David Banks paces GDHS

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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.

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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 unsate 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.

Recent cases of illness in children have been traced to these turtles. In testing for salmonella in turtles, there have also been positive findings in tanks of newts and frogs.

The Halton Regional Health Department recommends that children who have turtles as pets shouldn't handle them or be involved in cleaning tanks.

Adults should handle these turtles with rubber gloves and wash thoroughly afterwards and avoid contaminating the environment, the health department says.

Tanks should not be kept in food areas and should be inaccessible to other pets.

Says a health department release: "distributors and pet stores are aware of the problems and the public should avoid the purchase of these turtles."

For more information call 827-2151 (ext.

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.

'Project cap" was a joint forces investigation into drug dealings in the north Halton area resulting in several local arrests.

Theresa Jones of Acton pleaded guilty to trafficking cannabis resin and will be sentenced April 11 after a pre-sentence report.

With no prior criminal record the crown asked for a three month term in prison.

The charge came as a result of the 19 year old selling two grams of hashish to an undercover police officer on Queen Street in Acton, Jan. 16.

Timothy Spurrell, a Guelph resident received three months in jail after selling cannabls resin to an undercover officer in a parking lot in the Mill and Main Street area In Acton, Nov. 13, 1984.

Brian Holmes of Acton received six months in jail on two counts of trafficking hashish. An incident in November, 1984 brought a three month term and another in December brought a consecutive three month term.

SOMETHING'S STIRRING

Rosalind Mechesske on staff at the Mountsberg Samples of home-made syrup are given out to Wildlife Centre near Campbellville kepts the brew curious onlookers. of sugar maple stirred as spectators crowd around.

(Herald photo)

Provincial grants help give taxpayers a break

By ANI PEDERIAN Herald Staff

The region's 1965 budget will be giving tax-

payers 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. The cut won't make much difference to the taxpayer because the regional budget traditionally makes up only 7.1 per cent of your total tax

Last year, that meant \$175.73 on a home assessed at \$6,500.

With the expected grants, it means that instead of paying \$10

Town hall is idle now

offset the region's anticipated \$35.4 million spending for 1985.

more in regional proper-

ty taxes, you'll only be

paying \$8.44 more over

Unconditional and

conditional grants help

last year.

The news came Thursday from Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Dennis Timbrell, that unconditional grants would be increasing by 4.1 per cent over last year across the

province. Unconditional grants are monies that are used by regions to offset residential taxes.

Mr. Timbrell said \$752.5 million was to be given out in uncondi-

per cent more in grants than it got last year, the region's operating budget supervisor Ken

tional grants in 1985.

than average. It's been

told it will be ketting 4.5

Shunk told The Herald. Regional treasurer Joe Rinaldo was expecting a 2.5 per cent increase in unconditional grants, and had estimated that each one per cent increase in unconditional

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.

A 1985 Dodge Omni received dents along its sides causing an estimated \$100 in damages after it was parked on King Street in Georgetown Thursday evening.

The Shopper's Drug Mart at the Georgetown Market Plaza had a window smashed causing approximately \$300 in damages Thursday evening...

Cedarvale Park in Georgetown.

grant raises \$92,000 for Halton. Halton scored better

Last year, Halton got \$9.2 million in unconditional grants. This year, Mr. Rinaldo was aiming for \$9.5 million, or a 2.5 per cent increase.

Instead, the region is getting \$415,000 more, making the 1965 grant to Halton \$9.67 million.

The grant includes a bonus of \$266,100 as a household grant for policing services. Mr. Shunt explained the ministry is paying \$3 more for each household (88,700), from \$47 to \$50.

news for Halton, What we're seeing for the first time in a number of years is the unconditional grants keeping pace with the overall increase in expenditures," he said. "This is something we'd like to see as a

policy of the government. The region also receives conditional grants, which are monies given for specific purposes. Mr. Shunt expects they will be about 3 to 4 per cent above what the

region received last Last year's increase in conditional grants was 5 per cent in most pro-

Police say four youths were observed leaving the scene shortly after the incident which occurred last Wednesday just after noon.

damages to the wooden creative playground at

February was a busy month for the Halton Hills fire department, with 34 calls for service and

34 firefighter calls

fire damages of about \$130,150 in town. Fire Chief Bill Cunningham reported nobo-

dy was injured or died in any fires last month. in February 1964, the fire department handled 28 calls for service and fire damages were \$129,995, very close to the figure for February 1985.

Libraries want 8741,528

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

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.

For more information call 878-4131 weekdays.

Official Plan gets go-ahead from Timbrell

By ANI PEDERIAN

Herald Staff The Halton Hills Official Plan is now "offi-

"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 fan Kelth said.

The Plan replaces the former township plans except in those areas of dispute that are currently being worked out by the town planner, the province and objectors

to the Plan. Mr. Keith said there are 32 items that have been deferred until a resolution can be worked out with the persons or agencies asking for the deferral.

Among the problems to be worked out are: —the two principal land use designations of the Niagara Escarpment and the boundary of the "This is very positive development's central area pending approval of a new Niagara Escarp-

ment Plan.

-the rural industrial designation along Highways 401 and 25 -the mineral resource far as they apply to the lands of Standard Industries and Dufferin Aggregates -the east and west

extraction policies inso-

boundaries of Acton, on which an Ontario Municipal Board hearing is to take place soon -the Ontario Federation

of Agriculture (Peel and Halton branches) representing Weppler, Alexander, Brander, Bianchi and others, who want policies deferred

-Enterac ' Properties which wants the policy requiring the Secondary Plan process be deferred in regard to lands south of Silver Creek.

Deferral just means the town and the objectors are getting time to come to a mutually satisfactory solution. In the 'event these

discussions come to a dead end, town staff are to suggest alternative courses of action for Continued on page A2

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. The Esquesing, Acton and Georgetown Plans had very few things in common, Coun. Armstrong said.

It often meant the town had to refer to the regional Official Plan which was approved by the province in 1960.

Whenever there was an application for development, town staff had to refer to the specific Official Plan that governed the area involved.

With one universal plan, the policies governing all the areas are the same and staff will find it easier to deal with applications, Coun. Armstrong said.

"It will help them to have just one document to work with, and it'll speed up the time for developers." he said. "I'm happy it's over and approved. If you

don't have a plan to go by, you're wandering around in the dark," Coun. Armstrong said. The Plan is based on provincial guidelines, as the province is responsible for land use

planning in Ontario. After adopting it in October 1982, the town submitted its Official Plan to the province for

comments. In November, modifications suggested by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

were made to the town's document and sent back to the province for approval. Three months later, the document had

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THOSE CRAZY MEN

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

(Herald photo)

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.

Slated for a summer completion the renovations are about 75 per cent done with many finishing touches yet to be performed. Wiring, heating and drywall have to be

completed and Mr. Tyler said that Heritage Acton

ABOUT THE HILLS

Resident wins car A Georgetown resident has become a Super Loto auto winner in the February 24 bonus draw.

won an Oldsmobile Cutiass Supreme. The cars are part of a special promotion featuring 500 Canadian-produced automobiles as bonus prizes in both the January 27 and February 24 draws.

Stephen Rowland of Prince Charles Drive

The draws also featured regular prizes of \$1 million and \$100,000 and thousands of other prizes. The car will be presented to the winner at a local dealership within the next few weeks.

OPP headlights on

All marked and ummarked 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.

"We believe it will afford our people that extra measure of protection," said Commissioner Ferguson. "It will make our vehicles more visible, and we hope people will see the police cruiser and use extra caution."

Studies by organizations interested in highway safety have shown that vehicles using headlights during daylight hours have less chance of being involved in accidents.

is now more flexible in regards to finances and the

A federal grant made possible through a bicentennial project from the Ontario Heritage Foundation, gave Heritage Acton \$60,000 towards renovations for the town hall.

Stipulations involving the hiring of those contracted to do the work went with the grant money and certain deadlines had to be met. The money is now solely Heritage Acton

money and will be used for the completion of the project.

Mr. Tyler said he has already received some inquiries from the private sector relating to renting the facility. Service clubs and social agencies have also expressed interest he said.

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

Mr. Jelinek will sign on behalf of the government of Canada a memorandum of understanding covering the exchange of teams and athletes between Canada and China over the next three years.

In Seoul, South Korea he will sign a similar three year sport exchange agreement. The Halton MP will be making a brief

stopover in Tokyo to make presentations to Canadian medalists at the 1985 world figure skating championships in Tokyo.

Where our money goes Where is that \$186 of regional tax dollars

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. These figures are based on the average home assessment of \$6,500.

Playground ignited

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