



INFO CENTRE ON THE MOVE

Got a problem and you don't know where to take it? Take it to the new offices of the Acton Social Services and Information Centre at 113 Mill St. East. Formerly located in the back of the YMCA building, the centre opened its doors last Wednesday with the help of (left to right) directors Lorne Doberthien and Sally Smith, town councillor Ross Knechtel, regional health and social

services committee member Dave Whiting, Halton Hills Mayor Peter Pomeroy, centre co-ordinator Peggie Balkind, board chairman Rod Kruger, volunteer Katie Harkins, board member Eric Balkind, Halton social worker Karen Speers and the centre's assistant co-ordinator, Pat Little.

(Herald photo)

ELECTION CENTRAL

Wood wants his old seat



ED WOOD

Any hope incumbent Dave Whiting may have had of returning unchallenged to the Ward One (Acton) regional council seat were dashed Monday as former regional representative Ed Wood announced his election plans.

Mr. Wood, proprietor of Acton Family Cleaners,

told The Herald he will seek the job he lost to Coun. Whiting in the 1980 election.

An Acton resident for ten years and in business locally for eight, Mr. Wood recalled that he liked his job on regional council. He said he has no problem at all supporting policies

calling for spending curbs and restraint.

"We should be thinking of holding the line on spending," Mr. Wood said.

He is currently chairman of the Acton Business Improvement Area board of management. Coun. Whiting is president of the Acton Chamber of Commerce.



PETER NORTON

Cargill joins fray

Queen Street, Acton, resident Bruce Cargill has announced his candidacy for one of two local seats up for grabs in the community.

He'll be campaigning against incumbent Ross

Knechtel and Esther Taylor, who holds the honor of being the first woman to sit on the former Acton town council (in the early 1950s).

Terry Grubbe, Acton's other most recent woman

councillor, who has served as a Halton Hills councillor for two and one-half terms, told The Herald last week she is stepping down from municipal politics, at least temporarily, to pursue career-oriented goals.

Norton in race

"I live in Ward 4, work in Ward 3 and enjoy 90 per cent of my other activities in the rural area," Peter Norton said, explaining the interest in municipal affairs which has prompted him to enter the election race in Esqueping (Ward 2).

Mr. Norton, joining incumbent Pam Sheldon and former Halton Hills mayor

Tom Hill on the hustings seeking one of two local council seats in the rural area, has already been knocking on doors to find out what's on people's minds as the town heads for elections Nov. 8.

"Rural people," he said Monday, "find that their taxes are high for the few services they receive. The roads in the township are

also pretty bad. It almost seems as if the ditches become wider and the roads narrower."

Born in Glen Williams, Mr. Norton is a lay reader at St. Alban's Anglican Church. A press release announcing his candidacy describes him as always having been interested in community issues and the "youth of the area."

It was a tale of bumpy roads as engineer updates councillors

Halton Hills' road woes continue to crop up on council agendas.

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson inquired Monday night about road conditions on Georgetown's Faludon Drive. Town engineer Bob Austin explained that the town and region are working out a financing scheme to carry out

road repairs caused by a watermain break earlier this year. The broken pipe caused the road to heave in a number of locations.

Coun. Russ Miller, repeating complaints raised by some of his constituents, noted that parts of the Sixth Line are also in need of repair. Mr. Austin said his department is looking at inexpensive

ways of repairing the problem spots, but said repairs "would take a substantial amount of work".

Meanwhile, drivers through Acton still shudder at one of the community's railway crossings.

The Mill Street crossing adjacent to Eastern Avenue and Young Street is rough enough to cause damage to car bottoms if it's not crossed carefully and Coun. Dave Whiting wanted to know when the problem will be corrected.

Mr. Austin said his department has been in touch with Canadian National Railways, which owns the crossing, and expressed hope that reconstruction will be carried out before the fall freeze-up.

Aggregate policies...

Continued from page A1 believe the requirements for gravel projected by the industry and the MNR and suggested producers are trying to develop more land to increase competition with each other.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy noted that if the region's amended policies are adopted, the town may be forced to defend its policies without regional assistance.

It would be too costly, he said, for the town to take on the aggregate industry alone. Considering the MNR's position calling for more gravel from Halton Hills, "you can bet your

boots they're going to get it one way or the other", Mayor Pomeroy added.

No designation of protected resource areas will be made, council agreed, until the amendment to the regional plan has been approved. Meanwhile, the region faces OMB hearings on a number of official plan issues early next year, including references to its aggregate policies.


Mr. Walker argued that the town still maintains some control over aggregate development because the draft plan requires an amendment before new quarries can open.



VOLUNTEER VICTORY

There was good reason to celebrate at the community services centre on Georgetown's Guelph Street Friday. It was the first anniversary of the Volunteer Centre, an agency which serves Milton and Halton Hills, helping recruit volunteers for numerous other groups. The occasion also introduced Carol Clark (centre) who will be interim director of the agency while Maureen McCallum (right) takes maternity leave. Joining them is volunteer Joanna Wilson, who is a member of the group. For more information about the Volunteer Centre, call 877-3219 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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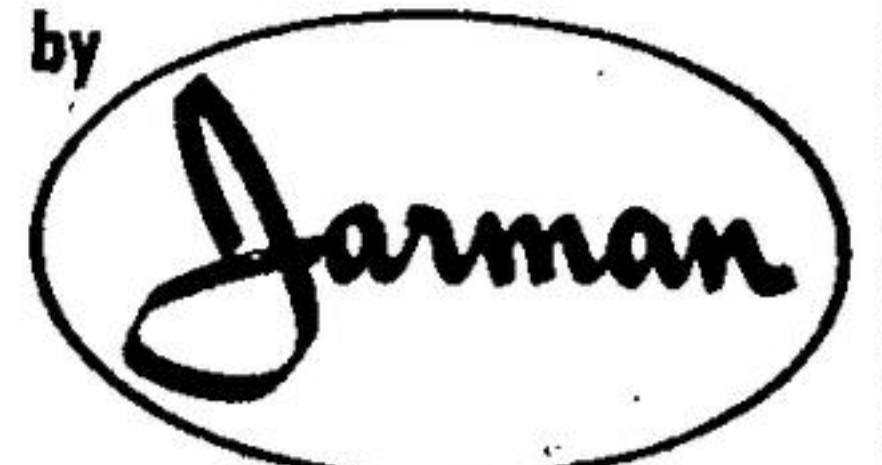
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