

## How could we improve the arts in town?

The Herald has been asked by the Arts Council to devote space to include this survey to assess the needs and interests of the community concerning the arts.

If you have not received a survey form please consider sending this questionnaire to the Recreation Department offices in Georgetown and Acton, or mail to Halton Hills Arts Council, P.O. Box 7, Georgetown, L7G 4T1.

The deadline is June 23. For more information call 877-1078.

In most questions, you may check as many as you wish.

1. Mayor Russell Miller has said: "The Town of Halton Hills values the contribution of the arts community." In what ways do you feel arts and entertainment add to our community?

- development of 'homegrown' talent
- enhances community
- enlightenment for old and young
- attracts visitors or new residents
- adds another recreational activity.
- Do you personally enjoy local:
  - theatre
  - original crafts
  - photography
  - sculpture, painting
  - local literature
  - live music
  - dance, ballet
  - musical theatre
  - other

2. Do you feel our community should have a statement outlining plans for:

- preserving our cultural heritage
  - developing local talent
  - encouraging arts enjoyment
  - all of the above
4. Guidelines for community arts development could include:
- accessibility to people
  - arts and entertainment opportunities
  - methods of support
  - consideration for young people
  - consideration for older people
  - other

5. Do you feel we should work harder at:

- bringing in concerts
  - more events with local talent
  - more opportunity for young people
  - arts and entertainment in parks
  - art shows in public places
  - arts in the schools
  - none of the above
6. Do we need more facilities such as:
- a museum
  - performing/rehearsal space
  - an arts information centre
  - craft studio
  - other

7. Are you aware that the Halton Hills Arts Council offers services such as:

- information from the Talent Bank for arts and entertainment
- opportunity to work together towards community arts development
- provision of encouragement and direction to individuals and groups in arts and entertainment
- none of the above

If yes, have you ever utilized this service:

- yes
- no



## Leaving the nest

Once a Brownie reaches a certain age she has to fly. Taking to the figurative sky May 27 were the 13th Georgetown East Brownies. Seen here (front left to right) are Robyn Carr, Linda Reynard, Sara

Sanalgar, Kim Timmings, Christine Steer, (back left to right) Christy Busby, Beth Crocker, Melissa Hendry, Christy Michalak and Melissa Watts. It all happened at Centennial Public School. (Herald photo)

## Mixed signals about town parking bylaws

Although council approved the motion to prohibit parking on both sides of Acton's Eastern Avenue, on the south side of Queen and both sides of York Streets, Monday night, they put off passing the bylaw which would make it legally official.

On the plea of a letter from the absent Mayor Russ Miller, councillors agreed to defer passing the parking bylaw for the area of the Old Hide House for two weeks, till the next council meeting.

Coun. Pam Sheldon said she wanted the bylaw repealed rather than deferred. She wondered how townspeople would be eyeing the waffling by councillors over laying the parking prohibition.

"It concerns me what kind of signals we are giving to townspeople, because we go one way, then the

other way," Coun. Sheldon said. "We should never have got into a knee-jerk type of reaction where we look at a small portion of the parking problem."

Instead, council should be taking a comprehensive look at the problem, she said, with the goal of coming up with an interim solution with the Hide House.

## Board rejects plan for jr. kindergarten

By SANDY CAMPBELL  
Herald Staff

The Halton Board of Education does not want junior kindergarten programs in Halton or kindergarten extended to a full day.

These programs are two suggestions in a Ministry of Education report on primary education. The report was voted on June 5 at the Board of Education and of the 42 recommendations made by the Ministry, five were rejected by the Board.

The Board is unwilling to accept any recommendations of the Ministry of Education unless they are assured of receiving full funding. Trustee Arlene Bruce said that funding kindergarten classes was already a problem and finding money for more kindergarten classes would be a greater problem.

Trustee Dick Howitt spoke against full day kindergarten and junior kindergarten. He said his reasons were philosophical and financial.

"I wasn't satisfied with what the program would be for a full day," Trustee Howitt told The Herald. If students were spending part of the day napping that would be a waste of trained teachers' time, he said.

The Halton Board of Education should not be organizing day-care centres, he said. For that reason they should not get involved in junior kindergarten.

If junior kindergarten students enrolled in January and September,

the prospect of junior kindergarten would not be as bad. But if they enrolled whenever their birthdays were, junior kindergarten would be an unreasonable proposition, Trustee Howitt said. "How could a teacher plan a program," he said.

The cost of full-day kindergarten and half-day junior kindergarten programs is another problem. The Board estimated them to be \$7.24 million. That cost includes hiring teachers and converting classrooms. It does not include transportation costs.

## More meter maids

The town's got twice as many eyes out to get you if you park your car where you're not supposed to.

Monday night, councillors approved the hiring of Halia Avdimiretz as a parking enforcement officer. She'll be the second parking enforcement officer, since the first was hired in 1983. Both positions are part-time ones.

Mrs. Avdimiretz will monitor the metered areas of Georgetown and the parking areas of Acton, issuing tickets to those violating the town's parking bylaws. She doesn't give tickets to moving cars, as this is the responsibility of Halton Regional Police.

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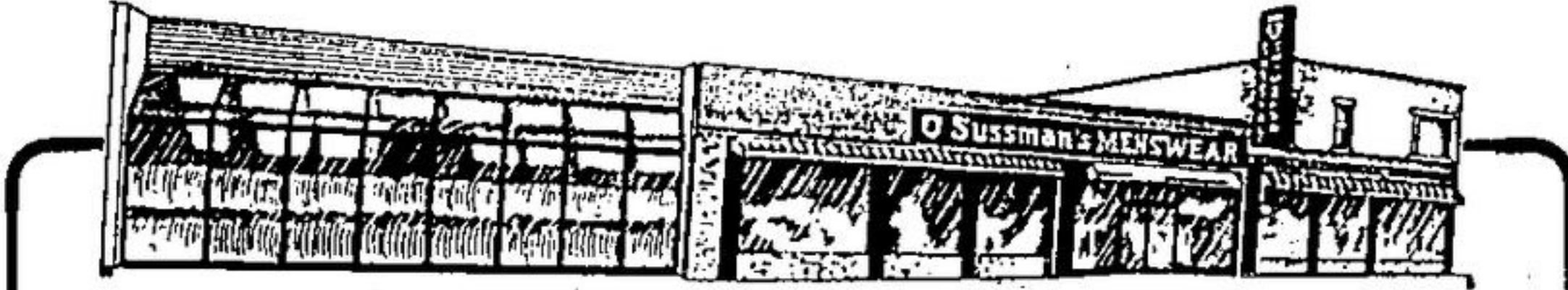
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