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Construction up by 2.6 million

Building increases for Halton Hills

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Halton Hills' building picture continues to brighten as Canada's economy regains its health.

New construction valued at \$5,841,366 has been completed or is underway so far this year - that's over \$2.6 million more than for the same January to June period last year.

For the first six months of 1981, construction permits were taken out for construction worth \$6.66 million.

UPSWING

There's a remarkable upswing in the number of new homes being built. Figures given to town council Monday night from the town's building department show that 42 new residential permits have been issued so far this year, for a total construction value of about \$4.4 million.

In 1982, only 11 permits for \$470,000 worth of construction were handed out in the first six months of the year.

More homeowners are making renovations this year as well, June was busy month for home improvements, as reflected in the number of building permits (117) issued. Close to \$200,000 worth of renovations were approved in June repre-

sented about one-third of this year's total to date.

FARM INCREASE

Farmers are also doing more building this year than in the last two years, the figures show. Construction worth \$398,640 has been approved, compared with \$231,200 and \$311,000 over the same six-month period in 1982 and 1981 respectively.

Commercial, institutional and government and industrial construction has dropped substantially

compared to the previous two years.

Only two industry-related building permits have been issued so far for \$58,000 of new construction. For the first six months of 1981, over \$1.2 million in new construction was approved and \$209,000 in 1982.

Compared to figures in the hundreds of thousands of dollars in 1981 and 1982, there is only \$79,570 on the books for the first six months of this year.

CBC show needs extras

The CBC's popular "For the Record" drama series will be rolling into Halton Hills next week and, as luck would have it, the show requires some extras from our town.

Those who feel they might have the stuff to be a budding television actor-actress will be interested in contacting Susan Skinner from the CBC Monday afternoon.

She will be at the Georgetown Motor Inn, Suite 101 from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. conducting interviews in search of about 15 people.

The show is looking for six children between the ages of 5-10 years and six adults between the ages of 30-50 years. A small number of elderly persons are also required.

Jean theft

A jean junkie made off with \$3,000 worth of jeans, T-shirts, dresses, a cash register, calculator and some cash overnight Thursday from Georgetown's Jean Warehouse on Guelph Street.



CRAYON CHARACTERS

Kelly Royle, a halloween cowboy, receives help from a costumed lion, Sara Foley as instructor Andrea Norgate looks on. The children were at Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton Friday afternoon, dressing up for a Recreation Department summer activity program.

(Herald photo)



SAILBOARD KING

Sailboarder Mike Scaffey, 17, enjoys the wild and wet life on Acton's Fairy Lake. He was taking part in a Recreation Department-sponsored instruction course.

Air cleaners

Councillors reject bid

When it comes to air cleaners, councillors have decided not to put the town's money where their cigarettes are.

Council rejected a proposal to spend \$1,675 on a Honeywell electronic air cleaner to purify the council chambers, occasionally prone to dense fog as well as stormy debates.

Even some of the non-smoking councillors, who

have fumed at the tobacco-related vices of their colleagues, choked up Monday at the machine's price tag.

Councillors Pam Sheldon and Marilyn Serjeantson have both tried to impose health standards during meetings, but they noted that most smoking councillors have congregated to one side of the room, helping to alleviate the problem.

Bike licence

Get your wheels licensed Saturday. Halton regional police are selling bicycle licences at the back of their Georgetown station Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A town bylaw requires bikes to be licensed, otherwise bicyclists can be charged with a \$5 fine. Licences cost only \$2.

If you don't want to bring along your bike, do bring along the serial number of your bike, its color and make. Children whose bikes haven't a serial number are asked to bring their mom or dad's social insurance number with them and police will engrave that number on their bike to help identify it in the case of theft.

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380 donors attend clinic

Red Cross officials reported 380 donors attended the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic Monday and donated 336 bloodpacks. At the clinic, 44 people were rejected for various reasons, including medication, active allergies, etc. The need for a good supply of O Rh Positive blood was well looked after.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120 sponsored the clinic, giving special assistance with poster distribution, advertising and general work.

The Optimists won the Kinsmen Club's "Bucket of Blood" promotion.

Clinic organizers would like to sincerely thank the people, who took time out during the hot holiday weather to donate their blood.

The next regular clinic for Georgetown will be Monday, November 14, 1983.