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ABOUT THE HILLS

Music stops abruptly

A Mississauga musician and his band found their noisemakers gone from Norval Junction overnight Saturday. Halton regional police said thieves made off with \$5,129 worth of assorted musical instruments belonging to Alan MacDonald and his group. The band had been using the club to practise for the last month. Police said the double front doors had been forced.

Poppy Week Nov. 4-11

A time for recalling the futility of war, Poppy Week will be held between Nov. 4 through 11 (Remembrance Day). The Acton and Georgetown Legion branches have been given permission to canvass for funds and purchase wreaths honoring men and women in the armed forces who died fighting in the two World Wars and the Korean conflict in the early 1950s.

Elora-bound!

The Georgetown Y's Discovery Days will be travelling to the picturesque village of Elora for shopping, lunch and a visit to the Wellington County Museum. Our trip will include lunch at the Elora Mill. The bus leaves from the Y at 9 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. The fee is \$22.50 and includes lunch. Pre-register at 89 Mountainview Rd. South or call 877-6183 for further information.

'Ice-er-cise' with us

Learn-to-skate this Fall! The Halton Hills Recreation Department is offering a wide variety of skating programs which begin the week of October 11th, 1982. Activities include Children's learn-to-skate (badges 1 to 7), power skating, parent and tot learn-to-skate and adult "ice-er-cise". Please pre-register at the Recreation Office, 25 James Street, Georgetown or call 877-5185, ext. 60 for more information.

Saws stolen

Chain saws worth \$1,500 were stolen from an RR4 Acton garage early Saturday morning. Halton regional police said the garage door had been unlocked.

Acton break-in

A leather finishing company on McDonald Road in Acton was broken into early Saturday morning and vandals caused \$1,830 worth of damage to a Rowe merchandiser vending machine, a dollar bill change machine and an office door. Halton regional police said nothing appeared to be stolen from Frank Heller Company, and there was no sign of forced entry.

Pratt pays visit

Newfoundland painter Christopher Pratt, whose melancholy, super-realistic works have inspired generations of artists around the world, will autograph copies of his biography, written by David Silcox and Merike Weiler, at L'Atelier Grégorien, an Oakville book and record shop, this Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. Call 842-3061 for more information.

Crafts in Caledon

Some 50 craftsmen will display and sell their hand-made work at Caledon Central School on the first Line East in Caledon Oct. 23 from 9:30 to 4 p.m. There'll be Christmas gift ideas galore among the china, pottery, jewelry, artwork, macramé, apple dolls, weaving, woodcrafts and much more. Refreshments will be served. Call 827-5783 for more information.

Agriculture advisors censure regional planner

Our ag rep gets angry

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald Special

Comments on the probability that Halton region will eventually lose its agricultural industry through urban development earned the region's planning director heavy criticism from the Halton agricultural advisory committee Tuesday.

Henry Stanley, Ontario ministry of agriculture and food representative for Halton, told the committee he and many Halton farmers took exception to Raj Mohammed's comments aired on a CBC radio program in early September.

He was annoyed that Mr. Mohammed said "all of Halton" will go to urban development eventually, Mr. Stanley said. He also disagreed with the statement of the land being "preserved until it's needed" and the implication that agriculture is not an end in itself but rather a tool to preserve land for some higher use such as housing or aggregate mining.

"I thought Raj was a strong supporter of agriculture," Mr. Stanley said. "But I believe he's changed his mind. His reference to 'phased use of agricultural land for urban purposes' is completely contrary to our concept of what place agriculture has in Halton. Maybe the end result is that we need an agricultural planner. Maybe we're losing out because we don't have

someone who knows the needs of agriculture."

Mr. Stanley pointed out that food is an end in itself and agriculture can't be an interim use if that is true.

While apologizing if he had created an erroneous opinion because he wasn't specific enough in his comments, Mr. Mohammed told the committee he still feels agriculture can co-exist with urban communities in Halton for now and he still stands behind policies in the region's official plan to maintain farmland.

In the "very, very long term", however, all of Halton will go to development as the Toronto to Hamilton urban corridor grows.

Mr. Mohammed said he has no way of knowing whether long term means 75 years or 100 years, or what time frame. It is only realistic to realize that the pressures for urban growth will eventually squeeze agriculture out of the area, he said, and farmers are being naive if they don't realize that the province has already designated Halton for future urban development.

The parkway belt plan put together by the province earmarks everything south of Highway 5 in Oakville and Burlington for development. Similarly the province bought up 2,300 acres in Milton in the early 1970s for urban centres of Milton east and

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PICTURE PERFECT

The picture of health, 12-month old Robyn Germanese of Acton took a stroll last week through the frames for sale at the Lion's Hall just off Georgetown's Mill Street. Robyn's babysitter, Robin House, a legal secretary student from Acton, gave him a helping hand as they browsed through the large selection brought to town for the one day sale by travelling frame man Royce Tennant of Fergus.

(Herald photo by Ani Federian)

Could be a lovely weekend

If the sunny, warm weather holds, this weekend should be a prime opportunity to get outside and enjoy Indian summer.

Locally, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority invites you to a special Thanksgiving service at the historic White Church in Caledon Sunday at 2 p.m.

Enjoy the Ontario Agricultural Museum's final weekend of the year at its 80-acre site in Milton,

where the old-fashioned buildings, farm vehicles and realistic pioneer displays blend well with fall's colors.

At the Halton Conservation Authority's Mountsberg Wildlife Centre near Campbellville, Harvest Festival '82 offers a wide range of sights and activities, including a quilting demonstration by the St. John's Church group from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday. Have fun!