

Oakville session discusses disarmament Oct. 16

No-nuke MPs plan appearances

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Anti-nuclear MPs are taking to the road this month to push their views on disarmament in at

least 20 cities and towns across Canada, prior to the referendum on disarmament to be held November 8.

Halton Hills residents are encouraged to attend a special meeting in Oakville Oct. 16. A team of three federal MPs, representing the three parties, will be present to explain why they are supporting the "Yes" vote.

The meeting will be held in the Oakville Central Library at 7:30 p.m. To reach the library, go south on Trafalgar Road to Lakeshore Boulevard, then west to Navy Street near the harbour. The library is on Navy Street.

Paul McRae, Liberal

MP for Thunder Bay-Antigonish, is organizing the MPs from among those who signed an anti-nuclear minority report on security and disarmament after hearings of the Commons standing committee on external affairs and national defence.

Mr. McRae said he hopes "a national consensus will emerge through plebiscites which would strengthen Canada's hand in the United Nations and elsewhere, in reducing the danger of a nuclear holocaust and

promoting global disarmament."

At present, 116 municipalities have decided to hold the referendum on disarmament this fall. In Halton Hills, the precise working of the question will be:

"Are you in favour of supporting the goal of global nuclear disarmament and directing your government to support this goal to the extent of their powers?"

Residents will be asked to tick either the "Yes" or "No" box below the question on the ballot.



HEADING INTO 1983

Several new members were also welcomed last Tuesday night when the Optimist Club of Georgetown inducted its new executive at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. Ready to lead the club through its 1982-83 season are incoming president John Kesteloot, past president Bruce Totten, Dan Scarborough, Harvey

Clare, Dan Martin, Bob Christie, Bill Meek and Rich Chambers. Zone 5 Lieutenant-Governor Stan Nolan of Georgetown was on hand to formally welcome new members Dave Boyd and Kevin McLaughlan. (Photo by Kevin McLaughlan)

Optimists to honor community's youth

Get down Nov. 7 to 13 on your calendar: it's the period the Optimists have chosen for their annual "Youth Appreciation Week" and they'll be honoring a number of the town's outstanding boys and girls at a special dinner at the North Halton Golf and Country Club in Georgetown Nov. 9. Youth Appreciation Week was proclaimed by town council Monday night.

Local inventor unveils timely ice rink maker

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cluttering up his penthouse office in the Queen's Square building.

Mr. Edward is busy talking to major retailers and independent sporting goods stores.

"Everybody I've talked to about this has liked the concept. The only negative comment is, 'I can't understand why somebody didn't think of this earlier,'" Mr. Edward said.

It wasn't until 1979 that Mr. Edward considered the commercial possibilities of his invention. By late 1980, he had a final working drawing of the unit now being produced in Mississauga.

In October, 1981, he wrote Sierra Sports Group, representatives of Wayne Gretzky, and asked if they would like to endorse the product. By the following August, they'd signed on.

Meantime, the final patent application had been filed and a prototype built and tested last March.

EVERY PART Every part of the gadget except the wheels are made in Canada, Mr. Edward said. And, he said his business has put 12 more people into the ranks of the employed.

Despite the currently tough economic times, Mr. Edward is confident his product will be successful when it hits the market late next month. He said people are still spending money on recreation, especially since they're staying home instead of going away on holidays.

The gadget is being produced by a Missis-

sauga manufacturing company called K.N. Crowder Ltd. and will be distributed coast to coast this year. Next year, Mr. Edward hopes to break it into the U.S. and Euro-



WAYNE GRETZKY

pean markets. It will be selling for about \$60.

"I just love the idea of having kids charging around having a good time breathing clean air, instead of watching TV," Mr. Edward said.

For hints on how to get the best use of Mr. Edward's gadget, an instructional booklet explaining how to make a backyard rink is included with The Gretzky Rink Kit. The booklet has been written by Wayne Gretzky's dad Walter.

"And he should know," Mr. Edward said. "After all, he made the rink that made '99'."

Calling all goblins!

Oct. 29 there will be a Halloween Party for pre-schoolers at 2 p.m. at both the Acton and Georgetown libraries. Please register. Why not come dressed up?



Twelve people are in the labor force thanks to Georgetown's Edward's new invention. Due out next month, the "Gretzky Rink Kit" helps make backyard ice rinks smooth and easy to maintain. It's being produced in Mississauga and will be selling for about \$60. Mr. Edward created the prototype seen above to help maintain a winter rink for his son Jeff, 12, and only recently came to consider the marketability of his invention.

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