molody and Mr. Lewis were respons-

ible for a robbery at a Terra Cotta home sometime Thursday. Following their arrest, police re-

covered a rifle, shotgun, \$3,000 stereo and some jewellery believed stolen from the home.

### ABOUT THE HILLS

## Motorcyclist badly hurt

While full details were unavailable at prestime, a local motorcyclist was seriously injured Thursday night in an accident near the Highway 7-Ewing Street intersection. The accident occurred around 11:15 p.m. and, according to an unofficial source, the victim was transferred to Toronto General Hospital from Georgetown District Memorial Hospital for treatment. He was still unconscious yesterday (Tuesday).

### Inquest Sept. 8

An inquest into the July 19 drownings of two Acton youngsters will be held Sept. 8 in the town's Trafalgar Road municipal offices. It was announced this week. Brent Patry and Nick Dimic, both 7, were found drowned near a buoyed-off section of Fairy Lake in Acton. While the town has been conducting its own investigation of the late-afternoon tragedy, council last week expressed assurance that life-guardians on duty at the time acted responsibly before and after the drownings were discovered. The inquest will begin at 7 p.m.

### Volunteer Carol comes a-calling

## Our senior book buffs love their 'library lady'

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Once every three weeks, Georgetown's Carol Lowe pops up at three seniors' residences, arms laden with books.

Mrs. Lowe is a volunteer with the Georgetown public library who likes to read. Since 1975 she's been making sure seniors who also enjoy reading have plenty of fresh material to pore over.

She said she got started helping out after a chat one day with fellow library staffer Esme Ball.

"I've always liked older people. I would see older people needing lifts around town, and I was talking one day to Esme about it, and that's how it all began", Mrs. Lowe said.

Babysat by senior citizens when she was a girl, and raised in an area where there were a lot of elderly neighbors, Mrs. Lowe developed a penchant for getting along with older people.

Called the "library lady" by seniors at Kin Court, Sargent Road and Durham Street seniors' residences, Mrs. Lowe said she drops off about 75 books to each residence when she visits.

"The incidence of books being lost or not being returned is so much lower than with the library in general," she remarked. "Although the cards only have the residence name on them, and you don't know who has the book, you know it's going to come back."

Books that go out to the seniors are selected by Dr. Ball from the library's collection. Mrs. Lowe passes on requests to her.

Most popular reading material among seniors are the romance novels, Mrs. Lowe said. Only one-quarter of the books are non-fiction, with books on royalty top choice, followed closely by pictorial books on Canada or Canadian history books.

Residents at the Durham Street apartments like French books, Mrs. Lowe said, since many of them are French Canadians.

"The nicest part about this job is that these people can come up to me and ask me for a specific book they want to read," Mrs. Lowe said.

She recalled how once, blushing and giggling, one of the ladies asked her for books by Maggie. "I thought she meant Maggie (author Margaret) Atwood at first," Mrs. Lowe said.

Then when the woman said she's been reading extracts in The Toronto Star from Maggie's book, Mrs. Lowe realized she meant Maggie Trudeau.

"The pluses I get out of this are so super," Mrs. Lowe said shaking her head. "They worry about you. 'Oh dear, your books are so heavy, you shouldn't be carrying those things.' They get so concerned."

"It's like having extra sets of mothers. They're really terrific people," she said.

For all those seniors who've been smiling at Mrs. Lowe for the past seven years and reading their way through the Georgetown Library's collection, now you know her name.



Called the "library lady", Carol Lowe has been a monthly visitor at the three senior residences in Georgetown for the past seven years. Arms laden with books from the Georgetown public library she makes sure that seniors have plenty of new reading material. "I imagine most of the senior citizens don't even know me," she said modestly. Mother of aspiring local film director David Lowe, Mrs. Lowe said everybody has to do something in their life that isn't strictly for themselves. Her volunteer work is done in conjunction with library staffer Esme Ball, who prepares the selections to go out. (Herald photo)