

Letters to the Editor

Reader disturbed by acclamations

Dear Sir:
Last week's paper carried a line-up of declared candidates for the upcoming municipal election. I was deeply disturbed to see the number of positions which may be filled by acclamation unless some more candidates come forward in the next couple of weeks.
Armstrong's announcement was very good news. Now we have two solid, experienced men vying for the mayor's chair and voters will have a real choice.

But what about the other seats? Only Acton voters have a choice for their regional representative at this time. None of the school trustees or hydro commissioners have opponents.
I'm not saying there is a flaw in any of the existing candidates. Probably they are fine and worthy guardians of public interest. My point is, that they should be made to defend their right to these roles.
Voters should have a choice. That's what democracy is all about.
Sincerely,
Kurt Bottomley

Town's reaction is namby-pamby

Dear Sir:
It was with amazement that I learned of a local councillor's appearance before Regional Planning and Public Works Committee that almost added another road on to the local taxpayers, at a cost of \$2 to \$3 million to the town.
Even more amazing was the namby-pamby reaction of our council to the motion of Dave Whiting and Pam Sheldon. Serjeantsen was electioneering before a regional committee on behalf of a small group of Ward 4 ratepayers. She was not presenting the position of Council.

If this is the type of behaviour she thinks appropriate as a local councillor, what makes you think she won't be as insensitive and inept as a regional councillor.
Fortunately, I don't live in Ward 4. All I can do is ask Ward 4 residents to consider what they can do for us as well as for themselves. Obviously, the residents should have a choice. Is there a qualified candidate to oppose her? For the sake of all Halton Hills, I hope so.
Yours truly,
J. W. Lawr,
Georgetown

Their own risk

Once again, Coun. Dave Whiting reminded residents that the developer can now, and always has been able to put servicing in the ground.
"They'll be at their own risk," the councillor said. "Though they may

feel the risk is not as great, with the draft plan approval."
Council approved a draft plan of subdivision by Enterac Property Corporation of Georgetown South lands Monday night, subject to a long list of conditions and studies.



THE SEASON IS showing its colors and Ryan Townsend, 7, of Acton and Robert Sales, 17, of Georgetown gathered the last fruits before frost warnings. The two were selling pumpkins and watermelons planted in early May from a wagon on Trafalgar Road North, just outside Georgetown, Sunday. (Herald photo by Ani Pederian)

News from Ballinafad

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald Correspondent
BALLINAFAD--Mrs. Frances Buckrell was hostess for the October meeting of the Women's Institute. There was a good attendance with three visitors present. The roll call was answered by each one saying something nice about the person on their left.

The left-over business from the previous meeting was dealt with first. After the correspondence was read, there were more items of business to be discussed.

The president then turned the meeting over to the convenor of citizenship and world affairs, Francis Buckrell. Lillie Given gave an interesting motto: "the best things in life are free".

Other conveners present gave a brief talk on facts relating to their office. The 4-H club were invited to this meeting to take part in the program. Mrs. Helga Schwarz who is leader of the club and Lynn Sinclair, who is assistant leader both gave interesting talks on safety.

Many pamphlets were given out with valuable information for people to read at home. Mrs. Buckrell thanked the special guests for giving of their time in sharing with others the information they received from this important project.

Mrs. McLean as president, then took the chair again and carried on with the remainder of the meeting. Betty Koperdraad and Stella Cuning assisted by the hostess served a dainty lunch and a social time followed.

Talented pianist

BALLINAFAD--Quite a large number came early for church to enjoy the beautiful music played on the piano by the talented Celene Staveley from Alderwood United Church.

The half hour went too quickly. At the end of her time, she got a standing ovation from those present.

It was communion Sunday. The service and hymns were along those lines. At the end of the communion service the choir sang a sacred and solemn anthem.

Last weekend was Heritage '85 at Scotsdale Farm. The event was well organized, but the weather didn't co-operate too well. One felt a bit chilly watching the outside events inside the home.

However, a hot cup of tea and warm biscuits were served by the Women's Institutes of Halton District.

Christmas craft sale

BALLINAFAD--The United Church Women have decided on a Christmas tea and bake sale with a craft table for Nov. 23 from 2-4 p.m. at the church.

Town newcomers meeting

By BRIAN MacLeod
Herald Special
If you are new to Georgetown and have not yet found an opportunity to meet other residents of the community, then you may be just the person that Jo Smithson and Heather Clemmer are looking for.

The Georgetown Newcomer's Club welcomes couples and families who have been in town three years or less and wish to share their experience with other people who might best understand them--other newcomers.

The club meets the third Wednesday of every month at the Halton Hills Kinder School, 14 Main Street S. from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The club organizers Mrs. Smithson and Mrs. Clemmer are anxious to meet newcomers to the community.

While the club does not wish to exclude anyone who wishes to become community oriented, the organizers prefer that members have the experience of moving into Georgetown recently as a common factor.

The Newcomer's Club started as a program of the YMCA in 1979 but was phased out due to lack of interest. Having experience in other Newcomers clubs gave Mrs. Clemmer the enthusiasm to start up the program in Georgetown.

The Wednesday night

meetings give members time to become acquainted with other members for the first half hour. The next fifteen minutes is spent on club business and the rest of the night is devoted to one of a variety of guest speakers. The next few months will feature adventures in candy and chocolate making; gift wrapping, landscaping and a demonstration in CPR.

While the core of the group is the meetings, club members organize various activities and fundraising events throughout the year. Theme dinners for couples is a popular feature whereby several couples gather at one member's home and bring their own dish or recipes for palate satisfying dinners.

Another popular feature of the club is the moms and tots night at the Glen Williams Community Centre. These gatherings attract "a lot of ladies that come into town and feel a need to meet other mothers."

Mrs. Clemmer said. Games night is always a challenge for the members. Couples gather up their wits for a night of entertainment, playing such time-tested games as cards and Trivial Pursuit.

Determined never to leave out anyone, the Newcomer's club also holds a "sit'n stitch" night, "how to knit" night and a "cooking is catching" club in which ladies gather at the hostess' home and bring a dish of their specialty for the rest of the ladies.

Arts and crafts is also a special feature for the club which plans to bring in guest speakers on how to do stained glass and other interesting pastimes.

While the Newcomers Club is basically geared towards ladies, there are family events and opportunities for the men to get involved as well. Apple picking day, potluck dinners and a children's Christmas party allow the husbands or friends to gather for a

friendly game of one of a variety of sports.

Not to be outdone, the ladies have their night out appropriately titled the "ladies getaway weekend". Most of the ladies look forward to this adventure when they spend a night in Toronto shopping, and taking in a show, to return the following day after brunch.

The enthusiasm of Mrs. Clemmer and Mrs. Smithson got the club off the ground but they refuse to take all the credit.

"We are very fortunate that we've had tremendous volunteers," Mrs. Clemmer said. The co-organizer then went on to explain that, "we have a strong need to find new people who have moved into the community."

There is a \$50 membership fee which brings you a newsletter and allows you to participate in all the club events.

There are currently 35 people in the Newcomers Club and if you wish to join the club contact Heather at 877-1240.

Resident meetings

Negotiations between town staff and two groups of Mountainview Road area residents are to continue. Residents have concerns relative to the Georgetown Secondary Plans and the proposed development south of Silver Creek.

He said the concerns are to do with the Secondary Plans primarily. A further staff report next Tuesday night is to respond to the written briefs by Mountainview and area residents, Mr. Richardson said.

Removing 3 knolls

Halton region has allocated \$10,000 for pre-engineering work to remove three knolls on Trafalgar Road between Highway 7 and the Halton-Wellington boundary.



It's not John, Paul, George and Ringo, but it could be if these baby night swallows are ever named. Their nest is built in a garage on Regan Crescent. (Herald photo)

Poetry Corner

POPPING UP

Would that moving your memory be as gently possible as the thoughtful dispersing of this now mature dandelion. The two of you seem similar

popping up everywhere

By MARLOWE C. DICKSON, RR2, Beeton

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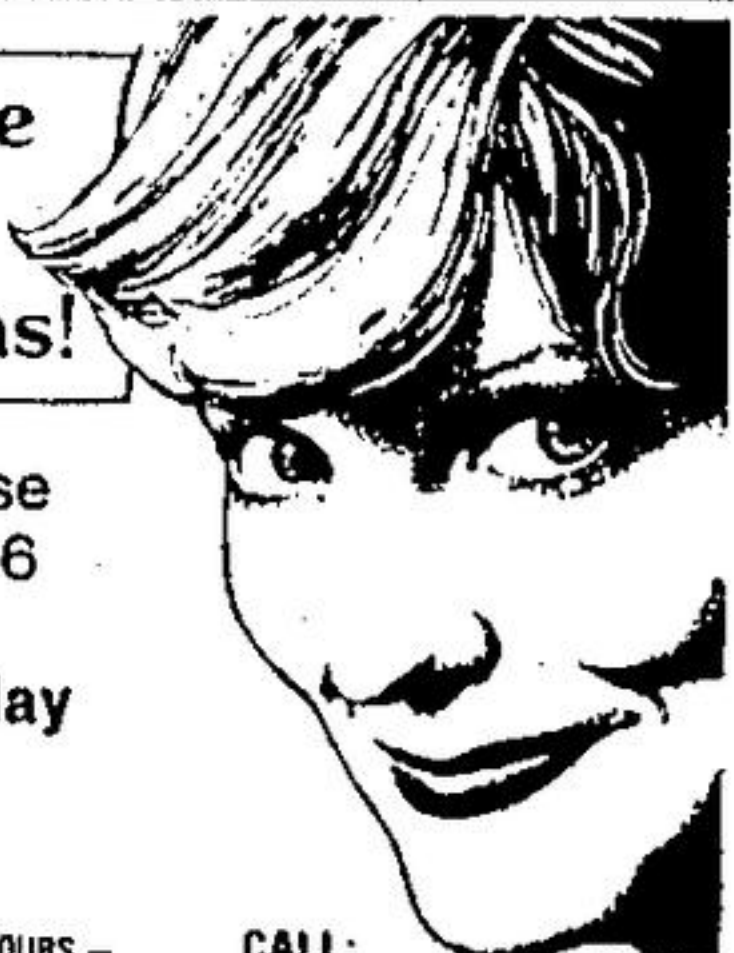
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