

Academic decathlon

David Banks paces GDHS

See Family B1

Golfing ahead for Raiders

Georgetown Chrysler Raiders won't be drinking bubbly from the Allan Cup this year. Petrolia Squires eliminated Georgetown from the Sr. "A" playoffs with a 6-3 win Sunday to take the best-of-seven series 4-3. See Sports C1.

For 911, computers

Police services will cost

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Your turtle Oscar might be diseased

Who would think Oscar the turtle could cause so many problems? Our local health department is issuing a warning about unsafe pet turtles. It seems that pet turtles purchased since September '84 may be infected with salmonella. That means if you handle these animals or come in contact with the tank water it is possible you could become sick.

Project Cap accused are sentenced

By ROBIN BAKEWELL Herald Staff The majority of those charged as a result of "project cap" appeared in Milton Provincial Court Monday with most of the accused scheduled to reappear April 15 to set trial dates.

Town hall is idle now

Heritage Acton chairman Ted Tyler said it is still a bit premature to do a story on the Acton Town Hall completion. The old town hall, which was sold to Heritage Acton last July, has been sitting idle since the summer but Mr. Tyler said they'll be blowing the dust off the place in April.

ABOUT THE HILLS

Resident wins car

A Georgetown resident has become a Super Loto auto winner in the February 24 bonus draw. Stephen Rowland of Prince Charles Drive won an Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme.

OPP headlights on

All marked and unmarked Ontario Provincial Police vehicles are now being operated with headlights turned on 24 hours a day. OPP Commissioner Archie Ferguson has ordered this move in the interests of safety and increased visibility of patrolling cruisers.



SOMETHING'S STIRRING

Rosalind Mcchefeke on staff at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre near Campbellville keeps the brew of sugar maple stirred as spectators crowd around. Samples of home-made syrup are given out to curious onlookers. (Herald photo)

Provincial grants help give taxpayers a break

By ANIPEDERIAN Herald Staff The region's 1985 budget will be giving taxpayers a wee break. Instead of going up by 5.8 per cent over last year, it's going up by 4.8 per cent, thanks to provincial grants announced last week.

more in regional property taxes, you'll only be paying \$8.44 more over last year. Unconditional and conditional grants help offset the region's anticipated \$35.4 million spending for 1985.

POLICE BEAT

A 1984 Ford received about \$250 in damages after it was struck by an unknown vehicle in the Acton arena parking lot Saturday.

MP in Far East

Halton MP and Minister of Fitness and Amateur Sport Otto Jelinek left Wednesday for a trip to the Far East. He is travelling to The People's Republic of China, South Korea and Japan on government business.

Where our money goes

Where is that \$186 of regional tax dollars going? About 66 per cent, or \$123 is funding the region's boards and agencies. The remaining 34 per cent (\$63) is going for regional programs and services.

Playground ignited

Halton regional police are investigating a possible arson which caused an estimated \$7,000 in

damages to the wooden creative playground at Cedarvale Park in Georgetown. Police say four youths were observed leaving the scene shortly after the incident which occurred last Wednesday just after noon.

34 firefighter calls

February was a busy month for the Halton Hills fire department, with 34 calls for service and fire damages of about \$130,150 in town. Fire Chief Bill Cunningham reported nobody was injured or died in any fires last month.

Libraries want \$741,528

The Halton Hills Public Libraries Board is asking for a 1985 budget of \$741,528 from town council. The figure includes monies for Sunday openings, which began this weekend, and for an economic adjustment of 4 per cent as suggested by the treasurer.

Crawford Maple Syrup

What's new at Crawford Lake? The Indian Village and conservation centre near Campbellville is holding a fur display March 9-15 as well as maple syrup demonstrations and a photography exhibit on the North American Indians.

Official Plan gets go-ahead from Timbrell

By ANIPEDERIAN Herald Staff The Halton Hills Official Plan is now "official". "I'm very very pleased to say, as chairman of the Official Plan Task Force, that as of Feb. 7, the Minister has finally signed," Coun. Mike Armstrong announced at Monday night's council meeting.

The signature of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Dennis Timbrell, makes the document "officially approved". Over 13 years of work went into the Plan which will henceforth serve as the framework for decisions on the town's growth.

The delay in announcing the Minister's approval was explained as due to the time required to reproduce the reviewed text and maps of the Plan. "They just got the maps to us last Wednesday," town planner Ian Keith said.

THOSE CRAZY MEN



Jack Wallinga investigates the depth of the Credit River in a pre-'Crazy Boat Race' check. Al Stutard makes sure everything is lined up for the event, scheduled for April 6. Mr. Wallinga said everything is set for the multiple sclerosis fund raiser. Additional information and registration forms are available by calling 877-1613. (Herald photo)

Developers will benefit

Herald Staff The new Official Plan for Halton Hills should speed up the process for developers. "It will have a big impact as far as development is concerned," town Coun. Mike Armstrong said. Until the Plan was approved by the province, the town planner had to refer to three different Official Plans which often conflicted in their policies.