

**IN THE HILLS**

**Remember**

Remember sidewalks for Confederation Street in Glen Williams, pleaded an area resident in a recent letter to Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller and his council.

The mother of three pre-schoolers aged 4, 3 and 1, Marcia Kloepfer of Mullen Place wants to see sidewalks installed on Confederation Street so she can take her children for walks safely.

**Signs missing**

There are a couple of streets on Delrex Boulevard in Georgetown that are missing their names, Mayor Russ Miller told the town engineer April 14. One of them is Faludon and the other, well the mayor wasn't sure.

"Please check it out," Mayor Miller asked.

He also pointed out there is no street sign for Adamson Street, which is Winston Churchill Boulevard, north of Highway 7.

"Pomeroy's boatworks says he advertises he's on Adamson Street but there's no sign that says it's Adamson," Mayor Miller said.

**Insurance up**

Like everyone else, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority has been hit by a huge increase in its insurance plan for 1986.

The best deal the Authority could wrangle still means an 84 per cent increase over its 1985 premium coverage. From \$18,777, insurance has climbed to \$34,500 for 1986.

**Warning signs**

Heavy vehicles using the east-bound lane of Sideroad 5 between First Line and Highway 25 are being blamed for the pavement rutting.

This section of Sideroad 5 is scheduled to be resurfaced in 1986. In the interim, Halton regional staff are putting up warning signs to warn drivers of the pavement deterioration, on the request of Milton Coun. Bill Johnson.

The signs have been installed east of First Line and west of Highway 25 and will be removed when the resurfacing is completed.

**Floor-raising**

The Old Town Hall in Acton still needs work. Sunday afternoon, Doug Fread of the Acton Rotary Club pledged \$5,000 to allow renovations to continue on the second floor of the building. A cheque for \$2,500 was presented from the Rotary to Heritage Committee chairman Ted Tyler. The remaining \$2,500 will follow.

**French speaker**

Canadian Parents for French will be holding their annual general meeting May 27 at Centennial Public School in the library. The topic of guest speaker Barbara Weaver, is recent developments in the Canadian Parents for French organization in Ontario. The evening begins at 8 p.m. and coffee will be served.

**Anger workshop**

North Halton Interagency Council presents an "Anger Workshop" Tuesday May 27 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 which includes lunch. It will be held at the Halton Centennial Manor, 55 Ontario St. S., Milton, Ontario, in the Auditorium. For further information, call 876-4756.

**150th anniversary**

St. John's United Church Glen Williams will celebrate their 150th anniversary May 11. There will be a 9:30 a.m. communion service and 9 a.m. and 11 worship service. Rev. Jeff Davidson and Dr. Hallett Llewellyn are conducting services. For more information - 877-2531.

**Singles n' groups**

If you are a single parent interested in attending family activities, dances and discussions, call Margaret at Parents Without Partners at 846-8504.

**\$20,000 goal**

The Halton Lung Association is hoping to raise \$20,000 for its Lungs are for Life program this year.

Diseases of the respiratory system, including cancer, rank as a leading cause of death. According to the latest statistics, nearly 23,000 Canadians die each year from them.

While fewer adults are smoking, teens continue the habit. Now, 17.8 per cent of boys and 16.5 per cent of girls (15 to 19 years old) are regular smokers.



**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE**  
A second cheque was welcomed by YES director Ed Tooke (seated) Thursday morning from the Ministry of Skills Development. Halton-Burlington MPP Don Knight presented the \$24,140 cheque at the downtown Georgetown office of YES. This is the second part of the youth employment services grant. The first installment was for \$27,324 and was delivered last June.



**Skip a beat**

After almost two hours of skipping Edmund Powers had form to spare. He was one of 60 Centennial Middle School students participating in the skip-a-beat for the Heart and Stroke Foundation which raised \$2,603.97. Mother's Restaurant dropped in with pizza for the skippers after the last rope hit the floor. (Herald photo)

**Speyside residents prepare for school closure battle**

It will be another couple of weeks before Speyside area parents know whether their fight to keep their elementary school open will result in litigation.

Jim Sheldon, spokesman for the group, said a lawyer is "researching points of law" and will advise them in early May as to what courses of action are open to them.

The parents, who are opposing a recent Halton Board of Education decision to close Speyside Public School in September, have also been talking to some people at the Ministry of Education.

To date there has been no response from ministry staff but Mr. Sheldon hopes there will be.

The closure decision resulted from a year-long study of how to consolidate all the elementary schools in Halton Hills as a means of fighting declining enrolments.

Parents objected not only to the secrecy of the committee meetings, but also to the fact many recommendations were not substantiated with records of how the committee arriv-

ed at its decisions.

Funding for any battle with the board will come from the Speyside Area Ratepayers Association, formed more than 15 years ago to battle Standard Aggregates plans for a huge gravel pit.

"SARA is available for funding," Mr. Sheldon said. "It's strictly a community group and it never takes on small issues."

Mr. Sheldon feels it is time the board took stock of itself with regard to the way it handles the democratic process, claiming many people were extremely frustrated because they were denied access to a public forum when they tried to make oral presentations to the board.

"Access to this board is almost zero," he said. "Written submissions do not carry the same weight as oral ones in the opinion of those who wanted to make presentations and the board's refusal to hear them was very frustrating."

"It's also frustrating to hear (board chairman) Arlene Bruce say we were the guinea pigs (in preparing the consolidation study). We don't appreciate that. I'd like to see the board go back and do it all again - right."

Mr. Sheldon advised the people of Burlington and Oakville who are just beginning a consolidation study in their area to "ensure from the outset that the democratic process is followed."

The process laid down in board policy looks good, he said, and had the public been informed of what was going on as things happened he doubts the current situation would have developed.

-Courtesy Guelph Mercury

**Region buries heritage: Johnson**

There should be signs marking Halton's four-corners and tiny villages, but who should pay for them wasn't resolved at Halton Region's planning and public works committee meeting last week.

"I think it is wrong that we lose sight of those little areas. They are where we come from," Halton Hills Coun. Pam Sheldon said.

She said identifying these historical areas gives a sense of community to those living there, as well as fostering tourism.

The subject came up when a Milton man requested signs be put up by the region identifying the communities of Omagh and Boyne on Britannia Road.

Public Works Director Bob Moore said there are some signs up now that identify historical areas in the region, but most were put up by church groups or Women's Institutes. These groups are also responsible for the maintenance of the signs, he said.

"Most people come looking for these places and don't know where the hell they are," Milton Coun. Bill Johnson said. "We have a responsibility. You people are looking for culture and heritage and yet you

bury your culture and heritage." He amused councillors with a story of an area in Britain called "Yak" which is behind another village called "Aram". Area residents call it "Yak aback of Aram", Coun. Johnson said.

Regional staff were asked to talk to area municipalities about the putting up of such signs, and get back to councillors.

Coun. Sheldon said she wants the

region to "craft" its own signs for these small communities, with a historical look to them. She wants the region's 1978 signage policy to include that new signs must have local historical significance and meet local criteria.

Burlington Coun. Joan Little expressed concern that acknowledging tiny communities in this way may entail greater political responsibilities to them.

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