



Born writers

The winners of the Georgetown Optimist Club's Third Annual Essay Contest are (left to right) silver medal winner Anita Boomsma, gold medal winner Erik Hopkins and bronze medal winner Kim Dryden. Of the 30 Georgetown District High School students in their graduating year who entered the contest, their essays were considered

the best. The topic given to everyone was "Freedom, Our Most Precious Heritage". Criteria used in judging the contest included: material organization, vocabulary and style, grammar and spelling, neatness and adherence to contest rules. All essays were between 100 and 500 words. (Herald photo)

Pssst! the secret's out

A responsibility of councillors to vote: major

Opinions differed Monday night between Mayor Russ Miller and Coun. Betty Fisher over the subject of voting during general committee meetings.

"It is the responsibility of councillors to vote," Mayor Miller urged. "I notice we have some members around the table not voting for or against. It's their prerogative, but when they don't vote for it, it's a vote against the item."

"In 21 years (of politics), I've never dealt with this before," the mayor said. "We should get it ironed out because it's very uncomfortable for me."

He suggested reducing the council to nine instead of the current 13 and saving taxpayers some money. "I'll remind him I tried last year to reduce the number of representatives from each ward," Coun. John McDonald quickly jumped in.

The issue has been hovering in the air for several weeks now. Coun. Betty Fisher has complained that receiving general committee agendas on the Friday prior to a Monday night meeting doesn't give her enough time to get all the information she needs in order to vote on matters.

"Yes, I was one person tonight who did not vote on the (Acton) boathouse. I do not have the information I needed," Coun. Betty Fisher declared. "I have asked Mr. (Tom) Shepard for information and he said he would provide it to me next week."

"In general committee, I simply refuse to say yes or no on something I know nothing about," the councillor

continued. "In seven years of politics, I have never, never ever, abstained from a vote. The reason I do so now is because I don't have enough information."

"Nobody is going to force me to vote in general committee when I don't have enough information," Coun. Fisher said forcefully.

She said she will vote on the boathouse proposal presented by the recreation director next week, at the council meeting when it is her legal and moral responsibility to do so for her constituents, and by which time she will have the information she has requested.

Councillors vote on matters in general committee, then, the following Monday night they finalize the vote by voting on the same item in their council meeting. Coun. Fisher questioned this method of operation last week to the displeasure of veteran councillors who are happy with it.

"I've been very pleased with the agendas and reports we've been receiving. It is very seldom we don't have the information we need," rookie Coun. Pam Johnston said.

She said she was concerned that staff time was being wasted in answering the same questions put to them by three or more councillors independent of one another.

Using staff time in this way adversely affects their productivity and puts reports further behind, Coun. Johnston said. She recommended the mayor be available as a liaison between staff and councillors.

IN THE HILLS

Two land reps

Bruce McClure and Mr. E. Kowal have been appointed to Halton Region's land division committee as representatives of Halton Hills. The appointments are good to Nov. 30, 1988, or until their successors are appointed. There are two Burlington, two Milton and two Oakville residents also appointed to the committee. Of the eight appointments, only one was a woman.

'No' to water export



When it comes to exporting water to the United States, the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources has only two words to say.

"No way," he declared last week when asked about free trade by a member of the Halton and Peel Naturalist Club.

A round of applause followed Jim McGuigan's words. He said there were good reasons for this aside from naturalist feelings.

Mr. McGuigan said if Canada struck a deal to sell its surplus water to the United States, it wouldn't be a deal just for the surplus water. "They wouldn't accept your turning the water off when there are shortages (in Canada)," the parliamentary assistant said.

Empty-handed?

After forking out nearly \$2 million to study two potential dump sites for the region, it's "possible" the region will come out empty-handed, acknowledged Halton's Chief Administrative Officer last week.

Dennis Perlin was replying to questioning by Oakville Mayor Bill Perras who asked if it's possible that as a result of a further \$90,500 hydrogeological study both the Burlington and Milton sites could be ruled out.

"It's possible, but our consultants have said it's not probable," Mr. Perlin said.

Share your experience

There is a group in town attempting to locate parents of children with a cleft palate. Contact Pat Woode if you are willing to share your experiences with another parent. Phone 877-1436.

CAS budget up

The proposed 1986 budget for the Halton Children's Aid Society is up by 4 per cent over last year's budget, but it clears away all deficits from 1982 to 1984.

The Society's Executive Director Ron Coupland told members of Halton's health and social services committee last week that the 1986 budget is \$4.6 million, up by only one per cent over last year.

However, the Society increased it by \$6,505 to cover earlier deficits, an increase which hikes the 1986 budget to 4 per cent over last year's budget. Halton is being asked for \$929,161 towards the Society's 1986 budget. Last year it contributed \$893,424.

Heavyweights' road

Is Sideroad 5, west of Highway 25 constructed to handle the heavy truck traffic it's getting, Coun. Joe Hewitt wanted to know Monday night.

"Town Engineer Bob Austin said it was a regional road and he didn't know. "There are a lot of hollows in the road and they're getting worse," Coun. Hewitt said.

Coun. Pam Sheldon said she suspected trucks were going along Sideroad 5 in order to miss the weigh scales on Highway 401. She said she'd look into it at the next regional planning and public works committee meeting.

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Distress Centre appeal

Believe it or not, spring is on its way to Halton Hills. With this in mind, the North Halton Distress Centre is sending an appeal for volunteers to handle the wide variety of telephone calls received at the Centre.

Volunteers are needed from every adult age group and from a variety of backgrounds and experience. Each volunteer chooses one 4-hour shift per week to answer telephone calls from people needing information, befriending or referral to the appropriate agency. To help in learning to handle these calls, a Spring Training Session will be given one evening per week from Tuesday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. until May 28.

Requests for further information and application should be made as soon as possible to allow time for processing and planning before April. Please call 877-1211 with any questions you may have about becoming a volunteer at the Centre. Information and application forms will also be available at the Red Cross booth during the Open House sponsored by the Recreation and Parks Department at the Georgetown District High School on Saturday, March 1.

Becoming a Distress Centre volunteer provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about our community, to keep in touch with people and their problems and to increase your knowledge and awareness of happenings and events in Halton Hills.



Pick a winner

Judy Leybourne of Acton helps the owner of Acton's Stedmans, Mel Briant, draw the names of winners of a Kooza Doll in the store's Valentine Draw. James Rowsell of Acton won the Feb. 7 draw and Corinne Chalmers of Acton won the Feb. 14 draw.

Favourite Recipes

APPLE MUFFINS

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
 1/2 cup sugar
 2 1/2 tsp. baking powder
 3/4 tsp. salt
 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
 1 well beaten egg
 3/4 cup milk
 1/2 cup cooking oil
 1 cup peeled and chopped apple
 1/4 cup raisins (optional)
 2 tbsp. sugar
 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Stir thoroughly first 5 ingredients; make well in centre. Blend egg, milk, oil, apple and raisins; add all at once to dry mixture. Stir just till moistened. Fill greased muffin pans 2/3 full. Sprinkle with mixture of the 2 tbsp. sugar and 1/2 tsp. cinnamon. Bake at 400 degrees about 20 minutes. Makes 12.

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Attention Property Owners and Tenants in the Town of Halton Hills

WANT TO APPEAL YOUR ASSESSMENT?

You still have time to appeal your 1985 assessment if you feel your home or business property has been improperly assessed.

Your assessment is important because the amount of property tax you pay depends on it, in that the assessed value of your property is multiplied by your municipal and school mill rate to determine your 1986 property taxes.

Notices of Assessment have been mailed to property owners and tenants whose assessments have changed since last year. Open houses have been held in your area to answer questions and amend assessment information if necessary. Open house dates and locations were announced in a previous advertisement.

The Assessment Roll has now been delivered to your municipality for the purposes of calculating the amount of taxes you must pay on your property in 1986. For information on your assessment, the Assessment Roll is now available for review at your Municipal Office during regular business hours. If you feel your property has been improperly assessed, and you have not yet made your appeal known, you still have until March 4, 1986 to deliver or mail an appeal to the Assessment Review Board. **And remember, even if you did not receive a Notice of Assessment, you still have the right to appeal.**

Appeal deadline—March 4, 1986

The Assessment Review Board is an impartial body reporting to the Attorney General of Ontario, which provides you with an additional opportunity to have your assessment reviewed if, in your opinion, it is not fair and equitable with similar properties in your area. The Review Board is more informal and relaxed than a regular court of law. You may present your own case, retain a lawyer or ask a relative or friend to speak as your agent.

To help you in filing your appeal, Notice of Appeal forms are available from the Assessment Review Board, your Regional Assessment Office or your Municipal Office. As well, you can use the reverse side of a Notice of Assessment or write a letter stating the property address and roll number, together with your reasons for appealing. Appeals should be forwarded to the Regional Registrar of the Assessment Review Board listed below.

Regional Registrar
 ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD
 MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
 Suite 303, 713 Davis Drive
 Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 2R3

Ministry of Revenue
 Ontario

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FASHION AND BRIDAL SHOW

Held February 16 was very successful, with over 250 people in attendance. Thirteen merchants put in display tables of their services while eight others participated in the information centre. We hope this will be the beginning of an Annual Show!

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