

What's Morley 'up' to?



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Georgetown bowlers win silver medal

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Rev. Boyles in the USSR

Rev. Jim Boyles was a part of a 28 member ecumenical study group that recently spent 14 days in the USSR. See Family B1.

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Moral obligation to support teachers

By ROBIN BAKEWELL
Halton Hills trustee Dick Howitt thinks the Halton Board of Education has a moral obligation to look out for the welfare of its teachers.

The comment came



WALLY BEEVOR

when the board was discussing a possible reduction in teaching staff as a result of extended funding to the Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

Senior administrators from the Halton Board of



DICK HOWITT

Education and the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board have come up with a series of guidelines to administer the impact on staff.

Mr. Howitt said with the lack of legislation and direction from the province the Halton and Separate School boards should be commended on trying to reach an agreement on the transfer of teachers.

A major concern with the guidelines is a portion dealing with retirement funds.

Superintendent of employee services Rae Stoness said the issue is if transferring teachers from the Halton Board of

Education carry any rights with them to the RCSSB.

"Potential liabilities should be assumed by the board who accepts the teachers," he said.

Stating it was not a purely local matter Mr. Stoness said the best place for a decision is at the provincial level and the two boards have asked the Planning and Implementation Commission.

Director of education Wally Beevor said both boards agree the retirement issue cannot be finalized locally.

"We've got to go forward. If teachers are going to be transferred we've got to know how to go about it," he said.



SCRUM SCAMPERS

Rugby players from Georgetown District and Acton High Schools furiously go at it in their exhibition match played at the Acton High football field last week. Neither team in this senior match-up could score in the game, which ended in a 0-0 tie. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

Ferris wheel accident

Police won't lay charges

By ROBIN BAKEWELL
Herald Staff

According to Sergeant Roy Smith there will be no charges stemming from the Georgetown ferris wheel accident, April 19.

Halton regional police have finished their investigation into the matter

which sent a 44 year old Georgetown resident and his five year old son plunging 25 feet to the ground.

Sgt. Smith said there is no legislation covering that type of incident and said as far as the police are concerned it is a civil case.

Sgt. Tom Johnson said

the investigation is now in front of the crown prosecutor's office who will ultimately decide whether charges should be laid.

He said it was his own personal opinion that no charges would be laid. Linda O'Leary, a spokesman from Con-

sumer and Commercial Relations said the ministry had prepared an issue report which just went over the basics of the accident.

She said it was difficult for the ministry to do anything because there is no legislation covering safety aspects of amusement rides.

United Way finds backers

Herald Staff
With study results completed, it was up to those attending a meeting last Wednesday whether Halton Hills would have a United Way.

The idea wasn't rejected by an audience of about 60 who were invited to attend a public meeting to discuss a United Way for the town. A 15 member committee was formed after a study group presented their findings.

The committee will now work towards establishing a United Way campaign in Halton Hills.

Consultant Mike Pennock explained the purpose of a recent study in Halton Hills was to gauge how much money could be raised compared to other communities.

The study was also responsible for finding out how the public feels about a United Way, he said.

On a per capita basis, Halton Hills could raise about \$5, for a potential \$170,000 in a fund-raising drive, he said.

In a survey it was

found that people in Halton Hills are donating \$55,000 to other United Way drives in Peel and Toronto where they work.

Excluding the Cancer Society and Red Cross, agencies and charities in the area now raise about \$26,000.

Of the 'decided' respondents questioned



MIKE PENNOCK

in a survey, 67 per cent favored a United Way in Halton Hills while 21 per cent said they didn't want it, Mr. Pennock said.

Of the businesses surveyed, the larger firms preferred the status quo, but the smaller firms like the

idea of a United Way, he said.

Mr. Pennock said the audience had a series of options to choose from: - continue on as present - Halton Hills could become a part of a regional United Way (now in Burlington, Oakville and Milton) - form an independent local unit of the United Way

- a combination of the last two options by starting as an independent United Way, but continue to discuss the establishment of a regional organization - have a federated fundraising group without a United Way being officially formulated.

The Acton Red Cross were the only agency who came right out and stated their opposition to the formation of a United Way.

Those specifically stating their support were from the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, Acton Information and Social Services and the Victorian Order of Nurses, Halton branch.

Moderator Ron Chatten encouraged those who

ABOUT THE HILLS

Child dies in accident

A 2 1/2-year-old Acton child died Wednesday after being struck by a vehicle near her home. Melissa Johnston darted in front of a vehicle driven by an Acton resident April 23 at about 6 p.m. She was rushed to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital with serious injuries and was transferred by air ambulance to the Hospital for Sick Children.

There were no charges laid by Halton regional police and Sergeant Gary Bogue said "the driver did everything humanly possible to avoid the accident."

Correction

In last week's Herald, a story on the Stevens property said town councillors were planning to delay the building of a road through the property to 1987.

Actually, only the architectural designs for a new administration building were delayed to 1987 in the town's five year forecast.

Councillors left the 1986 forecast to build the road as it was in their report. The Herald regrets the error.

YES green light

Young people 15 to 24 years old will be able to get help in landing a job from a new YMCA program.

The Youth Employment Service (YES) got the green light to operate in Halton Hills and Milton from the Ontario Youth Secretariat.

The new service will be starting up June 1 in the two municipalities.

For unemployed youth, there'll be in-depth personalized employment counselling, pre-employment training, help in job placement, on-going follow-up and support on the job.

The service has done well in other regions, where it has been in operation since 1969.

Local businesses are invited to provide opportunities to YES youth. For more information, call 877-8297.

QUICK ON THE SCENE



A barn that wasn't in use could have easily been demolished if it hadn't been for the quick response of the Halton Hills firefighters Thursday. A shed attached to the main structure caught fire

and was threatening to engulf the entire barn. The barn is located on Highway 7 across from Vito's Produce just east of Slideroad 22.

(Herald photo)

Election countdown

Candidates fight for undecided vote

By DAVE ROWNEY
Herald Staff

Across Halton-Burlington riding, none of the candidates are resting easy as the May 2 election looms near.

Still active pounding the pavement and pressing plans, the three major candidates, Peter Pomeroy, Don Knight and Doug Hamilton will face the electorate tomorrow night.

Progressive Conservative Peter Pomeroy admits he's lost about six pounds through all his door knocking. Liberal Don Knight has been stretching his 16 hour days into 20 hour days during the past week.

NDP Doug Hamilton is thankful for his team of volunteers who have been able to get material out to the voters in a

riding spread out across a large area.

Though each of the candidates are quietly confident of their chances election night, neutral observers are calling for a close contest in Halton-Burlington.

History would seem to support that notion. Last time around, in 1981, Liberal incumbent Julian Reed won the riding by a scant 518 votes.

In the 1977 election Mr. Reed outdistanced his PC opponent by 3,698 ballots.

With a high profile candidate in Peter Pomeroy, the present Halton Regional Chairman, the Conservatives are hoping a 10 year PC drought will be ended in the riding.

However, the Liberals have been running hard

with candidate Mr. Knight, a Milton town councillor who has focussed his campaign on toxic waste and his representation.

Both provincial parties have indicated they are targeting their chances heavily on the riding, believing it's both within their reach. Premier Frank Miller has visited the riding twice (once just before the election was called), while Liberal leader David Peterson was in Milton Friday mainstreeting. NDP leader Bob Rae was in Milton two weeks ago supporting Doug Hamilton.

All candidates have acknowledged there are many undecided voters who have yet to come forward to show their colors.

Don Knight puts the

undecided figure at about 50 per cent in the riding on Saturday. Doug Hamilton says he's seen more residents change their mind in the latter stages of the campaign.

The NDP candidate predicts he will take a big chunk of the vote away from Mr. Pomeroy and from Mr. Knight.

In 1981 the NDP had 3,500 votes compared to the PCs' 12,877 and Liberals' 13,395. In 1975 the New Democrats took 6,567 votes which has been their best showing in the past ten years.

As Mr. Hamilton says: "Right now, the election is almost too close to call. It's a matter of who can get the vote out to the ballot box and who stays home," he said.

The NDP candidate



DOUG HAMILON

says he hasn't witnessed a lot of growth from residential lawn signs, indicating the momentum isn't with any one political party.

Here's a summary of the three major candidates and their campaigns as they wind down their efforts:

PETER POMEROY: Mr. Pomeroy said he is

"most satisfied" with the campaign his riding association has mustered. As the Progressive Conservative representative, Mr. Pomeroy has tried to run a positive campaign, he said.

One of the highlights of the campaign has been to witness the flurry of activity and commitment shown by his workers across the riding, he said.

The campaign was run on a positive platform, keying on his nine years experience as a politician and his life-long residency in the riding, Mr. Pomeroy said.

The campaign didn't attempt to sell the people on fancy programs, he said.

Education was the top issue in the riding follow-



PETER POMEROY

ed closely by toxic waste, Mr. Pomeroy said.

Thursday night the PCs in Halton-Burlington met at a rally in Acton for their campaign workers and to hear Mr. Pomeroy speak. They also watched Premier Frank Miller in a televised visit with Prime Minister Brian

Mulroney. He was happy with his showing at the all-candidates meetings, feeling that his performance in Milton April 22 was the best of the meetings.

DON KNIGHT:

Mr. Knight ended his last week with a special edition four page paper called the "Liberal Times" which was sent to households. In Georgetown Sunday he was putting up lawn signs around roadways to attract motorists' attention.

He calls the election campaign for the Liberals in the riding successful as far as voter reaction to his candidacy is concerned.

Campaign manager Ron Clark says Mr. Knight won the debates he entered at the all-



DON KNIGHT

candidates meetings. The highlight of the campaign for Mr. Clark was in Georgetown April 23 when Mr. Pomeroy told Mr. Knight to leave the province at the all-candidates meeting.

"It exemplified the attitude of the Conservatives and their insensitivity to the concerns,"

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