



Members of Abitibi's 25-year club gathered at the Georgetown Legion Saturday night for their annual banquet. The newest inductees honored for a quarter-century of service by plant manager George Lockwood (far left) are (left to right) Tom Flanagan, casemaker; Ron Eagles, trimmer and Fred Aggias, mill superintendent. (Herald photo)

Croatian Centre land use violations

Town rejects pleas for court action

Recreational uses of the Croatian cultural centre south of Norval conform with the old Esqueing official plan and zoning bylaw, town councillors maintained Monday night as they rejected a plea to take the centre to court for land use violations.

"There is no evidence to direct council to proceed against these people in court," Mayor Pete Pomeroy told councillors following a closed-door discussion of a report from the town's solicitor.

Room for legal action was suggested a few months ago by planning consultant James Krick, an architect of the old Esqueing plan. He was speaking on behalf of residents living near the centre.

He commented at the time that he did not believe that the large weekend picnics, and the traffic it creates near the Sideroad 5-Winston Churchill Boulevard intersection is what the official plan of Esqueing has in mind when it mentions recreational centres.

LAND USE
Improper land use in the rural area, Mr.

Krick added, undercuts the agricultural nature of the area.

The report from lawyer Fred Nelson was not released to the public after the closed-door meeting. But the discussion which followed indicated that he doubted the town could win land use agreements against the centre in court.

He told one councillor or the issue could "drag on for two to three years."

Council's rejection of legal action was not unanimous.

Esqueing councillors Russ Miller and Pam Sheldon argued that the courts may be the only place where land use questions may finally be settled.

By not going to court, Coun. Russ Miller charged that the town is "sitting back...getting no further ahead today than we were several years ago."

Coun. Sheldon said it

is the town's duty to resolve the issue on behalf of the residents living near the 16-acre cultural centre.

Council is soon expected to receive the centre's "site plan" for the property, a document which details the development plans in the immediate and distant future.

"The costs of prosecuting should not be

considered when you are dealing with what is right and what is wrong," Coun. Sheldon said.

While the Esqueing plan allows recreational uses in the rural area where necessary, she questioned whether the Croatian centre qualifies under those terms.

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Manor absenteeism highest, report shows

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer
Administrative measures must be taken to curb a "serious" absenteeism problem among staff at Halton's Centennial Manor in Milton, a region personnel report says.

The report, released to the public last Wednesday, shows that among Halton's service and maintenance staff, employees at the Manor accumulated the largest average of paid sick leave. The Manor is a residential and care facility for senior citizens.

Manor staff accumulated an average of 18.5 sick days each in 1982, while the average for other service and maintenance employees at the region last year was 6.2 days.

Personnel director Dennis Camm said in his report the higher numbers are due to longer absences. He suggested that tighter pre-employment screening, more use of the region's physician and better counselling might help.

PROGRAM SCRAPPED

The continuation of an occupational nurse program at the manor was rejected a few weeks ago by regional councillors. Mr. Camm suggested that "the nurse, working with health problems of the employees," might be able to curb the absenteeism.

The issue has upset Milton regional Coun. Bill Johnson.

He said shift work has

a marked effect on social life and physical health and that the workers cannot be compared "with people who enjoy the conveniences of working a regular eight-hour day

Elderly increase

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Public meetings were held in Acton and Georgetown last week to discuss the second phase of the region's ongoing elderly study.

The study is attempting to establish guidelines for the region to follow as the demands for service from a growing elderly population increase.

While the final recommendations are expected in January, the joint review carried out by consulting firms Peter G. Crichton and Associates and Peat, Marwick and Partners, has said the region can face the demand for service in one of three ways: by maintaining the status

quo, which in some areas like transportation, may be inadequate; by acting as a planner for some services while the services are carried out by other groups; or by directly getting involved with funding and facilitating services for the elderly.

As the population ages, the needs of the elderly are changing, the study maintains. Senior citizens may want to live independently for as long as possible, rather than move into institutional retirement homes.

The lifestyles changes are putting more demands on better transportation services and health care programs.



KILTIED CAKE SALE
Eleven-year old Nicole Spicer (left) and her sister Michelle, 9, helped sell a wide assortment of baked goods Saturday to raise money for the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band.

Hornby men hurt

A Burlington man was discharged from Milton District Hospital Tuesday morning after being treated for injuries received in a car crash Friday at 11:30 p.m.

Bradley Mackey, 31, was allowed to leave the hospital yesterday. Two passengers in the same vehicle, Chow Jung, 21 and Chow Len, 22, both of Hornby, were treated and released from hospital Friday night.

The single vehicle crash took place on Derry Road after the driver, travelling east at a high rate of speed, lost control, crossed the centre line and struck the ditch.

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Fairy Lake

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The region's engineers are trying to figure out how they can plug into this water source that flows under Fairy Lake, through Georgetown and past Peel, and not suck it dry or damage it.

They aren't sure whether some of the water in the well filters down from Fairy Lake above.

CAUSE DROP

If so, drawing from a Prospect Park well could cause a drop in the lake level and not only interfere with the summer and wintertime recreational use of the lake, but also may affect the Beardmore tannery's ability to take water from the lake. Furthermore, Beardmore owns the lake.

Right now, the region doesn't know the size of the well. They do know that they have to pump it at a rate so that other wells in the area, which also draw from the underground infiltration of rainfall, aren't affected.

The ministry of the environment carefully monitors this so that there are no ill effects on other well owners.

Not one to lay all its bets on one well, the region is also looking at the Blue Springs aquifer towards the Guelph area off the Eramosa River.

Farther away, the cost of bringing the water into Acton, the water quality and the treatment required and effect on the rest of the wells are all questions to be considered before an application for a ministry of the environment permit is made.

The need for water is pressing. Although Mr. Robertshaw says he is unaware of any industries being turned away because of the shortage of this natural resource, it's known by the townspeople that without alternate water sources, there won't be any development in Acton.

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