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ABOUT THE HILLS

Birthday party

Join us. We're celebrating our first anniversary.

The North Halton Volunteer Centre is now one year old and we're having an anniversary party this Friday (Oct. 1) at 10:30 until noon at 164 Guelph St., Georgetown. If you're considering getting involved in your community and want more information as to what is available, join us. Or you can call 877-3219 for more information. We'll meet with you in your home town of Acton, Milton or Georgetown to discuss where you fit in.

It's still Oct. 31

Two letters addressed to town council have failed to change the date for Halloween in Halton Hills this year. Halloween falls on a Sunday and Rev. John De Jong of the Christian Reformed Church in Georgetown argues that the nature of the event is "strictly out of keeping with the character of Sunday as it's commonly observed in our community". Similar sentiments were expressed by resident Jim Fishback, who also pointed out that, in 1976, town council agreed to change the date. Council received and filed the letters, but declined to change the date.

Woodcutters return

The Optimist Club of Georgetown extends its thanks to Cooper Equipment Rental for the donated use of its much-needed wood splitter last weekend, when local Optimists and Rotarians had to work frantically to meet the demand for firewood at their joint sale inside the Halton Hills public works yard on Trafalgar Road. Both clubs will be there again Oct. 9 ready to keep your fireplaces well supplied. While the clubs apologize for not having the wood all cut and ready for sale last Saturday, they'll be sure they're ready for you next time. Everyone's welcome. Proceeds go to community projects.

Don't miss the magic

There are still tickets available for the twin Super Sundays series being staged at John Elliott Theatre by the University Women's club. Magician Ron Oliver kicks things off Oct. 31 and there are great things to follow. Buy a \$6 ticket for three shows geared to children in kindergarten to Grade 3 or a \$4 ticket for the two shows for older children. Call 877-6414, 877-7879 or 877-1565 for tickets.

Sunday auctions

A 230-name petition submitted to the general committee Monday night has asked the town to repeal a licensing bylaw regulation prohibiting auctions on Sundays. Advertisements will shortly appear in The Herald advising residents of the proposal to allow Sunday auctions after noon at municipal addresses four times per year. Residents are invited to comment on the proposed change by sending written submissions to the clerk's office on Trafalgar Road.

Rest home inquest

The tentative date Oct. 18 has been set for the coroner's inquest into the death of James Earl Scott, former resident of Cher's Rest Home on Acton's Main Street North. Niagara regional coroner Dr. Bruce Penton was ordered to hold the inquest by Ontario's chief coroner. During a regional health and social services committee meeting July 26, Halton's medical officer of health Dr. Peter Cole publicly stated that bedsores on Mr. Scott's body were "down to the bone" at the time of his death July 13. Mr. Scott was under a physician's care at the rest home 13 days before he died at Guelph General Hospital.

Official plans must agree on policies

Green light for rural estate homes



HARVEST BY THE HEARTH

It's a two-crust pie of soft, whole wheat flour. Christina Jones of Puslinch, near Guelph, was busy with the wooden rolling pin Saturday. Portraying the daily routine of domestic and farm duties of the 1830s woman in rural Ontario, Mrs. Jones was one of several Ontario Agriculture Museum staff bringing the museum's Harvest Fair to life. The weekend fair featured chances to sample scones and quickloaf bread baked in a brick oven in the wall. Mrs. Jones said the oven is heated up all morning by burning logs until the bricks absorb enough heat for baking bread and pies. Pioneer women would test if the oven was the right temperature by putting a fist into the brick oven and counting to 20. If their arm was comfortable, then the oven was ready for pies, Mrs. Jones said.

(Herald photo by Anl Pederian)

After carefully considering the merits of each development proposal, town councillors are prepared to allow rural estates near the fringes of the Acton and Georgetown urban areas.

While the recommendation made by the general committee Monday night supports the idea of using estate homes as a buffer between the rural area and the more densely populated urban area, it may conflict with policies outlined in the region's official plan, which the town must follow.

Region policies discourage estate subdivisions close to urban boundaries, fearing that their residents may eventually demand water and sewer services which normally end at urban boundaries. Rural estate homes usually build on large, two-acre lots, use septic tanks, and draw water from wells.

The disagreement between the two official plans, one of several which have cropped up as the town and Toronto's Walker, Wright, Young and Associates Ltd. planning consultants try to finish the town's plan by Oct. 4 will require further negotiations between town staff and regional planners. The committee has tentatively agreed to include

another rural estate development with others already included in the draft official plan mapping.

Pending proof of an adequate water supply in the area, Esqueving Developments Ltd. will see 118 acres of its land, set aside for estate development, added to the plan. The land is located between the Sideroads 17 and 20 on the Sixth Line northwest of Georgetown.

Still other estate development proposals will remain of the official plan map while the town awaits additional information about the proposals from developers. The developments are located along the Sixth Line near Hornby.

Additional information is also being sought regarding a rural industrial development proposed for the northwest corner of Acton.

Croatian plan re-examined for new plan

The lawyer representing a group of citizens concerned about the development of the Croatian Centre south of Norval has asked the town to re-examine its official plan and zoning bylaw and how they've been applied to the 160-acre property.

James Beatty told the town's general committee Monday night that activities at the centre don't complement the area's rural lifestyle, and by allowing them to continue, council subverts the integrity of the town's plan and zoning bylaw.

Residents in the area, he said, look to council to protect their interests in the rural area. Mr. Beatty added that enjoyment of the neighborhood is being compromised by the cen-

tre's weekend celebrations, the odors of barbecued food drifting from the centre and by traffic caused by what he estimates to be as many as 500 to 1,000 cars driving in and out of the centre on some weekends.

"The integrity to planning and land use must be protected," Mr. Beatty argued. "Our submission (is that) the cars and the people have caused an intrusion into the rural area."

The general committee later agreed to have the town's planning staff report on Mr. Beatty's claim. Left unresolved Mr. Beatty said, "the land use issue will only compound itself and become more difficult to deal with."

Acton town hall's restoration: all parties question long delays

By MAGGIE HANNAH Herald Special

All parties seem to be waiting for the others to set a new date for the Ontario Heritage review board hearing on the fate of Acton's century old brick town hall. It now seems inevitable the issue will have to finally be decided by a new town council.

The hearing, which had been set for Sept. 16, had to be postponed because of a foul-up in the mandatory advertising prior to the hearing.

Mayor Peter Pomeroy said the town has been waiting for the review board to set a new date. The town has indicated its willingness to participate whenever the new hearing is arranged, and he hadn't thought about the implications of the delay.

Accepting the fact the

new date must receive public advertisement for three consecutive weeks with a specific period between that last advertisement and the actual day of the hearing, it will be inevitable that the hearing can't be held until at least a few days before Nov. 8 election, he said.

THE NEW DATE

Council was told at the time the hearing was first called that the board's decision would not be

made public until several weeks after the hearing. It is therefore apparent when the final decision on the hall's retention or demolition is made it will have to be made by a new council.

Acton chairman Ted Tyler said he believes the hearing board is now looking for a November hearing date and the delay in setting that date stems from the board.

"I think she (board co-

ordinator Shirley Milligan) is holding back now for November. Mr. Tyler said. "We've told her we're ready to participate whenever they set the date."

A COMPROMISE

Mr. Tyler said earlier this fall that he was hopeful of a compromise which would avoid the necessity for a hearing.

Ms. Milligan said she was still waiting word from Tyler and town hall

restoration supporters on a suitable date. She denied that the delay stems from the hearing board in any way.

While they are private individuals appointed to the board by the government and therefore obligated to fit hearings into their schedules around their own jobs, no problems have been raised by board members about any date. It just hasn't been rescheduled because the restoration people failed to contact her with a date, she said.

"If that's what he's saying then I guess I'd better call him myself again right now," Ms. Milligan said.

Art Gordon, a member of the citizens group opposed to the hall restoration group is deliberately holding back on a new date in hopes that a new council will be more sympathetic to their pleas.

"Is it a fixed job between our councillors and whoever's pushing it?" he asked. "What's the matter with council. They have their directions to tear it down. They just haven't the gumption to go ahead with it and they hope if they leave it long enough it will just die a natural death. We know Tyler won't ever get back to her. He wants no part of a hearing. The whole thing stinks."

—Courtesy Guelph Mercury



MUG SHOT

Celebrating the honor bestowed upon her Friday evening from among 250 students at the Georgetown Ceramics studio, Bev Dodge of Georgetown took a sip from one of her many creative projects that earned her the title of "Student of the Year". The two-year veteran of the ceramic studio on Armstrong Avenue won a "Best of Show" award for the beer stein that took her three days to make.

(Herald photo by Anl Pederian)

ELECTION CENTRAL

Ex-Coun. Howitt seeks board seat

Georgetown lawyer and Esqueving resident Dick Howitt announced Tuesday he'll seek the Ward 2 (Esqueving) board of education seat in the Nov. 8 election.

Currently chairman of the town's library board, Mr. Howitt spent a total of six years on the former Esqueving township council and later Halton Hills council between 1970 and 1976. He replaced the late Len Cox on regional council for a year and a half between 1975 and 1978.



DICK HOWITT

With a nine-year old daughter in the school system, Mr. Howitt explained that he is particularly interested in schooling in the region. He and his family live on Sideroad 10.

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ALL ABOARD FOR ADVENTURE

Georgetown's Alliance Church atop the Main Street hill near Highway 7, launches a special "Adventure Week" program for all children next Monday. It continues through Oct. 8, bringing a new adventure to town each evening from 6:30 to 7:30. Captain Highlander will be there Monday for Pirate Night; Tuesday is a Film and Magic Show Night; former football star Chuck Esley visits the church Wednesday for the Mini-Olympics; Thursday is Zoo Night; and Friday is Western Night. Looking forward to the great week of adventuring are (left to right) Heidi Wes, princess Lydia, farmer Debbie, bunny rabbit Ester, pirate Phil, tennis champ Sandy and cheer Lori.

(Photo submitted)

We've lost faith in Ottawa - McDermid

Herald Special

A poor federal performance has destroyed the faith of Canadian voters in government's ability to solve the country's financial problems, John McDermid says.

Mr. McDermid, Brampton-Georgetown MP, was reacting to a Gallup poll which indicates voters believe the nation's economy would be no stronger if the Progressive Conservatives were in power.

NOT SURPRISED

The local Tory MP said Monday the poll doesn't surprise him.

There is a frustration and a lack of confidence in government and focused on politicians, he maintained.

Mr. McDermid pointed to the federal budget last November for putting on the final move "to destroy the confidence of all Canadians right down to the



JOHN McDERMID

little guy".

The survey shows 62 per cent of the public believe a Conservative government would do little to change the economic situation, while 25 per cent of the 1,060 sampled say a PC government would improve the situation.

The poll also indicated the New Democratic Party doesn't have much support, with only 47 per cent of those polled

supporting an NDP government.

WORLD-WIDE

Mr. McDermid said many of the economic problems are faced by countries throughout the world. But he added the arrogance of the federal government has caused many of the voters to view the performance cynically.

"People just don't trust them," the Tory MP said

of the Liberal government.

Mr. McDermid said during his stay in the riding he had talked to three businessmen who agreed it is difficult to make new plans for investment because the government is unpredictable.

It is going to be difficult getting the confidence of the voter back, but Mr. McDermid said the Conservatives would do it by

eliminating the budgetary measures last year "which affected so many people in so many picky ways".

The federal government is trying to follow the U.S. lead but it is having difficulty with its deficit because of the "wild spending" 10 years ago, Mr. McDermid pointed out.

—Courtesy Brampton Times

Goebelle re-elected YPC head

Herald Special

The Brampton-Georgetown Progressive Conservative Youth Association may only have 45 members but they claim to be a vibrant organization looking out for young people and their future.

At their annual meeting Sunday at the Centennial Centre, Hugh Goebelle of Georgetown was re-elected president of the group and was also chosen as one of the delegates to the PC convention in Winnipeg scheduled for next

January.

Others elected to the new executive were Evan Siddall, first vice-president; Susan Anderson, second vice-president; Nancy Sutter, third vice-president; John Turcotte, treasurer; and Sharon

Ellis, secretary.

HELPING FATIS

But that wasn't the only task at hand. The young PC's were also planning their upcoming symposium on employment prospects in our present economy and the setting

up of a task force that will aid PC candidate Bill Fatis in the Broadview-Greenwood by-election.

Along with Mr. Goebelle at the Winnipeg convention will be Stan Sutter, first vice-pres-

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