



HONOR GUARD

An honor guard made up of fire fighters from across the region were present last Tuesday (August 6) for former Georgetown fire chief Jack

Cunningham's funeral. Mr. Cunningham was 70. He joined the fire department in 1941 and was the chief between 1969 and 1973.

Halton Hills school reps

Trustees may be reduced in region's assessment

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald Special

Halton Hills residents will know today or tomorrow morning if they are to lose a public and separate school board trustee in the next municipal election.

Halton Region clerk David Varley is refusing to comment until then on reports the town will lose one public trustee and its shared separate school trustee because of shifts in the region's assessment.

The Wednesday decision is to confirm figures quoted last week by a Burlington newspaper which suggest shifts in assessment in the region require giving Oakville another seat on the public school board and taking away the separate trustee on the public board which Halton Hills currently shares with Milton.

Mr. Varley also said he

was dismayed work-sheets containing the figures have been released to the public before he has been able to confirm them with his counterparts in Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills.

Halton Board of Education chairman Betty Fisher said the board only learned about the possible change last week.

Although the Education Act specifies the way representation is worked out, the proposed change will mean a greatly increased workload for trustees in the north, she said.

Local councils, she said, will have to decide how the trustees are elected, explaining they could divide the town so that each trustee represents certain wards or they could lump all the wards together and have two trustees elected by all voters.

Mrs. Fisher was first elected to represent the Acton and Esquesing areas, changing later to her current position as the representative for Georgetown when a third trustee was added to the north for the last election.

Mrs. Fisher said even if representation from north Halton is reduced, residents will have to rely on trustees from other areas to be non-parochial in defending their interests.

Acton, Georgetown and the former Esquesing Township, she said, are three distinct communities with their own needs and the remaining trustees will face a heavy demand in meeting those needs on their own.

Mr. Varley would not comment on how separate school ratepayers in Milton and Halton Hills will be represented on the board if their trustee is shifted to Oakville.

Under the Education Act, separate school supporters sending their children to public high schools, elect a trustee to represent their special interests.

Mr. Varley added he does not know yet what the future of these positions will be when full high school funding is extended to the Catholic systems.

Representation on the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board will not change in the north, Mr. Varley said, although it is possible a seat may be shifted between Oakville and Burlington.

Courtesy
Guelph Mercury

Blockage by train concerns Bonnette

Herald Staff
What does a town do when it's sliced in half by a freight train?

Coun. Rick Bonnette told council he was concerned about a train that stopped Friday in Acton for longer than 15 minutes blocking all east-west traffic.

Coun. Bonnette wanted to know what would have happened had there been an emergency. He asked

if the town had a contingency plan for such a situation.

Apparently the police weren't notified by the Canadian National Railways when the train stopped and this should have been done, he said.

Coun. Bonnette said the freight had trouble with two of the four engines. "I'd like to find out if there is a way of

breaking the train," he said.

Coun. Dave Whiting said he empathized with Coun. Bonnette because, as a police officer he was in a situation when a train had blocked a roadway in an emergency.

Coun. Bonnette felt the CNR should be notified of the incident and a contingency plan be looked into.

No one's pushing agency into site

Herald Special
The local Social Service and Information Centre won't be pushed into a new home at the Old Stone School against the board's wishes.

So says Coun. Rick Bonnette, adding he feels it is unfortunate the centre board feels pressured at all.

Last week members of the centre's board of directors said they felt the town was pushing them into taking a new home in the Old Stone School, which the town owns.

The building in which the centre is currently located on the town's main street is for sale.

"No one's pushing as

far as I'm concerned," he said. "I raised the idea in January or February and the region was supposed to do a study on it, but they never did. In April it came out that they might possibly be going to buy the building the centre is in."

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Psychic reponse

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Thank you, Donna from G.T.

Dear Donna,

I can understand your indecision because you are a very talented person but I really don't see any reason for this concern. You will be working close to home for the next two years and then into your own business one year after. Make this your goal as you are too independent to work for others. Pursue this, don't procrastinate.
Good luck, Carole

Rockwood invitation

The Hon. Lily Munro, Minister of Citizenship and Culture, and John White, Chairman, Ontario Heritage Foundation, invite the public to attend an informal ceremony on the grounds of The Rockwood Academy, Highway 7, Rockwood, at 5 p.m. Aug. 14.

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The garage at Lot 21 and Concession 5 owned by Nick Bos was used as a parts depot for lift trucks and tow motors. The fire is believed to have started by lightning.

Grass fires

Two grass fires broke out Saturday at a lot on Highway 7 and Winston Churchill Boulevard at 2:50 p.m. and 3:36 p.m. The first fire was caused by a rubbish fire.

Inside out

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