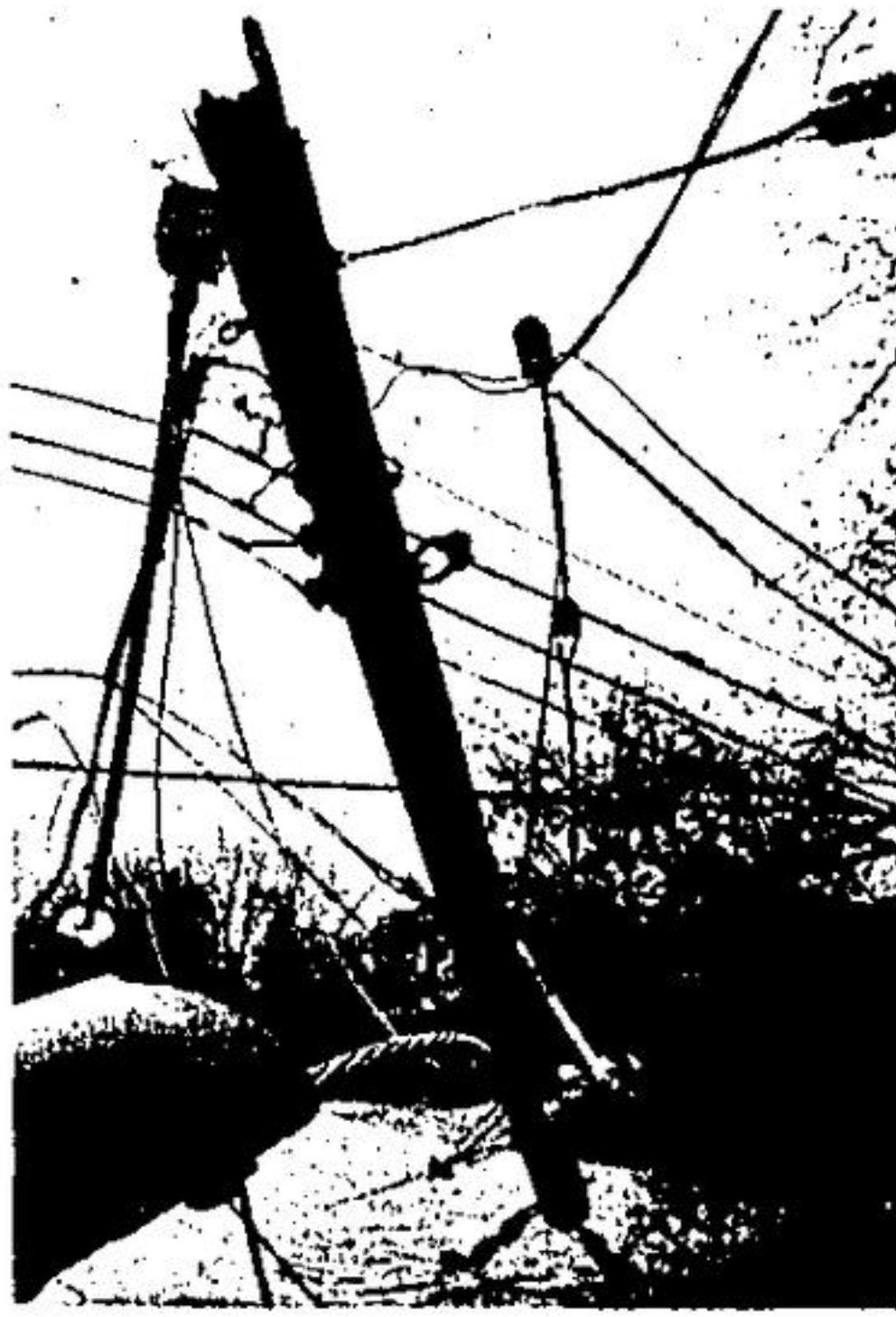


## WIRE WE HERE?

The high winds which accompanied Monday afternoon's thunderstorms blew down dozens of trees and knocked out power to hundreds of homes in Halton Hills. One of the worst hit areas was Glen Williams' Confederation Street (Ninth Line) where Hydro crews worked through the night and into the late Tuesday morning to restore power. Residents along Churchill Road South in Acton were also left without electricity for almost 12 hours as miles of electrical and telephone cable came down with trees. Here, town public works crews clear fallen trees along Confederation Street in preparation for the Hydro crews.



# 'Wait'll next time', Glen residents told

Residents in the Wildwood area east of Glen Williams will have to wait awhile before they can attend a public meeting on a proposed housing project for their neighborhood.

Council Monday night upheld a general committee decision to waive a public meeting on whether or not a 36-acre parcel of land should be included in the Glen Williams secondary plan.

Forty estate-style homes may eventually be built on the northside of Wildwood road, east of an abandoned railway line.

As a "ministerial amendment" to the Existing Official Plan, public meetings are extended only as a "courtesy," and not as a matter of law. The addition to the secondary plan and the plan itself is to be reviewed by the ministry of housing and municipal affairs.

Normally, the town calls for public meetings when housing projects reach the draft stage of subdivision plan and when a zoning change is sought.

While there were calls from around the council table for a public meeting now, even though the developer, Meagan Ltd., hasn't submitted a draft plan, most reps said it's unnecessary.

Wildwood resident Ken Key told council the area has changed with new housing projects and there are recently-arrived residents who should be familiarized with future plans for the area. He was speaking on behalf of about 61 residents, many of whom attended Monday night's meeting, who signed a petition calling

for a public meeting to discuss the Meagan project's inclusion in the Glen secondary plan.

**FUTURE CONCERNS**  
While Mr. Key said he only wanted to speak to the need for a public meeting, a letter written by him and presented to council listed a number of concerns residents in the area have with the new development proposal.

They include concerns about the local water pressure, traffic safety, whether or not there's enough manpower on the region's police force to patrol an additional residential area, and how taxes would be affected if the project is eventually built.

(Meagan Ltd. commissioned a study of land it intends to use which acknowledges that a water pressure booster may be needed. A traffic study for the development is also planned.)

Speaking on behalf of the developer, Georgetown lawyer Bert Arnold argued that residents in the area have not been denied public meetings on the issue, noting that two were held on the secondary plan a few years ago.

His client, he said, doesn't want an additional delay in the approval process to get the project built. Mr. Arnold estimated this would be about eight to ten weeks, although planning director Ian Keith said it would be considerably shorter.

It was Mr. Keith's department which originally suggested that a public meeting at this stage might bring new concerns of the residents to council's attention.

**REDUCE COSTS**  
A few weeks ago, Mayor Pete Pomeroy advised

council to take a more "pro-development" stance to help build the town's industrial and residential tax base. Coun. Dave Whiting recalled, adding that a public meeting now would "make a mockery of the process".

Delays in getting housing projects off the ground are among the reasons why housing costs so much, he said, because the developer

passes his costs on to the homebuyer.

Among those who supported a public meeting, Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson warned that "short-cuts" never seem to work for the town.

While a public meeting may delay the property's inclusion in the secondary plan, she said the proposal may encounter longer delays later from public objections unless points are aired now.

### ABOUT THE HILLS

## Got plans for his 100 Grand

Home renovations and a nice, long vacation are the first things which come to Tom Baker's mind when he thinks about how he'll spend the \$100,000 he won in last Thursday night's Wintario draw. The Georgetown resident is 62 years old and a forklift operator with National Grocers Ltd. in Kitchener. He and his wife, Ethel, have one son.

### Teachers settle dispute

A tentative settlement between the Halton Elementary Teachers' Association (HETA) and the Halton board of education was ratified last week by both parties.

HETA president Robert Filman said his membership ratified the agreement by a majority Monday night.

Trustees ratified it at their board meeting Thursday night in Burlington. Citing conflict of interest, only nine trustees voted on the issue, with a vote of 6 to 3 for it.

The contract for the 1981-83 year increases elementary teaching staff by 36, bringing the pupil-teacher ratio up from 20.4 to 19.9.

Elementary teachers increased their salaries by nine and five per cent according to the maximum allowed within the guidelines of the provincial government's inflation restraint act.

The two-year contract provides a weighted-average salary of \$31,756 for an elementary school teacher.

### CVA annual meeting

The Credit Valley Artisans will be holding their Annual Meeting and Election of Officers Wednesday, May 11, at 8 p.m. in the Cottage in Cedarvale. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

The Artisans were founded in 1975 with the aim to improve their own skills by associating with others with similar interests and to encourage others in the community to discover their hidden talent.

The main groups within the Credit Valley Artisans are the Palette and Pencil Club, weavers and potters. Each year courses are offered to the public not only in these areas, but others such as quilting, woodcarving, stained glass and numerous other interests.

For membership information, contact Mrs. Pat Bell, 877-6644.

### Carnation Day Saturday

Saturday, May 7 is Carnation Day. The Georgetown Jayettes, in association with the Halton regional chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, will be selling carnations at various locations around town. The funds raised have been earmarked for research.

Multiple Sclerosis is the most common central nervous system disease of young adults in Canada. It is estimated that 35,000 Canadians suffer from this disease. Those hit are usually young productive adults in the prime of life.

Carnations may be pre-ordered at a cost of \$9 a dozen from the Jayettes, or you can show your support by purchasing a carnation on Saturday. They will be available downtown and at the Georgetown Market Place.

To pre-order your carnations, an ideal Mother's Day gift, contact Cathy Dudley at 877-7767.

### Eye injured

A 29-year old man drinking at the Hollywood Tavern with his friends was assaulted by another man Thursday night at 11:30 p.m., Halton regional police said, causing him to suffer a scratched cornea.

A man unknown to the victim, said to be in his 30s came into the bar, slapped the victim in the face, then struck him in the eye with his fingers, police said.

### Charged in break-in

A 17-year old Acton man was charged with break and enter and theft Thursday night for his part in an incident at the rear of the Acton Jug City on Main Street.

Halton regional police said the man had gained entry to the shed area behind the store and had stolen \$300 worth of empty pop bottles.

## Trustees consider staff-sharing plan

With enrolments declining each year, cutbacks in administrative positions are being considered for Halton schools.

A recommendation was made by the superintendent of employee services with the Halton board of education to cut back on

one principal position by twinning Glen Williams and George Kennedy Public Schools for the 1983-84 school year.

With a kindergarten-to-Grade 5 enrolment of 134 at Glen Williams, it would give a combined enrolment of 603 students in those grades.

Because George Kennedy is a much larger school, it has a vice-principal as well as a principal, so Glen Williams would share that as well, Halton Hills trustee Betty Fisher said.

There are currently ten twinned elementary schools in Halton, four of which are in Halton Hills. Speyside Public School is twinned with Robert Little Public School and Limehouse Public School is twinned with Joseph Gibbons Public School.

Board members will vote on the recommendation at their next meeting.

## Stewarttown Quiz Kids are champs

Stewarttown Senior Public School defeated Centennial Middle School for the North Halton "Quiz Kids" competition. The contest matches the skills of students on questions about general knowledge, math and spelling.

The Stewarttown group, consisting of Jim Manning, Jimmy Clark, Phillis Harrison, Jody Klymak and Bobby Sun, will now go on to play the East Halton winners from E.J. James in Oakville.

In the first round of play Wednesday April 20 Stewarttown defeated Centennial while McKenzie-Smith defeated Sam Sherratt. In their second

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