



Knight opens Milton office

Liberal candidate Don Knight said he can empathize with some people in Acton who feel they have lost their voice under regional government. His Milton campaign office opens this week. For complete election coverage see pages A8 and A9.

DRG eliminated

Hockey crown slips away

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Chilling tales

Some contestants lost more than the race at the Georgetown Jaycees 18th Annual Crazy Boat Race, as swift currents swept a couple of canoes downstream. But even the winter-like winds and snow couldn't keep the crowds or participants away. See our picture page on B1.



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All candidates meeting

The Georgetown Jaycees invite you to meet the candidates from the three provincial parties April 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sacre-Coeur parish hall on Guelph Street.
Don't forget election day is May 2.

United Way debate

Is the United Way the route to take for Halton Hills? If you are interested in finding out about the possible formation of The United Way in Halton Hills, you are invited to a public seminar put on by the Voluntary Funding Assessment Committee.

The seminar will take place on April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Stewarttown Senior Public School. For further information contact 877-7720.

Otto guest speaker

Cabinet minister Otto Jelinek visited some of his constituents last Wednesday night.

The Minister of Amateur Sport and Fitness was guest speaker at the Town of Halton Hills Honor and Recognition Night.

The Halton MP talked about how Canadians are proud of their youth and the image they present to others in their travels as our sports representatives.

"You don't just become a world champion. It starts right in your own backyard," Mr. Jelinek said.

Mr. Jelinek won the pairs skating title at the world figure skating championships for Canada in 1962.

Teacher layoffs expected

A 3.1 per cent decline in student enrolment in Halton will result in the loss of 46 teaching positions in elementary schools and 38.5 positions at the secondary level.

The teaching job losses are expected to take place in September.

An expected 13 positions will become available as the French immersion program is extended to Grade 8 and special education programs are expanded.

Furnace door blows

A residence on Delrex Boulevard had the door blown off its furnace April 2.

Firefighters were called to the scene at approximately 9 a.m. after the explosion. Gas company officials called the situation a "delayed ignition".

No-one was injured in the incident and damage only occurred to the furnace door.

AMO reps selected

Halton Hills will have two representatives at the upcoming 1985 Annual Conference of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Russ Miller, mayor of Halton Hills and Acton councillor Dave Whiting are two of the four members of Halton Regional Council who were appointed as voting delegates for the conference.

The other two members appointed were Milton councillor Brad Clements and regional clerk Dave Varley.

Iroquois pipe display

The "Pipes of the Iroquois" from the Royal Ontario Museum display has arrived at the Georgetown Library. This is the second in a spring series of exhibits which will be at the library each for only two weeks.

Pipes today are treated as very ordinary objects - but this was not the case with the pipes of the Iroquois.

Monday, the region's new director of environmental health was welcomed to his new position.

Peter Willmott takes over the post created last December. He's worked with the Ministry of Health since 1973 in the public health areas, and was one of the principal authors of the Health Protection and Promotion Act of 1983.

Lillian Bellbuddy

Neighborhood writer for 20 years

By ANI PEDERIAN

Herald Staff
The Herald's Ashgrove correspondent for over 20 years, Lillian Bellbuddy, died Sunday morning.

Known to her readers as Mrs. John Bellbuddy, the cheerful correspondent faithfully wrote the news of the village and its people for The Herald.

Over 80 years old, Mrs. Bellbuddy died after a week at Georgetown Memorial Hospital, of pneumonia.

Originally from England, she came to Laurel, near Orangeville, to work as a mother's helper for Ernest and Letty Richardson.

After their children grew up, Miss Mullen, as she was then, was asked to work as a companion for Mrs. John Wiggles-

worth, grandmother of Evelyn Bailey, in the Georgetown area.

"She was kind of like an older sister to me," Mrs. Bailey told The Herald. "When my grandmother died, she helped my mother and stayed with us until she married."

Mrs. Bellbuddy's husband died two years ago after a lengthy hospital stay because of a stroke.

He was a farmer, who until he retired 25 years ago, used to manage a 100 acre farm on Eilth Line.

There were cows and horses and hens on that farm and Mr. Bellbuddy sold cream.

"They never had a tractor, I think. He did a lot of the hard work by hand," former neighbor Marjorie Wilson said. "They were married just

before the Depression, in 1929, so they had to work hard to make progress."

Used to hard work, Mrs. Bellbuddy could be seen shovelling the snow in front of her home, even this winter.

"Even though she had no family of her own, she was always interested and pleased in everybody else's success," Mrs. Wilson said. "She was always glad."

When the Bellbuddy farm was sold, the couple moved to Ashgrove, where they built a little brick bungalow on Sideroad 10 next to the Fred Barnes welding shop.

"She enjoyed her little home," Mrs. Wilson said.

A thoughtful person, she would always remember the birthday of Mrs. Wilson's daughter

and then of her grandchildren.

"My children were probably the closest thing to children she ever had," Mrs. Wilson said.

A private person, she kept to herself, but was also "a friendly soul".

Always ready to do something for somebody else, she didn't like to impose on others when it came to anything she needed, Mrs. Bailey said.

Every week, she would take a taxi to downtown Georgetown where she would do her grocery shopping and drop off her newspaper copy at the same time.

"Lots of people volunteered to help, but she wanted to look after herself," Mrs. Bailey said.

Mrs. Bellbuddy led a quiet life and rarely missed a Sunday at Hillcrest United Church.

"She was a really good living woman. Her church was very vital to her," Mrs. Bailey said.

She belonged to the United Church Women group and was a life

member of the Ashgrove Women's Institute.

Always a willing worker, she never complained, Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Wilson both said.

Mrs. Bellbuddy enjoyed reading and gardening and used to put food out for the birds whom she enjoyed watching, and, in the summer, she cut the lawn herself.

"I used to call her every night, because I knew she was alone and I was too," Mrs. Wilson said. "So, I'm going to miss her all right. We kept an eye on each other."

Mrs. Bellbuddy's funeral is this afternoon (Wednesday) at 2 p.m. at Hillcrest United Church. Rev. John Griffin will be conducting the service. Interment is at Ashgrove Cemetery.



TRACING HIS STEPS

Students at St. Francis of Assisi Separate School in Georgetown acted out the stations of the cross Jesus was said to have followed. Here, Chris Blencowe plays the part of Jesus while the Roman soldiers are Sean Gaffey, Steve Curry, Steve Lysy and Barry McLean.

(Herald photo)

Men escape serious injury after chemical explosion

By ROBIN BAKWELL

Herald Staff

Two young men escaped serious injury, but were admitted to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital with burns, after a container of gas ignited next to them.

Steven Williams, 21, the owner of Halton Hills Radiator Service and employee Terry King, 23, were both admitted to hospital and released this week after the Thursday afternoon accident.

The men had been draining gas from a vehicle's tank to check for a leak when the gas fumes were ignited by a pilot light under a chemical tank, according to Steven Williams' father Derick.

Mr. Williams said the young men were not in bad shape and are pretty lucky.

"It's a good lesson. They should have had a door open for ventilation," he said.

Although Mr. Williams was not at the scene, he said the chemical tank would have been about eight feet away from where the gas was being

drained.

The chemical tank is heated by a natural gas pilot light to keep the chemicals warm because they clean better at a higher temperature when checking for leaks, he said.

Mr. Williams said

when the two or three gallons of gas ignited the men must have thrown the container of gas at the wall which started a plastic garbage can on fire.

When the victims rushed out of the Mountview Road North service bay unit they were taken to hospital by a lady from Dave's Service Centre.

Georgetown resident Steven Williams suffered burns to his hands and face while Milton resident Terry King had his arms, leg and hands burnt.

There was no damage to the service area and Mr. Williams said it's business as usual.

Halton Hills Fire Department reported no problems extinguishing the fire and did not have a damage estimate available.

Course explores child abuse

"Parenting the Abused Child" will be the subject of a second 8-week course offered by the Halton Children's Aid Society.

Beginning April 9 and ending May 28, the course is to be offered in the evening from 7-10 p.m. in response to requests that it be made available to those who are working or for couples who want to attend together. The first 8-week session of the course was offered in the afternoon.

The course explores the history of abuse in society; dynamics of the abusive family; the child's response to abuse; managing the behaviour of the abused child.

To register for the course contact Donna Novosel, at 844-8211 or 878-2375 in the north.

Majority feel United Way is beneficial

By ANI PEDERIAN

Herald Staff

A recent survey of 500 townspeople shows a slight majority (55 per cent) favor setting up a United Way in Halton Hills.

The idea was opposed by 21 per cent of people taking part in the Pennock and Pennock survey.

The survey was undertaken by the Voluntary Funding Assessment Committee and looked into the feasibility of setting up a United Way in Halton Hills.

Those 273 people who supported having a United Way in town felt it would result in more local services (46 per cent), more convenience (17 per cent) and greater efficiency in fund raising (12 per cent).

Opponents felt they wanted to choose which agencies to support themselves (43 per cent), felt the present situation was fine (29 per cent) or felt that a United Way was an inefficient way of raising funds (15 per cent).

Asked what effect they felt a local United Way would have on the level of donations in the community, only 34 per cent felt it would increase donations. About 25 per cent felt it would have no effect,

while another 23 per cent didn't know what would be the impact of a Halton Hills United Way.

An 18 per cent of respondents believed donations would decrease if a local United Way was established.

The survey also looked at the attitudes of local businesses, getting 112 responses from manufacturing, distributing and service establishments.

Asked if they would like to see a United Way in Halton Hills, 46 per cent of them were either undecided or "didn't know".

Favorable responses came from 32 per cent, with another 21 per cent

opposed.

Only 15 per cent of businessmen believed a United Way would increase the level of donations. Twenty-eight per cent felt it would have no effect, and another 17 per cent felt it might result in a drop in donations.

Should there be a United Way, 60 per cent of businessmen indicated they'd be willing to post

publicity for the campaign and 42 per cent said they'd make a corporate donation.

The survey found the support for a United Way was strongest among the smaller businesses, which, due to their size, tend to make smaller donations. It was weakest among the larger employers, who, conversely, tend to make the larger donations.

More stories on United Way -- A2

Attempted murder charges

Herald Staff

A gunshot fired through a window on Maple Avenue in Georgetown Friday has led to the arrest of two men. Both are charged with attempted murder.

At approximately 4:30 a.m. a 1978 Plymouth pulled in front of the residence at 73 Maple Avenue and a shot was fired from a small calibre weapon through a window there.

Henry Swinkles, a resident of the house, sustained minor injuries from shattered glass from the window. Another resident Scott Sultor, 25, was uninjured. Both were near the window at the time the shot was fired.

Charged with attempted murder is Georgetown resident Marc Williams, 23, and Larry Coates from Toronto.

Both men were arrested at their residences by Halton regional police. The Emergency Task Force helped with the arrest of the Toronto man.

Halton regional police believe all the people involved knew each other but would not give any details as to what caused the incident.

The weapon used to shatter the window has not been located or recovered.

The men were scheduled for a bail hearing yesterday (Tuesday) at Milton provincial court.

Region budget passes

By ANI PEDERIAN

Herald Staff

The region's 1985 budget passed last week without a boo from councillors.

The new budget raises \$2,977 this year from Halton Hills taxpayers for regional services. Last year's regional levy raised \$2,919.

For the average taxpayer in Halton Hills, that means a \$1.55 increase in the regional tax bill, which is a one per cent increase over last year.

Across the region, the average increase was 3.85 per cent, or \$7 above last year's bill.

The region's 1985 operating budget is \$25.5 million with another \$877,213 for special purposes. Its capital budget is a gross \$10.8 million.

The five year capital budget forecast to 1989 is for \$62.6 million. It was also approved Wednesday afternoon.



MAINSTREETING

It's easy to do a little mainstreeting when your campaign office is right on the main drag. Peter Pomeroy opened his campaign office in Acton Saturday morning. Here, he's joined by supporters (left to right) Andrew West, 12, Peel regional chairman Frank Bean, and piper Shannon Johnston.

(Herald photo)