

Letters to the Editor

Ross Knechtel quitting politics

Dear Sir:
In a little over two months, we will be electing new councillors for the next three years. I have given a lot of thought to the possibility of being a candidate for area councillor in this election.

In the last little while it has been difficult for me to devote as much time as I think the position requires. For this and other reasons, I have decided not to be a candidate in this election. The citizens of Acton have chosen me as a

councillor for the past seven years. For this, I am thankful and I hope that my efforts on their behalf have been of real benefit to them.

Sincerely,
J. Ross Knechtel
Coun. Ward 1

Trafalgar Rd. called 'unsafe'

Dear Sir,
Re: Project "Score With Safety".

We, the seven undersigned members of our 4-H Club, and our Leaders, participated in a project called "Score With Safety", which is organized and sponsored by the Rural Organizations Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

At our seventh meeting on July 22, a resolution was made to contribute actively to the safety of our community, as suggested in our Achievement program i.e.: Identify a danger in your community and with your council's approval, clean it up, or lobby for your council to clean it up or repair it etc.

In this regard, we would like to bring to your attention the sub-standard condition of Regional Road 3, i.e. - the four kilometer stretch of Trafalgar Road between Silvercreek on the south, and Ballinafad on the north. These are the only four out of 68 kilometers of Trafalgar Road reaching from Oakville to High-

way 9 in Wellington County, that have not been altered or adjusted from the original corduroy road at the turn of the century.

About 20 years ago, a curve was straightened out, and the paving has been patched frequently, but never have the dangerous hills been levelled out, nor sufficient shoulder space been added to accommodate today's traffic.

The numerous accidents caused by the condition of these four kilometers of Trafalgar Road should be of interest to the car insurance companies, who have had to pay out the claims for extensive damage to vehicles and, in two cases, the loss of lives.

On August 4, in front of the property of two of our members, an accident occurred due to the lack of shoulder space. A car was pushed off the pavement by a speeding car that followed too closely, sheared off two mailboxes and ended up in the opposite ditch, with total damage of \$3,500.

Now, our parents won't let us ride our bicycles until there are

shoulders to do it on. Two of our members, who are licensed drivers, have to drive this stretch of road every day, and we are concerned about their safety, and the safety of the general public. Police records show the abnormal amount of mishaps on our road, specifically in the winter with icy conditions.

Not one of the members of regional council, who is empowered by the voters of Halton Hills to make decisions about OUR road, lives here: they are not forced to drive along this road, nor to have their young people endangered by the condition of this road.

We, the members of the Ballinafad 4-H Club, would like to invite the honorable members of council, to meet us on Labor Day, Sept. 2, 1985, at 1700 hr. at the top of "Bennett's Hill" (the only place possible to stop and park off the road) and walk a mile along the road with us, to experience, first hand, what we have to live with.

Dear Sir,
As a resident of Glen Williams (Halton Hills), I am writing this letter to express my concerns regarding a potential fire hazard which exists immediately adjacent to my property.

The owners of the adjacent property at 34 Glen Crescent Drive applied for a building permit in late 1983 to erect a garage and breezeway onto their existing all wood, prefabricated cottage home.

A request for a minor variance followed to allow for a 1.524m sideyard for the garage in place of

the required 4.572m, as set out in the zoning regulations.

Three surrounding property owners, including myself, objected to the request. However, at the Committee of Adjustment meeting I was given incorrect zoning information and since I was representing all of the objectors, the application for the minor variance was approved.

Construction of the garage and breezeway was completed in late 1984. The breezeway, however, is a fully finished, heated, enclosed room with windows and sliding glass door to the rear of the property, and is attached to the existing house and the new garage.

This so called "breezeway", it now appears, was never intended to be a breezeway but rather a habitable room. As such, the building permit should have been for an addition to the house which would have required a 4.572m sideyard. The likely reason for the addition was probably to make the small, 2 bedroom cottage more marketable.

This August, the property was listed for sale. The "breezeway" is now listed as a third bedroom, although it has been used as a den and TV room since completion of construction.

My concerns are three fold:

1. How can a breezeway,

on a building permit issued by the Town of Halton Hills, become a habitable room when, as such, the building permit should have been for an addition to the house?

2. What safeguards are

available to a potential buyer of this house to inform them that this addition, which is now a third bedroom, represents a fire hazard?

3. Because of the proximity of this wooden structure to my property, if a fire should break out, there is no question now that my house would suffer some damage.

The totally wooden structure at 34 Glen Cres. Dr. is approximately 16 feet away from my stone barbecue, and since my property is higher and the house adjacent is very low, sparks from either my chimney (from basement fireplace) or the barbecue would represent a fire problem.

Since I feel that this addition was misrepresented from the beginning in the building application, I will not accept any

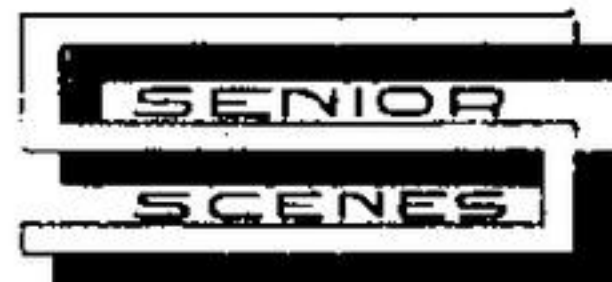
responsibility for any fire damage which may occur at 34 Glen Crescent Drive, Glen Williams.

Nevertheless I am concerned, especially since this wooden structure is now only 12 feet away from my home.

I am also concerned that whoever buys this "3 bedroom" house is being misinformed and that, in fact, the house may contravene zoning regulations and fire regulations.

Sincerely
Ellen J. Russell
32 Glen Cres. Dr.
Glen Williams

Neighbor's addition is fire hazard, woman says



By Marley and Lauretta Mills
877-3943

GRANDMA'S RECIPE FOR DOING THE FAMILY WASH

Build a fire in backyard to heat kettle of rain water. Set tubs so smoke won't blow in your eyes if wind is peart. Shave one cake lile soap in bilin water.

Sort things in three piles - white, colord, work britches and rags. Make starch - stur flour in cold water to smooth, then thin down with bilin water. Rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then bile. Rub colord but don't bile - just rench and starch.

Take white things out of kettle with broom stick handle, reach, blew and starch. Spread tews on grass. Hang old rags on fence. Pore rench water on flower beds. Scrub porch with hot soapy water. Turn tubs upside down. Go put on clean dress, smooth hair with slide combs, brew cup of tee, set and rest and rock a spell and count your blessings.

How does it compare with your modern detergent, automatic washer and dryer method?
Contributed by Iamey Bird

Pool shutdown

The Acton Pool will be shut down for the annual maintenance break from September 9 to 27. The pool office will be open during this time for registration.

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Hospital pool, gym, idle due to no funds

Dear Sir,
I wish to comment on your article concerning the physiotherapy department at Georgetown Hospital.

Your reporter is to be commended, for an excellent job on this piece, however there are a few points that need to be brought to the attention of the public. I have been an out-patient of this particular department for several weeks now and have nothing but the greatest respect for the dedicated ladies who run this facility.

What the article fails to emphasize is that the department has a pool and a gym that are both standing idle due to "lack of government funding".

The pool is greatly needed as is the gym and only through the efforts of the public writing to their MPPs and local governing bodies demanding funding for these facilities will we ever see them come into use.

The article also makes reference to the long waiting list patients must go on before there is room for them in the "totally inadequate" space that has been assigned to this department.

Government constantly refers to the high cost of medical care but I for one do not feel that our area has even adequate funding for a town our size.

While politicians are busy spending money on their own creature comforts i.e. redecorating their residences as soon as they take office,

increasing the size of their office staff, increasing their pensions etc., the little town of Georgetown and its medical problems are certainly not on their minds.

I feel our physio department needs a real boost and it's up to the voting public to get behind them and let the

powers that be know we will not forget in the next election that they forgot about us and our needs.

Hoping there are other concerned citizens out there, I remain,

Respectfully yours,
Pat Laughnan,
RR1 Georgetown

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CUCUMBER RELISH

- 2 qts. cucumbers
- 1 qt. onions

Put through food chopper and scald with hot brine. Let stand overnight. Drain and add:

- 2 pints vinegar
- 1 pint water
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