

## Walk for the world

It's a first effort, but it could be the logo used on the One World Walk banner. Mark Buttrey, co-director of Open Door (left) and Brit Jennings were working on a design last week for the One World Walk. March 29 between 3 and 4:30 p.m. in downtown Georgetown. Everyone is invited to the walk about world peace sponsored by Ten Days For World Development. For more information about the walk call Janet Duval at 877-1994 or Henriette Thompson at 877-4754. (Herald photo)



## Scotsdale plan at standstill

This is the third year since the 540 acres in Ballinafad called Scotsdale Farm, were bequeathed to the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

There is still no firm commitment by any group to develop the site, and the town hasn't yet been brought into the picture. "Why weren't we part of this process?" Coun. Pam Sheldon demanded Monday night as three Ontario Heritage Foundation staff introduced themselves to town councillors and told them what's taken place over the last three years with the property. "This is 540 acres in our municipality and it will have great impact on us. I feel we should be

very much a part of your deliberations," Coun. Sheldon said.

She noted the town is losing tax revenue on the land and if the Halton board, another public body, gets the property, the town will once again lose out on tax monies.

"I know there's some concern regarding loss of tax revenue to the town," Ontario Heritage Foundation property administrator Brian Rogers acknowledged Monday night.

He said the Minister of Revenue is reviewing what happens to taxes as the Foundation acquires large tracts of land.

Town Treasurer Ray King said the town currently receives taxes on the

part of the property which is rented, while the rest is tax exempt. He said the town gets about \$2,500 in taxes, whereas if there were no exemptions, it would be getting more than \$5,000 in tax dollars.

Mr. Rogers said when the Foundation has a realistic package for Scotsdale it will come to the town.

"Right now, there are too many maybes and too many unknowns," he said.

any land use proposals have to first receive Niagara Escarpment Commission approval, and in order to get that, town comment will be requested.

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## Red-neck Grit ties for Tory leader

By TRACEY TYLER  
 Herald Special

"It's very simple," explained the Honorable Larry Grossman, sporting a Peterson red necktie. "First we're going to take their ties, then we're going to take their jobs."

Speaking at a \$100-a-plate fundraising dinner at Halton Hills Place last Wednesday, the leader of Ontario's official opposition urged members of the Halton-Burlington Progressive Conservative Association to "go out now and talk to just one person and get that one person to switch and allow us to recover a riding we lost by an amazingly close margin."

The 90 or so members gathered to hear the Conservative leader - roughly the equivalent of the Liberal margin in the last provincial election - reflected a veritable who's who



Larry Grossman

of past, present, and in all likelihood, future politicians on the municipal and regional level.

Introduced by Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy as "a Blue Jay fan, a Bruce Springsteen fan, and the next premier of Ontario," Mr. Grossman told the crowd he was proud to be standing behind a podium emblazon-

ed with the crest of Milton District Hospital. "Goodness knows, I paid a lot for it as Health Minister," he quipped.

Using that as a springboard, Mr. Grossman launched into a criticism of the Peterson government's proposed ban on extra-billing. The current "confrontation" and "chaos," he said, is indicative of a government which is following the fateful course of the Trudeau era.

"I've had my share of run-ins with the medical profession," he admitted, "but I've never called them greedy or degraded them to build my political career."

Mr. Grossman urged Halton voters to "go out into the community and demand to know which doctors Don Knight and Murray Elston say are greedy and unfair. Go out into your town," he insisted, "and demand to know which pharmacists are bilking the system."

Mr. Grossman drew large applause when he told the crowd he could remember when Ontario residents used to fly to the U.S. to get first-class health care, but now people the world over fly this way to get the same.

"You won't see that after they ban extra-billing," he warned. "Some of our best specialists will be working in Washington, Dallas, Phoenix, and Boston."

Touching on the question of separate school funding, Mr. Grossman said there is no need for Conservatives to apologize for what they did while in office.

"Some people say we didn't move quickly enough on some issues, that we should have done things differently on others, and in some areas - like separate school funding - we moved too fast. But that is not unique to our party," he said.

Questioned by a Herald reporter as to who was left to speak for those opposed to the extension of separate school funding now that it has three-party support, Mr. Grossman suggested "that's what Gina Brannan and her supporters are trying to do."

When pressed as to whether the voice of Ms. Brannan - a P.C. candidate speaking out against separate school funding in a by-election campaign in the riding of East York - and a handful of followers is good enough in light of the support of the Tory caucus, Mr. Grossman insisted that "good enough" wasn't the issue.

"Good enough isn't what it's all about," he said. "What matters is that all voices are being heard."

Mr. Grossman concluded by saying the message Ontario gave to Conservatives last May "wasn't the pink slip of dismissal they gave to the federal Liberals."

It was an indication, he said, that the public wanted a party which would explain the next four years rather than talk about the last 42, and one which would respond to anticipated needs.



Winning smiles

Walking away with science awards from a regional contest last week were (seated) David Wilms, Inger Jackson, Mark Russel, (standing)

ding) Marc Pundack, Ross Leonard and Damon Hughes. Missing is Carol Ferguson. (Herald photo)

## Explore native trails of our rural Esquesing

By J.M. ROWE  
 Herald Special

When Esquesing Township was opened for settlement in 1819, the arriving settlers found a good trail to follow from Dundas Street. The native people used the trail often and several groups of them reputedly farmed some land near Stewartstown. This trail became known as Trafalgar Road or the 7th Line.

The Esquesing Historical Society will have a guest speaker on the Native Peoples of this area and he will probably travel the same route north as the first Canadians. April 9, Jack Lord of the Royal Botanical

Gardens in Hamilton, will speak at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown at 7:30.

Mr. Lord will address the Historical Society on the subject "Beads, Rattles and Woodsmoke". It is a very interesting and informative talk and therefore the Society would like to share our speaker.

The Esquesing Historical Society cordially invites the public to attend this address on April 9. There is no cost involved and refreshments will be served. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to explore the pre-European history of this section of Ontario.

## The hardest part is learning to say no

Look elsewhere, not at government, was the message given to social service agencies by an Oakville councillor last Wednesday.

Coun. Pater Arch said regional government is no longer able to solve funding problems social service agencies are facing.

"They will certainly have to do a little more creative work with their budget than they would have otherwise," Coun. Arch said of the agencies denied additional grants above the 4 per cent increase over 1985 grants.

"How are agencies going to maintain their service in the interim period?" Halton Hills Coun. Pam Sheldon wanted to know.

If they're having financial difficulties, they can approach the region's health and social services committee for assistance, he said.

The councillor noted the region has the same escalating costs to cope with and suggested agencies approach the province for funding. The province gets these services started up with initial funding, then drops the funding and leaves it to the region to support them, Coun. Arch said.

"The province has learned to say no and the health and social services committee has learned to say no, and we're going to have to learn some more to say no," Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz said.

## Smell culprits known

The culprits responsible for the smelly air in Acton have been identified in a report by the region's Medical Officer of Health.

Graham Pollett's report names the Meadowglen Mushroom Farm and the Beardmore Tannery as responsible for the foul odors on 24 occasions during a 40-day observation period just before last Christmas.

Investigations with the Ministry of the Environment don't offer Acton residents much hope of the smell going away.

Dr. Pollett says the Tannery is an industry incompatible with the urban setting that's sprung up around it over the years.

"As a result, it is unlikely that problems associated with odors will ever be entirely eliminated," his report concludes.

The region's investigation began last fall after several Acton residents complained about an odor problem and said they were concerned it might be hazardous to their health.

Working with the Ministry of the Environment, the region's health department monitored smells between Oct. 22 and Dec. 18, last year and found the source of the odor to be Meadowglen Mushroom Farm on six occasions and the Tannery on another 16. The local sewage disposal plant was found innocent of the smells.

The mushroom producer is on the east side of Highway 25, just south of town and Beardmore is bordered by Elgin Street and the west side of Highway 25.

The composting operation at the mushroom farm has been in Acton since August 1984. Dr. Pollett's report says it produces odors as a result of the natural breakdown of horse manure and hay on a concrete dock at the rear of the plant.

At the Tannery, the odors have to do with the preparation and tanning of hides. Dr. Pollett says that the smell problem has been aggravated since September 1984 when the company started using raw, unsalted hides in order to cut down the amount of chloride in its wastes.

The Tannery's on-site treatment and disposal system is responsible for the odors, although it's a system approved and monitored by the Ministry of the Environment, Dr. Pollett says.

"I know Beardmore is a good corporate citizen and will have no problem complying with Ministry of the Environment recommendations," Halton Hills Coun. Rick Bonnette said at last week's regional council meeting. Recommendations are expected by the summer.

The councillor noted for some people in Acton, the Tannery odors are a "healthy smell" because it employs them, while for others it's an "obnoxious smell."

## IN THE HILLS

### Five vacancies

Five people are needed to fill vacancies on the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded this year. Association directors attend one board meeting a month and often become involved in projects on behalf of the mentally retarded. An orientation manual is provided for those interested in the job but unsure of what it involves. To find out more, call 877-5557.

### Distress donation

The North Halton Distress Centre would like to thank the Bell Canada employees for their donation of \$100 toward the purchase of a copier for the Centre. The copier is currently being leased and is used by many community organizations.

The eventual purchase of the copier will reduce the long term costs considerably. Further donations towards the purchase of this copier would be very much appreciated. Call 877-1211 for more information.

### Toy library

A grant of up to \$1,250 is being made by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded to put a toy library into Acton.

The money was received by the Association from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The North Halton YMCA has made a bid to put a toy library into Acton. Toys will be suitable for handicapped youngsters as well.

### Play shop

There are openings for a Monday morning Playshop Program at Knox Presbyterian Church in Ac-

ton. Children 2½ to 3 years will participate in a program which includes crafts, games, singing, creative play, outdoor activities, etc. The program begins April 7. For more information call 877-5185 ext. 219, 260.

### Bike workshop

So how is your bicycle? Be nice to your wheels and give it a do-it-yourself tune-up. Join Ollie Tichel of North Halton Sports for an evening of basic bicycle maintenance April 8 at the Acton Community Centre or April 9 at Cedarvale Community Centre in Georgetown. Both start at 7 p.m. and will go until 9 p.m. Call 877-5185 ext. 260, 219.

### French book grant

The Halton Hills Public Library will receive \$755 from the Ontario government towards the purchase of French language books and library materials.

The funding is arranged through the French Language Library Collection Development Program, so that all Ontario communities with significant French-language populations are eligible for government funding.

### Keep circuits open

Make sure your circuits are open. Dr. Bill McRae, president of the Ontario Bible College, will be talking about Keeping the Circuits Open, April 19.

His address, at the Georgetown District Christian School, 6:30 p.m., will be a challenge to all Christians as well as an appeal to non-Christians.

Tickets cost \$10 per person and are available by calling 877-4158 or dropping by the Hope Chest Christian bookshop. The evening is sponsored by the Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship.

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