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PUMPKIN PUSHERS

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).

Oct. 22 meeting about schools closure report

Oct. 22 is an important meeting for residents wanting to know how a study group is progressing on the subject of school closures.

The 45-member Consolidation Committee, made up primarily of elected parents and ratepayers, are hosting an information session. Three meetings will be held: In Stewarttown, Acton and Georgetown starting at 7:30 p.m. Locations are Stewarttown Public School, Centennial Middle School and McKenzie Smith Middle School.

They want to keep the community up to date on their study of schools in Halton Hills. Due to declining enrollments, the Committee must decide which schools should be twinned or closed.

The Committee will have completed their report to the Halton Board of Education by at least March of next year. Another meeting for the public is not planned until the report is brought to the Board for information, probably the first week of March, said Committee co-chairman John Kavanagh.

The Committee has been meeting every Tuesday night since March. During the summer there were no meetings.

The meetings are closed to both the press and the public. In July a letter was sent to parents outlining the group's progress. An additional public meeting would be considered, but one is not planned before March, Mr. Kavanagh said.

Some representatives are holding their own meetings for the ratepayers they represent, he said. The Committee has a voting body of 32, which includes 28 ratepayers (two from each school), Halton Hills trustees Betty Fisher, Irene Bruce and Dick Howitt, and co-chairman John Kavanagh and Ron Chapman, who each receive a half vote.

The 14 non-voting members are primarily resource people and consist of principals, vice-principals and other board staff.

The public are encouraged to submit questions, briefs or comments regarding monthly updates, Mr. Kavanagh said in a March interview. However, Mr. Kavanagh admits the minutes do not disclose sensitive information about school closures.

The Oct. 22 meeting will allow the public a chance to ask questions about the group's progress to date, he said.



JOHN KAVANAGH

Committee members have now split into three groups of 15, with an equal representation from each category of participants. The Committee is now looking at the Acton schools.

The three groups will be making separate recommendations. Therefore, anything decided by one sub-committee may not be the final word, Mr. Kavanagh said.

Relive Acton's colorful history

By J.M. ROWE
Herald Special

Did you ever wonder about the history of a building in Acton or area? Are you interested in farm or house history?

The Esqueping Historical Society and the Dublin Women's Institute will combine for a joint meeting where many answers will be available.

Even if you don't know where Esqueping or Dublin is, we invite new citizens of Acton, Georgetown and surrounding areas to join us. All your "old-timers" join us as well to relive memories, maybe even correct some.

The Esqueping Historical Society and the Dublin Women's Institute will hold a joint meeting on Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton at 8 p.m.

There will be a talk on early education in the Acton-Lorne-Dublin-Bannockburn areas, followed by an introduction to the Historical Society and its archives collection.

Then there will be an opportunity to peruse the meticulously compiled history of Acton and area in the Dublin

Tweedsmuir histories.

The Historical Society will also have some items from their archives there such as school registers from the 1930s and '40s, land deeds and cemetery transcriptions. Refreshments will follow.

Please mark Oct. 24 on your calendar and plan to join us as we explore the colourful history of the north-west corner of Esqueping Township.

Two awards for recycling

Two awards were won by Halton region recently at a provincial conference on recycling, Milton's Coun. Bill Johnson was singled out for the "outstanding contribution pioneer" award for his efforts to encourage recycling.

Regional chairman Peter Pomeroy accepted a second award on the region's behalf for being the first Ontario region to hire a recycling co-ordinator and support the recycling philosophy in its four municipalities.

Halton Hills Arts Council

Hard to break free once acting bug hits

By GRETCHEN DAY
Herald Special

I once had the opportunity to visit Georgetown Little Theatre's Green Room in Norval. Now this is not your normal Green Room where actors relax between scenes.

Rather this is a room filled with every conceivable costume imaginable - dressed and suits from every period in history, hats for every age, style, and character, shoes for every occasion, incredible animal attire, costume props of canes, umbrellas, wigs, capes, coats, shields, swords and more.

But something wasn't right. Although I was alone in the room, I didn't feel alone. I kept looking over my shoulder expecting one of the characters to suddenly emerge. It was a little unnerving to say the least.

Then again, what else was I to expect? All of these costumes had been worn at least once by people who became "real" characters from a play. To be a very good actor or actress you must actually become the person or animal or whatever in order to be convincing. These costumes had been worn by those who had stolen a bit of soul from the world around them.

When with an actor, watch how you are being observed. Body movements, hand gestures, smiles, frowns, ticks, odd habits, all are being recorded, whether consciously or unconsciously, and stored away in the memory of the actor to be used at a later time when a character like 'you' is needed in a play.

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IN THE HILLS

Scouter's Club

The Scouters Club will be meeting tonight at 7:30 at Optimist Hall on Highway 7. Michael Davis will be speaking and showing a film of an Australian Adventure Rover event he attended while in Australia.

Widows contact

The Georgetown Widows Contact Group will meet at Knox Church Hall Tuesday Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. All widows are welcome. For more information call 877-4433.

Hospice support

North Halton Hospice Support Group for Widows and Widowers is holding a meeting Oct. 22 at 7:45 p.m. at Centennial Public School on Delrex Boulevard in Georgetown. Rev. Bob Hyde will be speaking on a spiritual approach to grief.

Lung kick-off

The Halton Lung Association will kick off their 35th Christmas Seal Campaign by inviting volunteers and dignitaries to a reception Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker Donald Sutherland, president of the Ontario Lung Association will address the crowd at the Halton Region Municipal Building. For more information call 632-9499.

Only downtown residents benefit protection

Legal clinic wants tenant protection extended

Bad landlords who aren't spending time or money on the upkeep of their property should have some time to do so before the town extends a bylaw for property standards beyond the Georgetown and Acton downtown areas.

That's what town Couns. Marilyn Serleantson and Dave Whiting suggested October 7, after a request from the Halton Hills Legal Clinic that the town's property maintenance and occupancy standards bylaw be extended to the whole town.

Problems with a leaky faucet or roof that the landlord just doesn't seem to fix, now only get town action if you live inside the urban boundaries set out in 1981 for Acton and Georgetown.

If you're in the 21 major apartment buildings outside those boundaries, you're out of luck.

The town's bylaw enforcement officer won't go to bat for you. You have to take your landlord to court to force improvements all on your own. Legal Clinic lawyer Jack Fleming

thinks it's time that was changed. He wants the bylaw extended to the whole town, so all tenants can have such protection without having to fork out big bucks for legal help.

Last summer, a student was hired by the Clinic to do a survey on expanding the area covered under the bylaw and to make a presentation of her brief to council. Noell Jefferson did that, but the request was filed away till this week.

Mr. Fleming reminded councillors of some of the survey findings. He said 60 per cent of tenants had trouble getting repairs done and one-third of them said they still didn't have them done. Asked if they were willing to sign a petition asking the property maintenance and occupancy standards bylaw be extended, 83 per cent of them said yes.

Under questioning by Coun. Harry Levy, Mr. Fleming reported the survey was sent out to 200 tenants and was responded to by 60.

A staff report was asked for by councillors for next Tuesday night's council meeting, one that would look into the experience of other municipalities in cost of enforcement.

Mr. Fleming said that Milton expanded its bylaw beyond its downtown core in 1979. He said Milton's experience was that no additional staff was required to be hired as a result of this change.

The bylaw was originally passed by council in 1981 to get a Main Street revitalization grant for the Business Improvement Area from the province. It wasn't passed because of any apparent need for it.

The statistics show the need as do the calls the Legal Clinic receives, Mr. Fleming said. The housing shortage in Halton Hills as well as in all of Ontario makes maintaining the existing market important, he said.

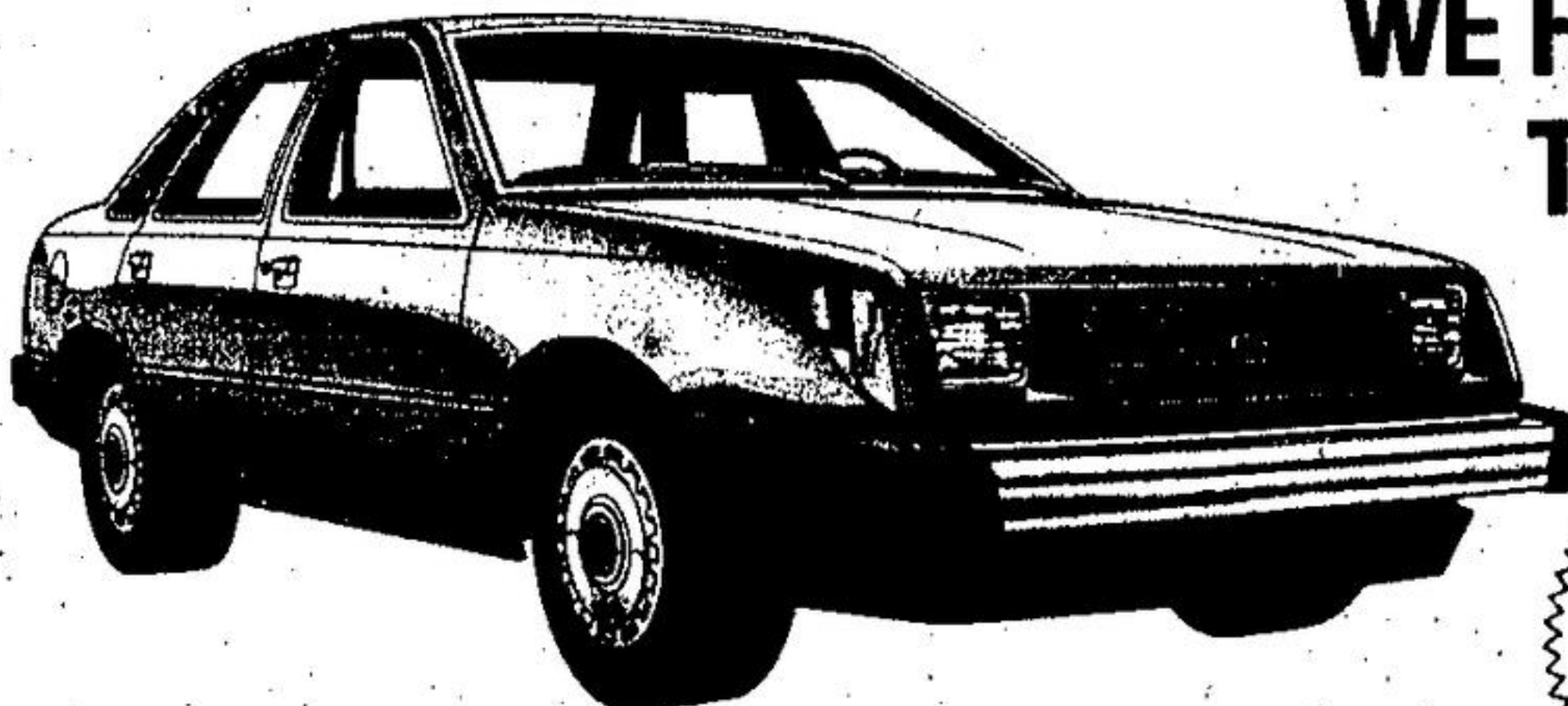
"We have a seller's market now and it's not important for owners to fix up (their property) now."



The Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic has a new board to assist the clinic's staff for the next three years. Seen here are (front left to right) Ted

Scott of Georgetown, Ed Wakfield of Georgetown, David Swarc of Burlington, (back left to right) George Makoviccki of Georgetown, Reg Griffin of Milton, Jim Kennedy of Geor-

town, Dave Hall of Acton and John Nichols of Georgetown. Missing are Gloria Stewart of Milton, Shirley Bailie, Bob McLean and Colin Wilde all of Georgetown. (Herald photo)



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