



HELPING HANDS

About a dozen youngsters were kept busy Friday at the Acton Y thanks to the town's Parks and Recreation Department. It was another professional development day at the local schools, and youngsters like (left to right) Patty Brown, 10,

of Erin, Janel Burns, 8, of Acton, Julie Brown, 7, of Erin, Candace Trenton, 9, of Acton, and Melanie Jones, 7, of Acton made hand puppets and played games like Bubblegum.

(Herald photo)

Acton watermain helps fight industrial fires

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

Acton's Holly Industries got a commitment of \$48,000 from the region's Planning and Public Works Committee last week toward the upgrading of a watermain on Eastern Avenue.

Holly Industries will be responsible for the remaining \$16,000 cost of the project, which will provide the company and The Olde Hide House next door, with better fire protection.

Without the watermain, a 3,600 square foot addition to the Holly Industries building cannot go ahead.

The company, which refines sulphur, wants the addition to their present building for storage purposes.

A memo from the Halton Hills Fire Department expressed concern about the company's ability to provide adequate fire protection.

"There is a serious water flow deficiency at the present time and an addition to the industry would only compound this situation," Fire Chief Bill Cunningham reported.

He said the closest adequate supply of water is at the hydrant on Mill Street near the Station Hotel, which is 1,500 feet from Holly Industries.

"In the event of a fire at Holly we would have to lay hose this distance which would be time consuming, create traffic congestion on Mill Street and necessitate the use of additional manpower and equipment," Chief Cunningham wrote.

He noted the sulphur packaged by Holly Industries is stored in large quantities on the premise and is combustible. When burning, it creates a serious health hazard, attacking the eyes and respiratory system.

"Because of the potential for a very serious problem involving this product it is imperative that we have the necessary resources to combat the problem if and when it occurs," the Fire Chief advised.

Company president J.A. Meyer attended the region's Planning and Public Works Committee last week during which the watermain project was discussed.

The region's staff recommended a water-

main 150 millimeters in diameter be constructed on Eastern Avenue from west of Hillcrest Street to Young Street. The project would improve fire protection in this area.

The region's budget had scheduled the watermain project for 1986 because of budget constraints. However, due to the increased need for it, the project has been moved up into the 1985 capital budget program.

Although the director of public works recommended the \$64,000 cost be shared equally between the region and the benefitting industry, the Committee preferred splitting it 25-75, with the region paying the larger percentage.

Rave review for firefighters

Herald Staff

October's fire statistics got a rave review Monday night from Coun. Mike Armstrong. The councillor told town council that he was "extremely impressed" with the fact no member of the public was injured in a fire last month.

Last year in October, there was one injury to the public. Mr. Armstrong said he'd tried to call Fire Chief Bill Cunningham earlier but hadn't been able to contact him to praise him and his department "for an excellent job this year".

He said the town's fire prevention officer Bob Meads was doing a good job because calls were down to only 19 compared to 30 in October 1983. Damage because of fires is down to \$8,050 in this October compared to \$10,800 in October 1983.

As for the whole year to October end, damages total \$359,510 whereas to October end in 1983 they were almost four times as high \$1,127,513.

This October and last October, neither firefighters nor the public died in fires.

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Time to use up overtime

Regional staff who've been working a lot of overtime will have until March 31 of next year to use it up as time off.

Regional councillors are to amend the overtime policy today (Wednesday). It doesn't allow overtime to be carried over from one year to the next, except under special circumstances approved by the department head and the Chief

Administrative Officer. However, there are circumstances like budget time, which requires a considerable amount of overtime at the end of the year by finance department staff.

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GDHS flea market and bazaar

By NITA MILLESSE
Herald Correspondent

Georgetown District High School will be holding their First Annual Flea Market and Bazaar Dec. 8 in the high school cafeteria from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Proceeds of this fund raising drive will go towards the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and extra-curricular activities in the school.

Every year the fund raising committee raises approximately \$10,000

for school funds. The magazine campaign held in the spring usually takes in between \$6-7,000 towards this goal.

In addition to this campaign, another autumn fund raising drive is usually held to provide the extra funds needed. In the past years, GDHS has held door to door sales of chocolate bars and Christmas cakes, but this is the first year they have attempted to hold a

bazaar.

This bazaar will include a flea market, bake table and snack bar. To avoid door to door canvassers, those present can buy or place orders for Christmas gift items such as chocolates, cheese, candles, calendars...etc.

A silent auction will also be held. Silent bids can be made on unique items such as useful services and craft items donated by the students

and staff at GDHS.

Certain clubs and teams will be participating in the actual sale and supervision of the saleable items, but the fund raising committee seeks the support of the students and the community as well.

Students at the high school are already being written down for donations of saleable items for this drive. If you have

any unwanted articles at home that you would like to donate, contact the school at 877-0966.

It is requested that no articles of clothing be submitted. Any large items will be picked up at your home, smaller items should be submitted to the school, during the week of December 3-7.

GDHS invites all to be present at their first annual flea market and bazaar.

Spencer likes excitement of 'Royal' fair

By ROSEMARY CINO
Herald Special

It could be called Royal fever.

In the quest for the coveted prize ribbons, hundreds of exhibitors from across Canada and several U.S. states keep coming back to the Royal Winter Fair.

The 56-year-old event at Exhibition Place is the biggest agricultural exhibition in North America. The 10-day fair, which also boasts Canada's top horse show, runs through, to Nov. 17.

A Royal victory for horse or livestock breeders, field crop farmers and other agricultural

products' producers means more than pride and prestige.

It's also a boost in the value of their herd or harvest.

Norval's Spencer Wilson joined his son John, of the Peterborough area, for the beef cattle contest.

The senior Wilson, who coached his granddaughter to a junior showman championship, took prizes for his sheep at the first Royal in 1922.

For another Georgetown exhibitor, Jeff Nurse of Monteth Holsteins, the Royal is the chance to compare his animals "to the best in the world".

Farm group objects but standard set

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald Special

Despite the objections of Halton's farm advisory committee, an assessment of proposal expansion at the Croatian Cultural Centre near Norval will use the status quo as its starting point.

Everett Biggs, former Deputy Minister of Agriculture, is preparing an agricultural impact assessment on plans to add five more uses to the 160-acre property on Winston Churchill Boulevard south of Norval.

Mr. Biggs told the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee the assessment must start from some base and what is already there is the base he intends to use.

He was vague, however, in explaining how he felt the centre could resolve its ongoing neighbor problems.

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Guelph Mercury

Rabies stats down but problem remains

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

So far this year, there've been five incidents of rabies in Halton. Last year there were 16.

According to Ministry of Health statistics, there were 13 rabid skunks in the region last year, one rabid bat, one rabid cow and one rabid dog.

The figures have gone down over last year to one rabid dog, one rabid fox, and three rabid skunks.

Foxes and skunks are the principal transmitters of this invariably fatal, infectious disease. Ontario has the distinction of having the highest concentration of rabid animals in North America.

Although Halton has little animal rabies at present, its rural areas provide terrain suitable for foxes and skunks and make the region suscepti-

ble to an outbreak.

To address the rabies problem in the province, the Ministry of Health is proposing legislation requiring dogs, cats, and certain other designated animals to be immunized against rabies.

This proposal would

make immunization compulsory only in high risk areas, with public clinics where pet owners can have their animals vaccinated for the cost of the vaccine. Each immunized dog and cat would be identified by a rabies tag.



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Yours truly,
Derek Ezekiel

Prize winners

The following is a list of prize winners at the Penny Sale held at the St. George's Church Bazaar Nov. 17.

P. Boisenneau, V. Pasma, G. Harrison, C. Buckton, C. Taylor, Jo Waller, L. Barclay, C. Young, T. Parry, L. Haynes, H. Norton. Others were: D. Rolfe, C. Taylor, M. Emmerson, S. McMeekin, J. Chettle, J. Bunton, A. Bowman, L. Rivard, C. McMurray, R. McCallum, H. Rolfe.

More winners are: A. Wilson, R. Suchan, M. Walker, L. Chalmers, J. Meyers, H. Penrice, Sandifer, M. Pries, E. Hewitt, T. Parry, J. Henwood.

Other lucky winners: B. Sandifer, V. Gorth, P. Saxe, Y. Adams, G. Bennett, B. McNally, I.

Hospital auxiliary

The regular monthly meeting was held at the hospital Nov. 14.

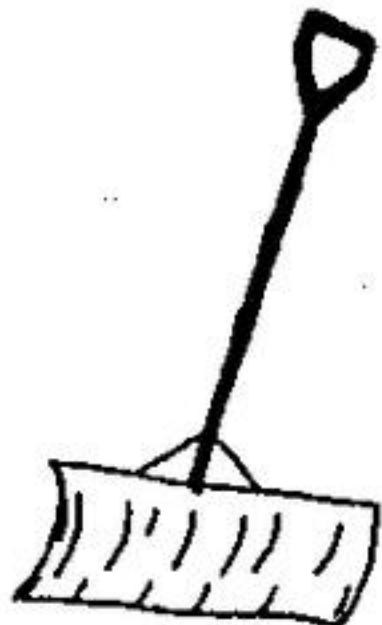
The Past Presidents Luncheon was well attended with 43 members and guests enjoying lunch. The raffle for "Java the Gorilla" was won by Helena Ferron of Georgetown.

Plans are well under way for the Christmas Ball Dec. 7. A hot turkey buffet will be served at 8 p.m. with the dance following. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. Please support your auxiliary.

The Teenage Volunteers are holding their Christmas Party and pot supper Dec. 19. Any interested auxiliary members are welcome to join them.

There will be two delegates attending the Ontario Hospital Auxiliaries Convention at the Holiday Inn, Toronto from Nov. 25 to 27.

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