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Canada Post muscling in on Herald elves

The Herald's annual "Santa's Mailbag" feature has some tough competition this season: Canada Post has announced plans to deliver children's letters to Santa Claus to the North Pole, and if they enclose a return address, they'll get Santa's replies mailed back to them.

Contacted by The Herald, Mr. Claus said he's delighted that the

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Canadian post office has repented to public appeals for a little Christmas cheer this year and will be handling mail for him. He stressed, however, that he'll continue giving special attention to letters he received from children through The Herald.

It was almost ten years ago that The Herald started making special arrangements for Santa's mail from Halton Hills, and we don't intend to give up now. Letters received before Dec. 20 will be published in The Herald alongside Santa's personal reply.

ABOUT THE HILLS

Spotchecks start tonight

Citing its concern over making this Christmas "a safe and happy festive season", the Halton regional police force announced plans for a special spot check program to begin tonight (Wednesday) and continue through Jan. 1 across Halton. A special patrol unit of four officers will be looking for drinking drivers, checking vehicle safety and enforcing seat belt and other traffic laws.

Reed on the issues

Fiscal restraint, aggregates and the state of the ruling Liberal party in Ottawa will all be touched on by MPP Julian Reed when he discusses "The Major Issues Facing Ontario" at this Friday night's annual dinner meeting of the Halton-Burlington Provincial Liberal Association. Following the pollock dinner from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Ligny Hall in Milton, Mr. Reed's address precedes a business session including the election of a new executive. For further information, contact Wallace Davis at 877-9665.

Came that close

Melissa Harrington, 10, of Speyside School near Acton, and Desmond Ng, 9, of Park Public School in Georgetown, will receive prizes during a special presentation at an upcoming meeting of Halton regional council after being named runners-up in the region-wide fire prevention poster contest. The Halton Fire Prevention Committee, which sponsored the contest for Grade 5 students, named a Milton boy and a Burlington girl as 1982 winners; their posters will now be entered in the provincial competition.

LOTS A FUN



Song, dance, comedy, slapstick, drama and even a little audience participation: all are combined in traditional pantomime theatre, and this year, for your Yuletide enjoyment, the Georgetown Little Theatre has recruited the formidable talents of the Free Pantomime Players to help it present "Hickory Dickory Dock". Come see Alan Gibson as the Wizard and Ray Field as the Baron amaze and delight Slap and Tickle (Marie Cleaton, left, and Julie Reynolds) and a host of other characters both familiar and very strange. It's all great family fun at the John Elliott Theatre Dec. 10, 11 and 12 (twice afternoon performances for the latter two days). Don't be disappointed! Get your tickets (\$2.50 each or \$2 each in groups of 20 or more) at the Elliott Theatre box office, open 1 to 3:30 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday), Friday, next Tuesday, or Dec. 2, 7 and 8. (Photo submitted)



NOW, DON'T BE SHY!

Only three, blonde little Rachel Bodig of Georgetown was very shy when she met Santa at the Legion Ladies bazaar Saturday morning. It was her first time meeting the dear old man and she took some time to warm up and lift her downcast eyes to his jolly face. St. Nick paid his first visit of the season to Halton Hills for the Georgetown Lion's 52nd annual Santa Claus parade and he'll be back this coming Saturday for the Acton V's Men's parade. Lots more photos, page A6.

(Herald photo by Ani Pederian)

ELECTION CENTRAL

Akers seeks recount in Ward 3

'Nothing dirty about it,' defeated candidate stresses

A county court judge will decide this week whether complaints raised by a Ward 3 (Georgetown) council candidate in the Nov. 8 election race warrant a recount.

Jim Akers, a partner in a Georgetown real estate firm, acknowledged Monday that affidavits were being filed with the county court office in Milton and with the town clerk's office calling for a review of the 3,271 votes cast by Ward 3 residents to choose two new town councillors. Other town council candidates were Jim Young and David Barrager.



JIM AKERS

Mr. Akers lost by only 38 votes to automobile sales representative Phil Carney, who received 1,213 votes, and real estate manager Finn Poulstrup, who polled 1,223 votes.

Mr. Akers explained that he has heard there was some confusion at the polling stations about what to do with spoiled ballots but stressed that he didn't "think there is anything dirty about it".

Mr. Akers indicated that some residents selecting reps for the town council race as well as the mayoralty campaign, school board and hydro commission, may have correctly filled out one section of the card while making errors elsewhere. Proper sections, he contended, should have been counted.

Supporters, he said, argued that he owes it to the people who voted for him to seek a recount in light of misgivings about counting at the polling stations after polls closed.

Town clerk-administrator Ken Richardson said his district returning officers "never indicated" there was confusion about how votes were tabulated. The ballot boxes, he said, are locked up and have not been opened since the election.

He explained that once the affidavit (copies of which having been sent to other candidates in the race) is filed at county court along with a fee, a

judge reviews allegations in the document and determines whether or not the count has been conducted properly.

If a recount is ordered,

the judge sets a date and the town and candidates are notified. Only the candidates, their scrutineers, the town clerk and

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Planning report backs council on aggregate policy's deferral

A report presented to town council Monday by the planning department has called on the province's ministry of natural resources (MNR) to reconsider parts of its Cambridge district Land Use Strategy.

It supports concerns already expressed by councillors that the province's projected demand for additional supplies of aggregate may be excessive and argues that it would be premature for the town or the region to establish large aggregate resource protection areas until the Niagara Escarpment Plan is adopted.

Last month, regional council delayed approval of an amendment to Halton's official plan, which would have designated large areas of the region for resource protection. At public meetings reviewing the amendment, residents expressed fear that the protection areas would prevent them from enjoying free use of their land and send property values plummeting.

son said she was pleased with most of the report, she maintained that its wording suggests the town should look to the Niagara Escarpment Plan to solve the aggregate problem.

Protection areas may not be needed in the rest of Halton if they're maintained in the escarpment, the report argues.

SEEK SUPPORT

"The Niagara Escarpment is also in Halton Hills - residents look to us for support and we are responsible for their needs," Coun. Sheldon said.

She argued that the MNR doesn't need to concern itself with protection areas in Halton. Municipal and regional official plans already ensure that the aggregate industry will be protected by limiting development allowed in the rural areas, Coun. Sheldon said.

plan: In addition, it asked that town and regional staff meet with the MNR to review the report's conclusions.

Council also underlined its support for the NEC

plan, which allows aggregate extraction in Escarpment Rural and Mineral Resources Areas under certain conditions. Extraction is not permitted in Escarpment Natural or

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Town eyes land for municipal complex

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer

A 30-acre parcel of land on Georgetown's Maple Avenue is being seriously considered as the site for a new municipal centre.

Town councillors, wrapping up the 1980-82 term, agreed to put down a \$10,078 deposit (including interest) on property known as the Stevens estate across from the North Halton Golf and Country Club. The money comes from the town's \$710,000 reserve which it has been maintaining specifically for a new administrative building.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy explained that the town's building committee, established in 1981 to search for new administrative building sites, and to determine what additional office space will be needed, has been working with Longmore Construction Ltd. of Toronto rep Bob Nichol to find a site.

Because the committee was involved with preliminary negotiations with a number of property owners, its reports to council were heard behind closed doors. Mr. Nichol, Mayor Pomeroy said, offered his services to examine four sites free of charge.

(Mr. Nichol was project co-ordinator of the Jehovah's Witnesses' Watch Tower complex on Georgetown's western boundary).

He told council that he recognizes the town's need to consolidate its municipal offices, now scattered in Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing. Mr. Nichol added that his firm has "specialized in projects of this sort."

During five months, beginning in late spring, Mr. Nichol's firm looked at three other properties before putting the Maple Avenue site at the top of its list. Two of the pro-

pective sites are located in the Moore Park area and land currently owned by Dominion Seed House was also considered.

Soil tests, "serviceability" studies, contour studies and surveys were later carried out at the town's expense on the L-shaped Maple Avenue site.

"The more we examined it," Mr. Nichol said, "the more it presented itself as an ideal location."

Building a municipal centre at the site would solve a number of other problems, Mayor Pomeroy commented.

It's still close to the public works yard on Trafalgar Road and developing the Maple Avenue property would facilitate plans the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital has for expansion. The hospital is planning a 47-bed rest home wing and there is an additional proposal for a chronic care wing.

Construction of the municipal centre might create access routes from Maple Avenue and Trafalgar Road to the hospital.

The town's Hydro Commission has also expressed an interest in participating in the venture, possibly locating its administrative services on the property.

A building of this nature will need municipal servicing, Mayor Pomeroy said, adding that new sewer and watermain construction in the area would alleviate sewer problems on Princess Anne Drive.

He explained that the \$10,000 is needed to hold the property while the incoming council determines what amount of space the town's administrative requirements demand. (Interest is retroactively owing on the deposit since the commit-

tee first expressed an interest in buying the property. The deposit had to be made "some time ago", Mayor Pomeroy said.)

Council is expected to discuss the issue again in January, Mayor Pomeroy

indicated. While not all the land in the purchase will be used for the municipal building, the excess could later be sold, he said.

Ward 4 Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson cast the only

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SHOWSTOPPER

Georgetown and District High School students opened "Guys and Dolls" at the John Elliott Theatre Friday night and the production was avidly received by the audience. In one hilarious episode, Debbie Sunnucks, who plays Adelaide, led her Hot Box Dolls through a moderate strip tease. The production continues Friday and Saturday nights. Review, more photos, page A5 (Herald photo by Harald Bransch)

Pays \$1 m. for cow and that's no bull!

A Georgetown farmer made the national news this week with the purchase of a Holstein cow for \$1,025,000.

Albert Cormier of Cordale Farms Inc. said the purchase was made with associates whom he described as foreign investors from

Italy, customers he has sold cattle to before.

Mr. Cormier operates a 60-head dairy farm on Trafalgar Road near the town offices.

He told The Herald he plans to use the prize cow from Wisconsin for embryo transfers and will put it on a program of super ovulation.

Super ovulation is the process by which several eggs are released from a cow's ovaries, fertilized and transferred as embryos into other cows. In this way, several offspring of the prize cow can be born at a time, brought to maturation in the wombs of regular cows.

