



Kudos to our volunteers

It's Volunteer Week in Halton Hills. Across our town many devote their time to help others. See Pages C6, C7.

Midget hockey

Province's best coming to town

See Sports C1

Candidates talk about themselves

The three major candidates for Halton-Burlington talked to The Herald about their backgrounds. NDP candidate Doug Hamilton started in politics 10 years ago. See Page B1.



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ABOUT THE HILLS

Don't forget April 23

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.

Candidates meet youths

Who says the youth vote isn't important? At least the candidates are concerned about the impression they're making with first time voters. An all candidates meeting has been organized by a Georgetown and District High School teacher for April 23 beginning at 9 a.m.



Tom Ramautarsingh is a history teacher at the school who will also be the moderator.

Questions will be allowed from the floor either in written form or spoken. The candidates will be given equal chances to speak and will begin with a five minute presentation.

RAMAUTARSINGH

Mr. Ramautarsingh said the Trillium Party, a newly formed youth party in Halton-Burlington may participate.

At press time, Mr. Ramautarsingh said he still had not been able to contact the NDP candidate for confirmation on his attendance. The Liberal and PC candidates have agreed to the meeting.

Student job office opens

Looking for a summer job? The Canada Youth Employment Centre has opened its doors this week at 7 James St. in Georgetown. Supervisor Jo-Anne Lockhard welcomes you to come in for some job hunting tips between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Acton hours will be set soon for the Centre, she says.

You can call her at 877-6611. Employers are also invited to call in with jobs.

Councillors' slow-pitch

Councillors may be throwing their weight around this summer if they get together a team to take part in a Slo Pitch tournament.

The baseball game is to be held in June, Coun. Dave Whiting said. He was checking the level of enthusiasm around the town council chamber Monday night for such a game.

The council team requires three women players, but there are only two women councillors, as Coun. Pam Sheldon noted.

"We'd have to borrow some," Coun. Whiting said. "I'll even practise," Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson volunteered.

Meeting on United Way

Do you want to know more about the possibility of a United Way in Halton Hills? A meeting April 24 will present a study that looked into the feasibility of a United Way for this area.

The meeting is at Stewarttown Public School and starts at 7:30 p.m.

The study is from the Voluntary Funding Assessment Committee which was established in the spring of 1983 to determine if there's a need for a United Way in Halton Hills.

Sign will remain

A sign reading "you are now entering an anti-drinking and driving community" will be allowed to stay up for its life expectancy of 18 to 24 months.

At the Wednesday April 3 Regional Council meeting it was approved that the sign put up by the Halton Hills Anti-Drinking and Driving Committee can stay up for its life expectancy. A request for the sign to be allowed on a permanent basis was denied.

Cancer drive collects most in donations

By ANI PEDIERIAN Herald Staff

When it comes to donations, the big bucks go to the Cancer Society, according to a recent survey of 500 townspeople and 112 local businesses.

Pennock and Pennock found 82 per cent of local residents gave to the Cancer Society and 66 per cent of businesses they polled.

In both groups, the Cancer Society was the most popular recipient of donations, followed by the Heart Fund, Red Cross, and the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

Donations had been made within the last year by 91 per cent of townspeople surveyed.

Almost 19 per cent of donations were less than \$25 and 17 per cent were between \$26 and \$50. A large number of respondents, 34 per cent, didn't divulge the amount of their donations.

As for businesses, 25 per cent gave between \$301 and \$500 in donations.

Although 18 per cent of the businesses in the survey were subsidiaries of companies located outside of Halton Hills, 89 per cent of them reported they had the authority to make decisions about charitable donations.

The total amount of business donations was \$93,174 including a sizeable donation of \$18,000 by one firm.

Silver Creek worried about water supply

Proposal for 16 homes

By ANI PEDIERIAN Herald Staff

Adding 16 new homes to the area may jeopardize the water supply currently enjoyed by Silver Creek residents.

That was the concern voiced by several Trafalgar Road and Sideroad 27 neighbors of a proposed residential development, Monday night.

About 25 neighbors turned up at a public meeting held by the town for comments on the

Rostrevor Developments Limited proposal.

The company wants to build 16 single-family estate homes on a cul-de-sac road northeast of existing homes in the area.

According to the town's Official Plan, the 34 acres are designated "rural cluster" and non-farm residential development is encouraged there.

Under the Niagara Escarpment Commission Plan, Silver Creek is

recognized as a "minor urban centre" which also permits such development.

Resident Helen Angel wanted to know when the ground water assessment of the property had been done.

"In early summer when we're flooding or in the fall when there's no extra water?" she asked.

Town planner Bruce MacLean said the region's preliminary assessment had shown

there was sufficient ground water, but that detailed testing would be required before the building of the homes was approved.

"Right now I'm on a well. I don't have to pay for water. If we have to find water for us in the future, we shouldn't have to pay for it," Ms. Angel said.

"What's going to happen to us who've lived here, and who's going to pay for it? Water's our main concern," Gail MacKenzie, a Sideroad 27 resident said. "We're not guaranteed by what you're saying tonight. I'm worried."

Mr. MacLean said the region's health department is required to issue a certificate indicating the quantity and quality of water available on the site before the homes can go up.

The hydrologist's report for the region was only a preliminary one that showed water was

available, allowing further studies to be undertaken, he explained.

Vi Aseroft, a Sideroad 27 resident said her property is much lower than the property to be developed.

"What happens if my well becomes contaminated with this (subdivision's) septic system?" she asked.

Mr. MacLean said the region would be conducting further studies which will look at contamination of adjacent wells.

"Not really much of a guarantee is it?" she commented.

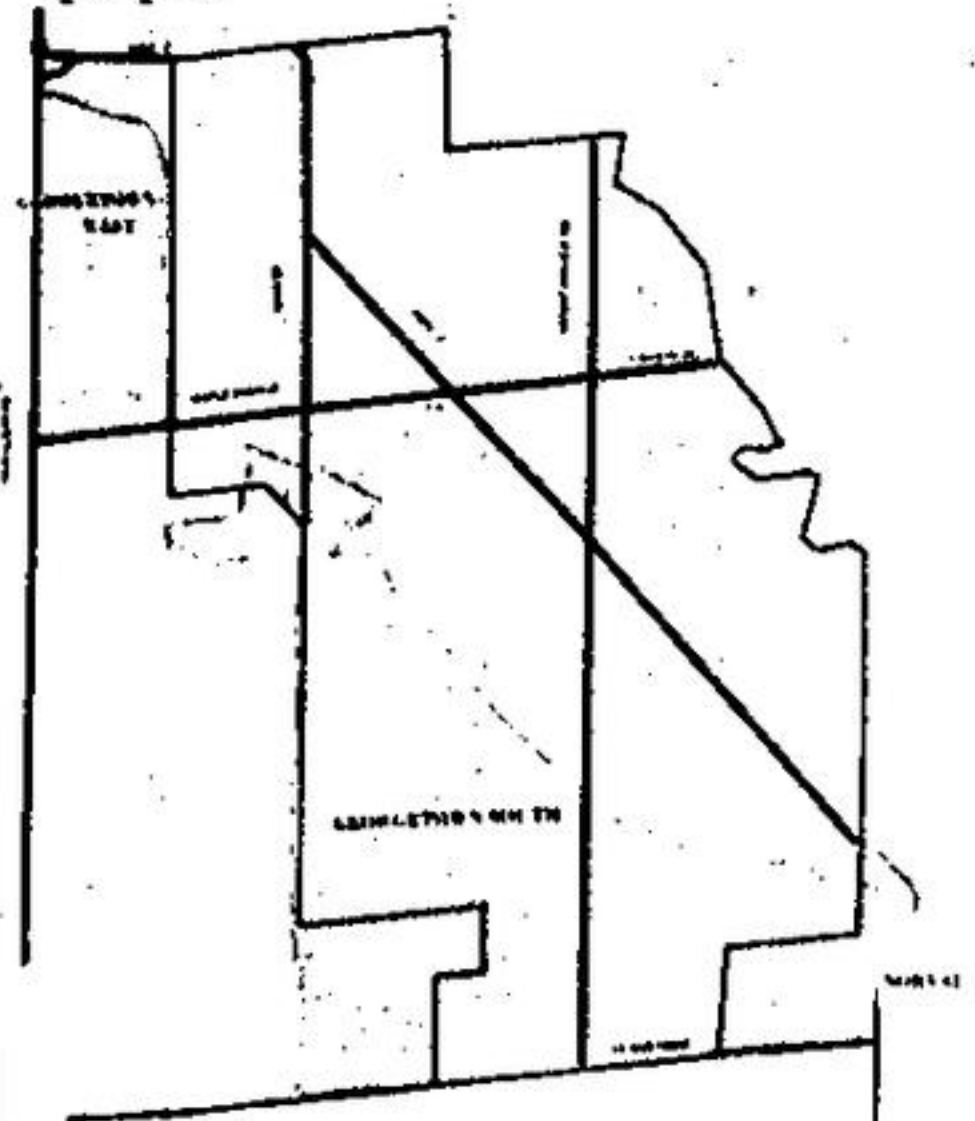
"There are no absolute guarantees in life," Mr. MacLean said.

He said individual wells are being proposed for the new homes. Mr. MacLean explained that comments aired Monday night and any written submissions Continued on Page A3

Town plans for 14,850 new residents

By ANI PEDIERIAN Herald Staff
Considerable urban development is anticipated for Georgetown, and that's why town planners introduced the Georgetown Secondary Plans Monday night.

The plans for Georgetown West and South look at expanding the current urban boundaries of the town to make homes for another 14,850 people.



This map indicates where the Georgetown urban boundary will expand to. The shaded areas represent the southern and western extensions.

Westward expansion not an easy task

By ANI PEDIERIAN Herald Staff

Expanding the urban boundary in Georgetown West isn't going to be easy.

There are limits to development in that area, which were identified Monday night in the town's Georgetown West Secondary Plan.

A major constraint to development is the CNR tracks which bisect the area in a north-south direction and which comprise the northern boundary.

Georgetown west is bounded by Maple Avenue on the southeast, Trafalgar Road on the southwest, the CNR tracks on the northwest and the boundary of the former Town of Georgetown on the northeast.

There are 39 trains travelling between Guelph and Halton, which vary from two cars to one and a half miles in length on these tracks.

The trains create noise, break up residential subdivisions and require safety precautions.

Also imposing limitations to development are the floodplains and the steep slopes in the area.

These two watercourses and adjacent woodlots make scenic surroundings for residential development.

By then, the population of Georgetown is expected to be 40,000, with the existing urban area being home to 22,550, and the hamlets of Stewarttown, Glen Williams and Norval home to 2,600.

Town planner Bruce MacLean explained there is no time frame set for this growth, but that when the population tallies 40,000, the Plans will have matured and it will be time to look at Georgetown's future again, and make new Plans.

However, much of this anticipated development hinges on expanding the capacity of the sewage treatment plant and increasing the town's water supply.

If these two regional services aren't upped, there'll be a significant limitation in the ability of the town to accommodate new urban growth, planning Director Ian Keith spelled out in a report accompanying the Plans.

There is a reserve capacity in the sewage treatment plant of approximately 357,900 gallons a day, or enough for 784 new homes.

The region is looking to developers for the money to expand Georgetown's sewage capacity.

The Georgetown Secondary Plans have taken two and a half years to prepare. They generally conform to and implement the goals, policies and land use designations of the Halton Hills Official Plan, but in greater detail.

Where is Georgetown West? It's bounded by Maple Avenue on the southeast, Trafalgar Road on the southwest, the northernmost CNR tracks on the northwest and the municipal boundary of the former Town of Georgetown on the northeast. It's approximately 266 acres large.

Georgetown South is bounded by Silver Creek and Black Creek on the north, Eighth Line (Main Street) and the hamlet of Stewarttown on the west, Sideroads 10 and 15 on the south and Tenth Line on the east. It includes an area north of Silver Creek bounded by Hall Road and Guelph Street (Highway 7).

Upon councillors' approval this week, a single public meeting will be held May 21 on the Plans for Georgetown's South and West areas.

The Plans provide for a population of 12,250 people in Georgetown South and 2,600 in Georgetown West.



DRESSED TO THRILL
You can tell that these models at the Hospital Auxiliary fashion show Wednesday were having a good time. They stopped for a picture at intermission during the show at Holy Cross Auditorium. Four different downtown shops took part in the show, including the designs of high school student Ryan Roberts. (Herald photo)

Day care before school

By ROBIN BAKEWELL Herald Staff

Daycare facilities in north Halton elementary schools may be available this fall if the north Halton YMCAs can obtain school space.

Jim Sykes of the Hamilton-Burlington YMCA presented a brief to the Halton Board of Education outlining the "YMCA First Base Program".

First Base is a government licensed daycare program for children

aged 3 to 10, developed and delivered by the YMCA.

Children are cared for from 7 a.m. until the beginning of school and after classes have finished till 6 p.m. Full day-care service is provided on holidays and during the summer if needed.

Offered at schools in and around the Toronto and Hamilton areas, the YMCA estimates the cost at about \$1.60 per hour for the parents. Mr. Sykes said the

program would be run at no cost to the board and if they occurred through unusual circumstances the YMCA would pick them up.

Trustees called for input from the Principals Association citing that the principal is responsible for what goes on in his school.

The proposal is expected to return to the board when trustees will decide whether to approve in principle the use of school space by the YMCA.

TED NEVER STOPS

25 years of community work

By ROBIN BAKEWELL Herald Staff

Ed (Ted) Gorth says he doesn't know whether he adopted the town, or the town adopted him.

Arriving in Georgetown 25 years ago, within the first year he became co-chairman of a campaign to raise money for the Sunshine School for Retarded in Hornby. From that beginning he has been active in volunteer work in Halton Hills ever since.

Previous living in St. Catharines, Mr. Gorth said someone in Halton Hills had been talking to a St. Catharines resident and found out he was very community-minded.

It wasn't long before Mr. Gorth became involved with the same kind of education groups, churches, community



TED GORTH

affairs and volunteer work he had been associated with in St. Catharines.

"I guess my reputation followed me up here," the early retiree said. Mr. Gorth is presently active in the Cancer Society, Red Cross, the Care and Calling

Committee of St. George's Anglican Church, the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and is Bill Smith's right hand man in the Bill Smith Invitational Golf Tournament for the Cancer Society.

Spending the last few years as chairman of the professional canvass for the Red Cross campaign Mr. Gorth said he is also an occasional driver for the organization.

He is treasurer with the Georgetown Cancer Society and makes weekly driving trips into Toronto as part of his volunteer services for the society.

Mr. Gorth does not stop helping the elderly and needy through those two outlets but also provides rides for shopping and medical appointments and spends time calling on sick parishio-

ners with the Care and Calling Committee at St. George's.

"So many men in my age bracket are at loose ends," Mr. Gorth said when asked about what he might do with his time if he was not involved with volunteer work.

"You can only cut so much grass. I certainly couldn't see myself sitting in a pub all day. I just hope my good health continues so I can keep involved," he said.

Spending between 15 to 18 hours a week on volunteer work Mr. Gorth said he gets a lot of self satisfaction in being able to help others in some small way.

Labelling himself as "people oriented" Mr. Gorth said his wife, Viola, has been very understanding in the hours he has spent helping others.