

Bridge Club winners

The Georgetown Bridge Club winners last Tuesday were Brian Ayer and Arthur Kwai. Second place went to Marilyn and Ab Wardrop and third place was nailed down by Blayne Hillock and Denise Jansen.

The Georgetown Bridge Club welcomes all the area bridge players to join in the fun and friendly competition. The club meets every Tuesday evening at the Georgetown Legion Hall on Mill Street. Game time is 7:45.

The club guarantees a cool atmosphere on hot evenings, friendly and helpful competitors

'Black cloud' policy

By RON REID
Federation of Ontario Naturalists

The provincial government has endorsed a new policy to direct the extraction of sand, gravel, and stone from the pits and quarries of the province. In response, the Foundation for Aggregate Studies, a Toronto-based environmental group, has predicted that the policy "will hang like a black cloud" over many of Ontario's rural communities.

The problem is most severe in communities

such as Pelham, Halton Hills, Caledon, and Uxbridge, who have traditionally supplied materials for the cities of the Golden Horseshoe. Faced with the disruption to the natural and social environment caused by aggregate operations, these municipalities had become increasingly restrictive for new pits.

Now the province has decreed that municipal plans "should provide a clear and reasonable mechanism to permit the establishment or expansion of pits and quarries."

The policy goes even further, instructing municipalities to "identify and protect" from incompatible land uses those areas with aggregate extraction potential. This could add up to half a million acres in southern Ontario.

Exceptions can be made only if extraction would not be feasible or the municipality can prove that some other land use would serve a greater long term interest of the general public.

As past experience has shown in cases such as the Oriskany sandstone and the Speyside quarry, aggregate extraction can have serious impact on the natural environment. The new policy does allow municipalities to prohibit some kinds of pits in areas of particular environmental sensitivity, but it also seems to ensure that there will be many battles ahead along the Niagara Escarpment and elsewhere to stop undesirable proposals.

Unfortunately, the weight of the ministry of natural resources will be against the conservation of natural areas in those battles. The policy commits the ministry to make representations to the Ontario Municipal Board on gravel issues, something that they won't do for wetlands. It also serves to only "encourage" the industry to rehabilitate their eyesores, rather than forcing them to do so.

Copies of the Mineral Aggregate Policy are available from the ministry of natural resources, Whitney Block,

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FAMILY PLANNING

The Health and Social Services Committee of the Regional Municipality of Halton will be considering the adoption of a Family Planning Policy at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 12, 1983 at 1:30 p.m. in the Regional Administration Building, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville.

At this meeting, delegations are invited to express comments or concerns regarding the proposed policy. If individuals or groups would like to address the Committee, please contact the undersigned prior to July 8th, 1983.

A presentation of a draft policy by staff will be made to the Committee at its meeting to be held June 28th at 1:30 p.m. at the Pelitt House Auditorium of Halton Centennial Manor in the Town of Milton. This meeting is open to the Public and interested citizens are invited to attend and listen to the presentation.

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PUBLIC MEETING

BURLINGTON URBAN AREA - NORTH OF HIGHWAY NO. 5

The Planning and Public Works Committee at its meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 29, 1983, at the Regional Administration Building, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, will consider OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 7 to the OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE HALTON PLANNING AREA.

The Amendment deals with the re-designation from "RURAL AREA" to "URBAN AREA" of those lands north of Highway No. 5 and South and West of the Parkway Belt in the City of Burlington.

Copies of Amendment No. 7 can be viewed at the Regional Clerk's Office, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. If you wish to receive a copy of the Amendment, or address the Committee, please call the undersigned prior to June 28th, 1983.

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