

ABOUT THE HILLS

300 dogs compete

Catch the excitement of golden retriever dogs working out on Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23 when the Golden Retriever Club of Canada hosts its National Specialty Show and Obedience Trials at Cold Creek Conservation Area, near Bolton.

Almost 300 dogs from across Canada, including British Columbia and the Maritimes, and from the northeastern United States, have entered the trials.

Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, the retrievers will compete in field and water retrieving events as part of the working certificate and excellence tests.

For information, phone 661-6600.

Filtration clean-up

Regional councillors are expected to approve \$4,500 today (Wednesday) to put clean pea gravel for filtration at the Water Pollution Control Plant in Acton.

Originally \$100,000 was estimated to replace the entire filter bed at the plant. However, it's only going to cost \$35,000 now, thanks to investigation of cheaper ways of upgrading what the region had.

Water is purified through a three step process at the Acton plant, which is a unique system in North America.

The three treatment refining is required by the Ministry of the Environment because of the size of Black Creek.

Open air service

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald Correspondent

BALLINAFAD - The children enjoyed their story at the church service Sunday told by Dr. Bandy.

The junior choir delighted all with an anthem, before going down to join classes at Sunday School.

Mr. Tooby assisted the minister by reading part of the scripture lesson.

Next Sunday, June 23 will be the open air service and picnic at the Schwarz home on Trafalgar Road. The service will be at 11:45.

Scotsdale open house

Your comments are invited July 3 at an open house at Scotsdale Farm in Ballinafad.

Seans and Russell Consultants are going to present the options they're seriously considering for use of the 540 acres bequeathed to the Ontario Heritage Foundation three years ago when Stewart and Letty Bennett died.

The open house begins at 7 p.m.

Musical charity

A band called "Convention" is doing their part to help aid homeless families hit by a killer tornado.

The Georgetown group is holding a concert June 28 at the John Elliott Theatre starting at 8 p.m. A portion of the ticket price will be donated to the May 31 tornado victims.

The Convention plays a variety of music, including songs from Elvis Presley, April Wine and the Beatles. For ticket information call 877-9293 or 877-6875.

Child's fort burns

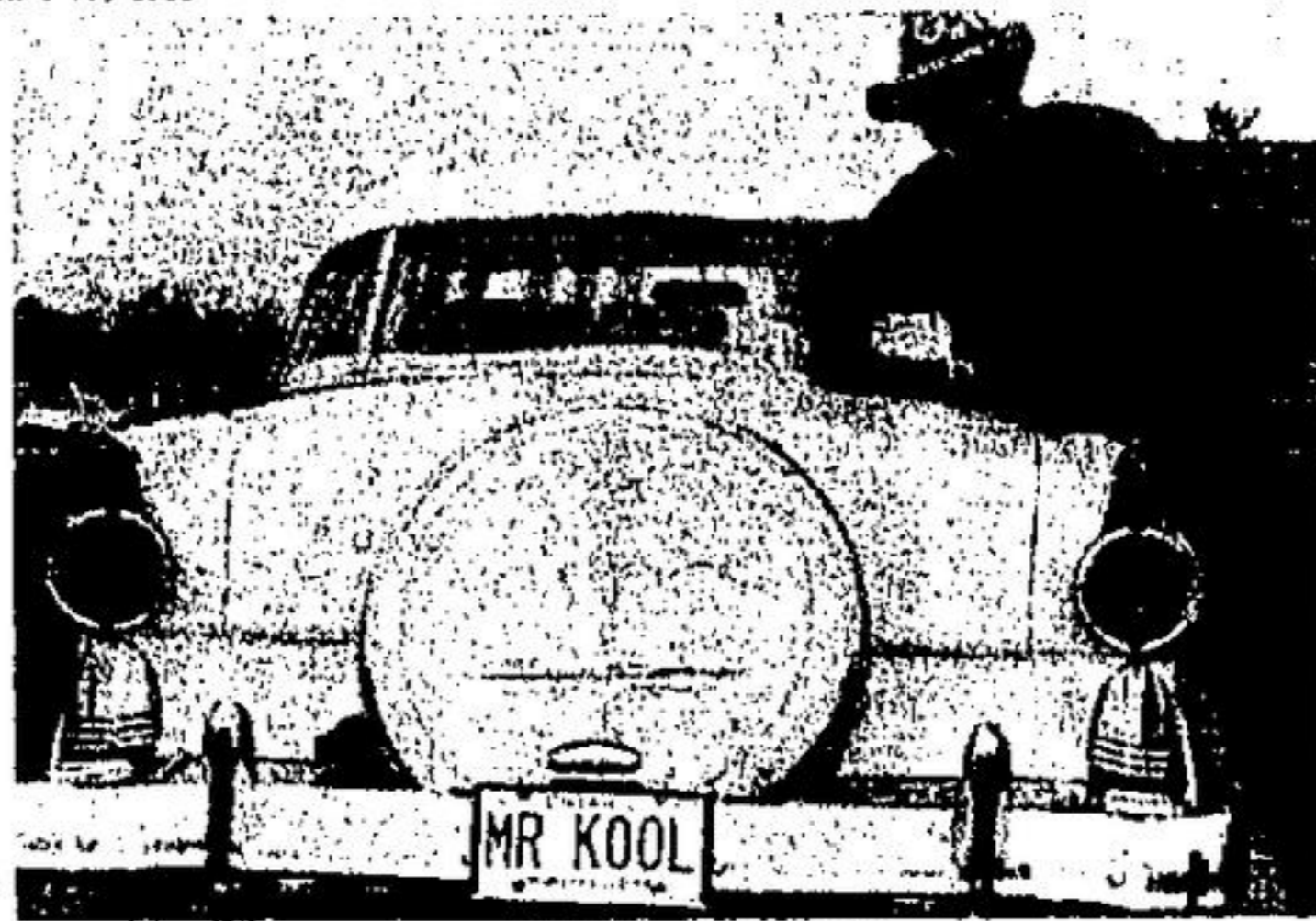
A children's fort made of skids and plywood behind the Norval Community Centre burned down on June 15. Children are suspected of starting the fire.

Protect Your Child

Citizens Against Violent Pornography released a pamphlet warning parents about children being sexually abused.

The pamphlet is called *Protect Your Child* and is available at the Georgetown Library, the Parks and Recreational Office and at local merchants.

Included in the pamphlet are facts about sexually abused children, facts telling how children become involved in such abuse and how to avoid such involvement. It also addresses where concerned parents can write for more information or to protest.



JOE KOOL

This car has seen a lot of miles. Owned by Paul Brenner of Kitchener, this 1956 Ford Meteor Niagara was one of the 100 show cars taking part Sunday in the competition organized by the Halton Hills Street Machines. Mr. Brenner said he spent four years working on the vehicle. Along with a plush off white interior and a cruiser skirt which covers its back wheels, the Canadian made car has dice for door locks.

Schools jump for Heart fund sponsors

Herald Staff

Public school students jumped for prizes and charity in a fun inter-school competition to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

Students collected pledges for a two hour jump event held during the past six weeks. The fundraising event organized by the Jump Rope for Heart volunteer committee combines the opportunity to exercise, and win prizes.

Depending upon how much money is raised, students may receive prizes ranging from speed skipping ropes to warm-up suits. In addition, five per cent

of all money raised goes to the school.

On the day of the Jump Event participants skip for two hours and collect money for each minute of skipping.

The informal competition between schools ended with Stewarttown Senior Public School on top, raising \$7,136. Howard Wrigglesworth finished second raising \$5,388. Followed by St. Joseph's of Acton with \$3,529, Park Public School with \$3,399, Glen Williams Public School with \$3,313 and Centennial Public School with \$2,074.

The total amount raised was \$25,200.34.

Acton students plan their own newspaper

Herald Special Residents will be greeted with a new approach to news in the near future when the Acton Voice comes off the presses.

The new newspaper is being established and manned by university students. Paul Nolan, Bob Little and Dahlia Gibson and sports editor Tony Saxon are all Acton natives.

Right now The Voice is expected to be on the street next week but Mr. Nolan is not certain whether it will appear on Wednesday or Friday.

It is to be a tabloid and will have an Acton perspective to its coverage although it will look at the surrounding area too.

Mr. Nolan said he came up with the idea last summer but too late to tackle such a project. He researched the pro-

spects with some advice from his professors last year and determined to start the paper this year.

An English and political science student at the University of Western Ontario, Mr. Nolan said he would like to complete his university degree but is planning to stay with the paper if it goes as well as he anticipates.

Community and business support for the plan has been good, Mr. Nolan said.

Mr. Nolan said he sees the paper as a big challenge. Acton has not had even an attempt to establish a new paper in 100 years.

Mr. Nolan worked for the local weekly as a high school student and during his first summer after entering university.

Quality is very important to the paper's staff,

although Mr. Nolan quickly admits they want to make money too. He feels Acton is still a small enough town to be able to support a truly community newspaper.

While Mr. Nolan would like to have the paper printed in town, it will not be possible since there are no facilities to meet their needs.

—Courtesy
Guelph Mercury

Help on the way for leaking Acton dump

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

What the old Acton dump is burping up, the region wants to collect and treat at its nearby water pollution control plant.

A \$9,700 study undertaken over the past year of the former sanitary landfill site notes a number of leachate seeps have developed on the southerly part of the dump, some of them going into the marshy area between the landfill and Black Creek.

Leachate is snow or rain water that has percolated through the ground to become part of the water table. In a landfill site, the water goes down through the garbage and picks up the characteristics of the decomposing matter.

However, because there's often some kind of liner below the garbage, usually clay, the leachate doesn't get through. In Acton's case, some of that leachate is coming up the sides of the landfill into the marshy area about a half kilometer south of the dump.

The dump is west of Churchill Road, between the CP railway and the region's water pollution plant. It hasn't been used for 10 years, having been closed shortly after regionalization in 1974.

Regional staff are concerned about the leachate that's spilling into the marshy area to the south that leads into Black Creek. Black Creek is a cold-water fishery that's in the Credit River watershed.

"They'd like to collect the leachate and have it treated at the water pollution control plant."

Regional staff have recommended \$15,000 be spent to build an earth berm and surface drainage channels to collect the leachate for treatment. The money is in the region's 1985 capital budget for this.

"With approval, the berm's to go up this summer," waste disposal manager George Woodburn said. Council-

ors are expected to give the okay today (Wednesday).

As well, he's recommending the leachate be studied this year and the gas and water level on the site monitored during December, January and February. The study costs \$7,700

and the monitoring program \$3,600.

The region will be applying for provincial grants to help pay for these studies.

The berm is to be at the crest of the landfill to redirect runoff. It'll cut down on erosion and reduce infiltration of the

leachate into Black Creek.

As for the contaminated water being burped up, it's to be studied in detail by the province before being treated at the water pollution control plant.

Methane gas buildup researched by region

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

There could be accumulations of methane gas under the Churchill Road apartment buildings northwest of the former Acton dump.

What's dangerous about methane when it collects underground is that it could concentrate to a point where the pressure becomes explosive.

The region's waste disposal manager George Woodburn told The Herald the region's concerned about the migration of methane gas from the old landfill, used in the 1960s and early 1970s for residential, commercial and industrial solid waste.

"We fear it (gas) could concentrate itself under the apartment," Mr. Woodburn said. "That's why gas monitoring is already taking place in the vicinity of the apartment buildings,"

he said.

Already, garbage has been found buried to the east and northwest of the landfill, in areas the region believed to be "off-site."

Mr. Woodburn said he didn't know if the Churchill Road apartments were built on the landfill.

"That general area had refuse placed in it in the past," he said. "We're not certain that they're not built on the landfill."

The waste disposal manager said there were no engineering drawings indicating the exact site, to his knowledge.

Considering the proximity of buildings to the former landfill, regional staff are recommending gas be monitored by Gartner Lee Associates Limited for \$3,600.


"You don't want it to accumulate and concentrate to a point where it could become explosive," Mr. Woodburn said.

Money left over

Cleaning out its pockets, the region's public works department has found \$15,781, money left over, after it put up traffic signals at the Mountainview Road and Campbell Gate intersection two years ago.

It's also discovered an extra \$2,042 left over after intersection improvements were made at the same Georgetown location.

Today (Wednesday), the region is asking these monies be used for traffic signals at the Trafalgar Road and Sheridan College entrance in Oakville.



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