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Hospice Meeting

The North Halton Hospice Support group for the widowed is holding their next meeting May 27 at Milton's Herigate Inn.
 A brunch meeting, it will start at 1 p.m. and further information is available by calling 878-4952. The Herigate Inn is located near the Highways 401 and 25 intersection.

Potential Development

Data compiled by the Halton Hills planning department shows 81 potential residential developments in the rural areas.
 The study made last summer, shows room for 21 additional homes in the Silver Creek community and 10 in Hornby.
 According to the study, there could be another seven residences in Terra Cotta and Limehouse, six on Sideroad 17 and in Ballinfad, five in Ashgrove, four on Fourth Line and Highway 7, three in Speyside, Mansewood and Sideroad 22, and two in South Norval, Crewsons' Corners and Steeles Avenue and Ninth Line.

Bank Garage Sale

Employees from the Royal Bank office at 232 Guelph St. in Georgetown are planning a garage sale to raise money for a heart monitor.
 The Georgetown branch is co-ordinating their efforts June 2 with other Royal Bank branches in order to raise \$55,000 for a Holter monitor for Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto.
 The garage sale starts at 9 a.m. and continues until 2 p.m.
 If anyone wants to contribute by donating items for the garage sale, the bank will gladly hold them at their branch until June 2. For more information call 877-2244.

Country Museum Time

Spend a day in the country this spring and discover the Ontario Agricultural Museum near Milton.
 A special feature entitled "The Wonders of Wool" will take place at the Museum May 26 and 27 from 1-5 p.m.
 This historic look at wool production will feature a variety of activities and demonstrations. For more information call 878-8151.

Red Cross Donors

A number of local residents received awards from the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society.
 Donating their blood for the 35th time were: Ginny Steenhuis, Angela Palmer, Eric Teunissen, Brian Mann, Allen Lawr and Clive Sandifer.
 There were seven people who gave for the 20th time: Irene Simpson, Larry Knight, Ina Mitchell, W. Keith Wellstead, James Draycott, Bill Alken and Gerhard Frei.
 Donating for the 10th time were: Mrs. C. Arnesen, Keith Davies, Brian Murdoch, Ruth Dow and George Lock.

No Industrial Growth

There are no industrial or commercial developments proposed for Halton Hills at present.
 There are 337 such developments in the planning stages for the rest of the region, however.
 The projects will use up an anticipated 733 hectares if they're undertaken.
 The statistics were compiled by the region's planning and development staff.

Road Priming Tenders

M.S.O. Construction of Rexdale is being recommended by the region's director of public works to undertake the 1984 surface treating and road priming for the region.
 Their tender of \$939,752 was the lowest.
 M.S.O. Construction is an experienced surface treating contractor who did work for the region in 1982 and 1983.
 The town of Halton Hills will get \$350,723 worth of road work done, more than any of the other municipalities.

PSYCHIC RESPONSE
Carole Matthews

Write Carol, c/o Halton Hills Herald, 45 Guelph St., Georgetown, Ont. L7G 3Z6. Send a picture of the person you would like analyzed, along with a short note and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Dear Carole,
 I have been following your column and have seen you on the television many times. I admire what you do and hope you will continue with your column. You seem to be helping so many people. Keep up the good work.
 I have enclosed a picture of my sister Debbie, she is having a few career problems lately. Can you help her? She is planning to move to Toronto for school and feels very torn about this.
 Again, thank you,
 Gary of Acton

Dear Gary,
 Thank you for your support, I enjoy doing the column and will continue it as long as people like yourself keep reading it. Now, your sister, she will be just fine, she has a great career ahead of her. I feel she will make a great nurse. I would say that the only problem Debbie is going to encounter will be adjusting to the hustle and bustle of downtown Toronto, why isn't she going to study in Hamilton? That was the first feeling I got around her, she has frequently been there and I know she would be more content with friends out that way than anywhere else.
 Talk to her about this or have her give me a call, maybe I can expand on it for her. Until then, I still feel she will do very well in her classes up until June, she really is very intelligent.
 Tell her not to worry, she will do fine.
 Carole

GO's Tenth Anniversary Russ Cochrane Logs Six Years With GO

By ROBIN BAKWELL, Herald Staff
 There's a stretch of tracks in Brampton that GO train conductor Russ Cochrane refers to as 'Rocky Gulch'.

Here, just east of the Brampton station, is a favorite place for kids to bombard the GO train with rocks. Two windows in a row were recently broken due to stone throwing incidents.

'Rocky Gulch' has all sorts of junk scattered to the side of the tracks including old furniture and tires. "Kids will pile all sorts of stuff on the tracks," said Mr. Cochrane.

When asked how big an object would have to be in order to stop the train, Mr. Cochrane laughed. "A gravel truck might slow us down."

SIX YEARS Russ Cochrane has

been a conductor on the Georgetown-Union run for the past six years. "You get to know a lot of regulars," Mr. Cochrane said. He knows the regular passengers playing their usual card game and he talks freely with everyone as he walks through the train checking on them. Commenting on the sleeping commuters Mr. Cochrane says, "As long as they're sleeping you know they're all right."

Brampton also represents the worst area for cars which run the barriers to the tracks, said Mr. Cochrane. Although the GO train is capable of locking up the brakes on every car, Mr. Cochrane said they "don't slow down."

The GO trains are seldom late or early and run on a strict timetable. They are monitored by CN radar

which has a point system similar to that used by the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

A GO train engineer may be called before a board or possibly lose his right to drive if he is found to be using excessive speed.

BROKEN

The last time a GO train was late on the Georgetown-Union run was an incident last month when a rail had broken on the Humber bridge. The first train to cross the bridge fell the difference in the tracks and later trains were derailed through Newmarket. This caused morning service to be 45 minutes late.

Another reason a GO train may be late is a foul up with the signal lights that are situated beside the tracks. In a severe snow or hail storm the signals may become frozen over. A train cannot pass these lights if they are red or not showing any color at all.

An operational switchboard at Highway 7 and Keele Street is where these signal lights are controlled from.

Mr. Cochrane began his career with the railway in 1966. He can remember one incident that happened near Stratford in which a willow tree had frozen over with water and hung out over the tracks.

WINDOWS All the windows out of the front of the train were smashed by the impact.

On the Union-Georgetown run Mr. Cochrane met a 55 year old man who couldn't remember his name and didn't know where he was. "Nobody knew how he got on the train," Mr. Cochrane said.

The man turned out to be a diabetic who got on the train at Union Station. "I took him over to the store, bought him a chocolate bar and he finally came out of it," he said.

Mr. Cochrane is the conductor on one GO train arriving at Union in the morning and one train arriving in Georgetown in the evening. The time in between is spent playing pool or cards at the Mimico depot. Although the time at the depot sounds relatively easy the average day at work for Mr. Cochrane involves 15 hours.

Mr. Cochrane even met his wife on the GO train although he wouldn't go into detail about it.

Yard Sale June 9

The Brampton and Area Peace Council will hold a yard sale in the parking lot of the United Auto Workers hall June 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to raise funds for the peace petition caravan.

The UAW hall is at 6 Beech St., just behind the Brewers Retail on Queen Street, Brampton.

If you would like to have a table in the sale or would like to give a donation, call 453-0288.



ON YOUR MARK

Ready to start the race relay is Chris Cambouris from Centennial Public School with a healthy backing of supporters behind him. The

school was taking part in Wednesday's participation challenge. Houses competed against each other in a series of relays around the school's perimeter.

Wealth of helpful contacts at Acton Social Service Centre

By DAVE ROWNEY, Herald Staff
 The head of Acton Social Services and Information Centre is concerned about the lack of affordable hous-

ing in the area. Although the housing and job issues may member board of directors who are community minded and help with special projects like fund-raising, she says.

office for information plus co-ordinating the After three years working in the Halton Hills Legal Aid Clinic, Mrs. Balkind is quick to help those she thinks might have a case against their landlord according to the Landlord and Tenant Act.

man the Mill Street office each day answering calls, responding to those who walk into the advisory board in Acton for eight years. Mrs. Clark is also involved with the social planning council and the volunteer bureau in Halton Hills.



PEGGIE BALKIND

VOLUNTEER Peggie Balkind has been helping as a volunteer since she moved to Acton over 20 years ago. She was a founding member of the Contact Centre in Georgetown and also Halton Women's Place.

MORTIFIED By the time a person may come to the Centre about their unemployment, they are desperate for work, she says. Many are mortified about accepting welfare help, she says. Two staff members

Eileen Dix has been working part time at the Acton Social Services and Information Centre since August. She is a co-ordinator of the Acton Y and has been involved with the Red Cross and Block Parents.

Carol Clark has worked part time for the Centre for three years. She has been involved with Meals on Wheels for six years and the Y



CAROL CLARK

How the Centre Works

Herald Staff Along with Peggie Balkind there are two part time helpers, Carol Clark and Eileen Dix who man the phones and greet visitors who walk into the office located at 115 Mill St. East.

Social service workers are brought in to talk with clients and teach workshops, the centre tells people what's available plus also helping people find the service they need.

The Centre evolved from meeting in the early '70s when concerned citizens met to talk about helping local citizens in the social services field.

There can be as many as five agency workers in the office at one time from a variety of fields: probation, Canada summer employment program, Children's Aid and 13 other agencies who are involved with the Centre.

In the spring of 1976 the Centre opened with an office behind the Acton Y. A co-ordinator was hired to handle calls and arrange for social service agencies to use the office with their clients.

The agency workers need appointments, but those who want some help are free to drop by Monday to Friday 8:30-4:30 p.m.

Now the Centre has moved to more spacious quarters on Mill Street in a central and more visible location. There was a 49 per cent increase in calls last year which Mrs. Balkind attributes to the greater visibility of their office.

The Centre has to be aware of the current needs in the community and help if possible to start programs by offering a meeting place and organizational support, says Mrs. Balkind.

The centre is funded from the Region of Halton, donations from citizens and churches plus rent collected by social services agencies who periodically use the three meeting rooms.

They have given their support to Meals on Wheels and the Block Parent program in Acton.

The office serves three main functions,

In addition a booklet has been printed which lists the numbers for social service contacts in Halton Hills which some police have used to hand out for domestic disputes.



GO train conductor Russ Cochrane checks the tracks before leaving a station. Mr. Cochrane has been on the Georgetown-Union run for six years and enjoys the "different things that happen."

(Herald photo)

GO history

Back in April of 1974, 500 local residents were on hand for the opening of the new Northwest GO Transit service.

Now ten years later the service has four return trips daily to Union Station, three of which are with the double decker cars.

The new service was officially opened on Saturday, April 27 and replaced the old morning CN train.

It was estimated that 1,400 commuters travelled the new service during its first two days of operation. Now about 5,500 tickets are sold each day representing about 2,750 commuters daily.

Northwest GO service was the culmination of two and a half years planning and in 1974 Metropolitan Toronto Chairman, Paul Godfrey said, "one of the reasons Premier William Davis was named transit man of the year is due to the new Northwest GO train."

Bridge facelift

The Hornby bridge at Steeles Avenue and Trafalgar Road is going to get a facelift next year.

The region's 1984 capital works budget includes funds for designing a bridge replacement at that intersection. The project is planned for construction in 1985.

Preliminary designs for the replacement bridge

are due in September with final designs due in May 1985.

They have submitted a proposal to the region. The firm has carried out a

number of bridge assignments for the Ministry of

Transportation and Communications as well as area municipalities

IN YOUR OPINION:

Question: Did you participate in the Red Deer Challenge?



KEVIN EUWEN: "Yes, I participated with my class at St. Francis of Assisi School. We ran around the block, played soccer and played murder ball."



GRANT COX: "Yes. We walked around Cedarvale Park. It was the gym teacher's idea at school."



JOHN MANNING: "Yes. The whole school (George Kennedy Public School) walked around DeWex (Boulevard) and Weber (Drive). It was fun because we were singing '99 bottles of beer.'"



JASON WOODLAND: "Yes. It was fun. I did it twice in the same day."



RODNEY GILLESPIE: "Yes. Everyone at Howard Wrigglesworth Public School ran around the school for 15 minutes."

Disabled Travel Study

A study into the desired travel needs of the region's physically disabled is getting \$24,150 in provincial subsidy funding.

Ministry of Transportation and Communications Minister James Snow wrote confirming the funding to the region April 18.

The transit study is anticipated to cost \$48,300, and DelCan Limited Consulting Engineers have been hired to conduct it.