

## News from Ballinafad

### Welcome mat open

By WINIFRED SMITH  
Herald Special  
BALLINAFAD - Mr. and Mrs. Norma Swann of St. Catharines spent Thanksgiving Sunday with her mother Winifred Smith and sister Ruth at the Smith farm. Mrs. Smith accompanied them back to St. Kitts and returned home the following Friday.

We are happy to welcome new residents to the village Mr. and Mrs. Claxson and two children aged 11 years and 15 months from Montreal. The family are living next door to Mrs. Rita Shortill.

We are sorry to hear of the sudden death of Bill Reid last week. He was the husband of Dorene McEnery. They resided at the outskirts of the village. His funeral was on Oct. 18.

The church was beautifully decorated for the Thanksgiving Sunday Oct. 13. The senior choir were wearing their gowns for the first time. There was a dedication service for that reason. Both the senior and junior choirs were present at the service and favored with an anthem.

Rev. and Mrs. Kelvin Johnston spent a few days last week with the Jamiesons.

### Talk about Korea

BALLINAFAD - The United Church Women meeting was held at the Church Oct. 15. Gloria Johnson gave the devotional. Willa Shortill gave an interesting talk on Korea. Those in charge served a cup of tea and a social time was enjoyed.

The village was alive with activity Oct. 19 all day long. In the morning the photographer was at the church taking pictures of the church families to be published in the church magazine. Later in the afternoon the church was the scene of a wedding. Around 4 o'clock the guests started to arrive. There were 150 guests so the church was full. The bride couple were Susan Vary, daughter of Donna and Bud Vary and the groom was Ron Guest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Guest. Rev. Tom Bandy was the officiating clergyman. Eileen McEnery played the organ. Before and after the ceremony a guest soloist sang two beautiful numbers. He was accompanied by a young man who played a guitar.

The Guest family live on the Eighth Line and the bride formerly lived on the town line.

### Weekend weddings

BALLINAFAD - Oct. 19 there was a second wedding at the church. The couple were Blake French, son of Cathy and Reg. French, well known Ballinafad residents and Margie Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorna Johnston from Acton. Rev. Dr. Bandy performed the marriage ceremony and Eileen McEnery provided the music. Best wishes are extended.

Reg. and Cathy French were happily surprised Wednesday when their friend Mrs. Jeff Sample from Saskatchewan called in to see them. She also had a visit with her friends Linda and Keith Mitchell.

We extend sympathy to the Emmerson Clarke family, Emmerson recently lost a sister after a long illness.

### Correction

There was an error in The Herald's article about the Georgetown Newcomers Club in the Oct. 9 edition, Page 5.

The membership fee is \$10, not \$50 per year as was reported. If you wish to join the club, call 877-1240. The club meets every third Wednesday of every month at St. Andrew's United Church, 89 Mountainview Rd. South. The Herald regrets the error.

### Norval bazaar

NORVAL - Don't forget the bazaar at Norval United Church Nov. 9 from 1 - 4 p.m. There will be a tea room, bake table, crafts, white elephant table, plant table and fish pond.

### Christmas bazaar

The Elks Service Club of Halton Hills are holding a Christmas Bazaar 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall on Wesleyan Street in Georgetown.

There will be a bake table, craft table, penny table, touch and take, white elephant table, grocery hamper draw and a grand prize draw.

The money raised will be going to help early deaf detection in children.

### United Way meet

The Halton Hills United Way will be meeting Oct. 30 at 7:15 p.m. at the Optimist Hall on Highway 7 in Georgetown. Anyone interested in helping establish a United Way in Halton Hills is asked to attend.

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### Howitt unbeaten

Dick Howitt continued his unbeaten streak of four victories by being acclaimed for the first time. The Ward 2 trustee was acclaimed in Wards 3 and 4.



Dick Howitt

Mr. Howitt was surprised and had mixed feelings. "I'm not going to be hypocritical and say I'm not pleased, but there is something exciting about an election, particularly if you are successful. You have a good feeling," he said.

To Mr. Howitt extended funding was the biggest issue. Second on his list was the implementation of Bill 82 which ensures that all exceptional children, gifted and disabled, receive the education they need. The issues are regional issues and there are no outstanding problems in Ward 3 and 4, Mr. Howitt said.

Meeting as many people as possible was Mr. Howitt's election strategy which has worked for him in the past, he said. "If you meet and talk to them they get a chance to size you up."

Greater interest in local council issues, his past performance on the board and people's satisfaction with the board are three reasons he gave why he was acclaimed.

### Bruce acclaimed

Arlene Bruce, trustee for Ward 1, has been acclaimed a second time, in the new seat combining Wards 1 and 2.



Arlene Bruce

"It's a lovely feeling to be acclaimed. It's a great relief. Now the next two weeks will be a little more normal," she said.

"I'd like to think it is because I've done a good job and had a strong voice, but there are probably numerous reasons," she said.

If she was in a race in Wards 1 and 2 funding would be the major issue of her campaign. "I'd be focusing on those dollars and making sure they are well spent on education and not things like pools," she said.

Mrs. Bruce said last year a budget "cut to the bone" hurt the system. "A balance must be reached," she said.

"You have to have good people but you have to have money first. Halton's cost per pupil is lower than other boards and our net results have never been inferior," she said.

More community involvement in schools is another of her concerns. "I don't believe people outside parents have any part of schools. Schools and the community should have close ties," she said.

### McCauley's third term

Irene McCauley will begin her third term as Halton Hills trustee on the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board. She was acclaimed Monday night after nominations for candidates closed.



Irene McCauley

When Mrs. McCauley arrived at the town office at 5 p.m. Monday she learned of her victory. "I couldn't believe it. It was a nice feeling of surprise that the people felt that good about me. It made me feel good," she said.

She did not expect to win by acclamation. "I was ready. I had my brochures and signs. This came as a surprise," she said.

Had Mrs. McCauley had to unveil her campaign to the public it would have shown a high school in Milton and extended funding for Catholic schools up to grade 13, she said.

"Our children go in 6 different directions. They're up at 6 a.m. and on the bus at 7 a.m. It's a big sacrifice for them and their parents," she said. Negotiations with MPP Don Knight to get an audience with the minister of education about a high school in Milton have already begun, she said. "I'm thankful for the people who supported me. They can be assured they will get a good effort from me," she said.

### Joint land purchase?

By MAGGIE HANNAH  
Herald Special

A provincial committee which finances land purchases for the Niagara Escarpment Commission is looking with favor on a plan for the NEC and Halton Region to jointly buy a Limehouse wrecking yard.

Ivor McMullin, Chairman of the NEC and Vice-Chairman of the Niagara Escarpment Commission, which finances land purchases, told members of Halton's planning and public works committee yesterday money may be available for a joint purchase with a municipality interested in preserving a property.

Generally speaking, he said, the Ministry of Natural Resources or a conservation authority will be the bodies charged with administering any land purchased under the escarpment.

### Letter to the editor

## Shocked at meeting

Dear Sir,  
I'm really shocked at the way Halton Hills ran their meeting Oct. 15.

I'm writing in regards to extending the property standards bylaw beyond the borders of the downtown core. A paper was proposed by Mr. J. Fleming at the request of town council 13 1/2 months ago. He gave a talk and his proposal about how to extend the property standards bylaw to cover all the apartments in Georgetown.

A resolution was put on the floor by a councillor to defer it to the second Monday in December, after the Nov. 12

fund, although the job could be handled by a region.

The cost of administering acquired lands would not be heavy if the land is simply acquired and not used, Mr. McMullin said.

Halton Hills has discussed the possibility of trying to buy the Halton Hills Auto Wrecking yard on the escarpment at Limehouse as one way of getting the yard moved.

The yard has been a constant problem for council due to neighbor complaints during the past year.

Some town councillors opposed the purchase idea, arguing it should be done through the escarpment fund.

Mr. McMullin reacted favorably, however, to Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller's suggestion of a joint purchase.

Eddy Kasprzycki,  
Georgetown

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## Letters to the Editor

### Our quality of life dominated: reader

Dear Sir,

It never ceases to boggle the mind how one individual is allowed to determine the quality of life for an entire community. To be specific, we have a situation in Limehouse whereby Mr. Fred Tolton, owner and operator of Halton Auto Wreckers, has been allowed to renege on his first agreement with the Site Plan Committee in regard to the placement of the now infamous chainlink fence, but has now made further adjustments which the owner and the site plan committee feel are justified. In retrospect, the track record for action over the past three years speaks for itself.

The Niagara Escarpment Commission took the initiative and has included the property on its list for possible acquisition - a very positive and realistic approach. The region of Halton took immediate action and adjusted their road budget priorities, moving a section of road in front of the wrecking yard, thereby diffusing the well worn retort of "The road is on my-his property".

Now for the burning question - What action has Halton Hills Council taken in the past three years? Well, a new set of bylaws was passed for all wrecking yard operators. A common colour is now used for fence maintenance. Unfortunately, some Council members were ill-advised regarding a clause pertaining to chain link fences for compound purposes and insisted that it had to be inserted to accommodate one operator. Halton Auto Wreckers, as everyone knows, took advantage of this clause - thus the chain link fence.

The Site Plan Committee has proven to be extremely accommodating and has allowed an intolerable situation to become a despicable situation. In a period of three years, the original concern of an old rusty car carrier, loaded with scrap metal and parked outside the fence on a 24-hour basis, has now turned into a situation where a chain link fence now encloses

two car carriers as well as other wrecked vehicles.

In essence, Halton Hills Council has allowed this operation to expand its facilities. It is incredible to think that three years have passed and the residents of Limehouse continue to be the scapegoat between local council and the wrecking yard.

Believe it or not - there is more to this saga than what has already been discussed. The laying of charges under the bylaws has proven to be futile as well. Three frustrating sessions in the courtroom in Milton have certainly revealed the quirks and whims of those in the position of judicial authority and power.

To the citizens of Halton Hills - I urge you to make time and take a drive to Limehouse. Come and see this mess which has come to pass which Councils, past and present, have laid on us.

Mary Shier,  
Limehouse

### Thanks to Knights

Dear Sir,

As Co-Chairmen of the recent campaign in Georgetown and district to solicit donations for the Arthritis Society, we wish to thank the members of the Knights of Columbus and everyone else who contributed much of their time to the success of this year's door-to-door canvass.

Also, our particular thanks is extended to Mr. Jim Jones for his successful canvass among members of the business community. Due to the generous response of our citizens to this year's appeal, we are pleased to report that we have exceeded our target of \$10,000 and should reach \$15,000.

Yours truly,  
D.J. Tucker and J.M. Johnston,  
Co-Chairmen, Georgetown  
Arthritis Campaign 1985

## IN THE HILLS

### 'Watch' meeting

There will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting in Ballinafad at the Ballinafad Community Centre Oct. 29 starting at 8:30 p.m.

The meeting is for Ballinafad and area residents who wish to learn about the Neighborhood Watch program and crime prevention.

Constable Bob Ustryzcki will be the guest speaker. Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee will be served.

### Red Cross euchre

The Acton Red Cross is holding their next euchre night Nov. 1, 8 p.m. at the Scout Hall on School Lane, Acton. Come and bring a friend.

### Trailer rejected

An application to put up a trailer on a 260 acre property owned by the International Peace Camp Ltd. has been turned down once again by the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

The Peace Camp wanted to put up a self-contained trailer on Part Lots 13 and 14, Concession 1 for security purposes.

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