

## Balloon, 'copters at Acton picnic for townspeople

If you like shrimps and wine for lunch, you'd better get to the "Acton old fashioned picnic" early, July 19.

That's so you can make a bid on the picnic basket prepared by Coun. Pam Sheldon. Councillors have been asked to make up a picnic basket for auctioning off at this community event in Prospect Park.

There'll be hot air balloon rides and helicopter rides at the picnic, subject to a number of conditions set out Monday night by town council.

The Acton Lions Club is arranging to have helicopter rides by Glandford Aviation Limited and the

town wants to be sure it will be indemnified from all legal liabilities for personal injury and property damage arising from these rides.

The town wants its name and the name of the Lions Club added on the Certificate of Insurance.

The hot air balloon rides are another potential source of lawsuits and the town wants the same kind of insurance there too.

The brainchild of Cheryl Corson of Acton, who wanted to celebrate the opening of the Fairy Lake boathouse, the picnic has snowballed into a larger event, and will be taking place even though the boathouse is far from completion this month.

Acton Coun. Gerald Rennie said the town can use some laughter, having had its fill of bad news lately. He was referring to the announcement Beardmore Tannery recently made which puts 300 people out of work.

The free picnic isn't a profit-making venture, but if money is made from it, it will be donated to the Acton Citizens Band or to the refurbishing of the Town Hall, Coun. Rennie said.

In the evening, there'll be a dinner and dance at the Sit N Bull Tavern on Mill Street and tickets are \$12.50.

Recreation Director Tom Shepard said he's been kept in the dark so far about the plans for the picnic. He wants to know where the balloon rides and helicopter rides will be, whether there'll be a need for more washrooms and garbage containers and how many are expected to turn out.

"I don't want to be an obstructionist, but nobody's come and told us anything yet,"

Mr. Shepard said. "There's a lot of questions we have about the event and the date keeps getting closer."

Coun. Rennie said he was meeting today (Wednesday) with Mrs. Corson and the recreation staff to talk.

There'll be music on a flatbed truck at the picnic and a games area between the ball diamond for children. The balloon rides will run from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and the helicopter rides from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Birthday bunch

Sylvia Williamson's 80th Birthday party turned out to be a family reunion, Saturday. Joining the former Poplar Avenue, Acton, woman were (left to right) Michelle Sabadin, 5, of Oshawa, Kristi Theriault, 13, of Acton, Hazel Coates of Brampton, Sherree Sabadin, Carolynne

Theriault, Jayda Theriault, 11, Agnes McGinnis of Rockwood and Evelyn Yankowski of Hamilton. On their way were daughter Betty Cole of Guelph and sons Bruce Williamson of Toronto and George Williamson of Orangeville. (Herald photo)

## Expansion calls for 428 single homes

The new houses to be built in Georgetown South will be selling from \$90,000 up to \$275,000, a consultant with Enterac Property Corporation said Monday night.

Toby Barwick said Enterac plans to put up 413 homes on the east side of Mountainview Road, and another 428 homes on the west side. That's a total of 841 homes in the new Georgetown South urban area, being called Halton Hills Village.

There will be 101 homes on 30 foot lots, 407 homes on 40 foot lots, 278 homes on 50 foot lots and 55 homes on 60 foot lots, Mr. Barwick said at a public meeting into Enterac's rezoning application.

How's the development process going? So far, it's three to five months behind schedule, Mr. Barwick said.

Last fall councillors set out 51 conditions of draft approval which require special attention and aren't the routine sort of conditions developers are used to meeting, the

consultant said.

"The approvals process is a lengthy one and it's taking somewhat longer than we anticipated," Mr. Barwick said. "We're three to five months behind where we hoped to be in December last year."

Enterac has targeted final approval on the east half of the development to be received by November.

"We hope to start pre-servicing by early fall - September - if we can do it," Mr. Barwick said. "We are making good progress. It's just a matter of grinding our way through the conditions."

House sizes will be largest along the Silver Creek valley lands, where they'll be somewhere between 3,000 and 3,500 square feet, Mr. Barwick said. Medium sized houses will be between 1,600 and 1,800 square feet, dropping to 1,200 to 1,400 square feet for the 30 foot lots.

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Joan Jones receives assistance from Ontario March of Dimes worker Doreen Frankland. The relatively new home-care program gives people who need assistance more independence from their family and friends. (Herald photo)

## Disabled discover new independence

There's good news if you're looking for someone to help you become more independent from family and friends.

The Ontario March of Dimes has expanded their outreach attendant care program into north Halton.

The program has been going full swing in Oakville since June 1985, but it only started in this area in January, said program co-ordinator Maureen Lammare.

The service is funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Called Halton Outreach Attendant Care, the service provides free assistance to physically disabled adults who require scheduled, non-medical attendant care.

Attendant care aides assist clients with tasks such as bathing, washing, grooming, toileting, dressing, rising, meal preparation and transferring.

Clients appreciate the program most of all because it increases their independence, said Ms. Lammare. Clients don't have to rely on family and friends as much, and there is no minimum amount of time an aide has to stay with them, she said.

The service has made staying at

home possible for many disabled adults living in north Halton and Oakville.

The program is still accepting referrals in the area. When a certain limit is met, new referrals will be put on a waiting list, Ms. Lammare said.

Joan Jones of Fagan Drive in Georgetown is one of 18 clients using the outreach attendant care service.

She decides on her own when is the best time, length of time and the day for her attendant care to be carried out.

Clients can schedule assistance from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight seven days a week for a minimum of 30 minutes and a maximum of three hours per day.

Attendants are paid and they are qualified to work with the physically disabled, but they provide no medical care, Ms. Lammare said.

The main goal of the program is to keep people away from institutions and perhaps help some clients to become independent of institutions who are already there, she said.

For more information call 547-9233.

With the closure of the Beardmore tannery, the town is hoping it will get ownership of Fairy Lake to ease the water problems in Acton.

"We've spoken with the principals at Beardmore and they've said we'll (town) be the first people they will negotiate with on the disposition of the lake," Mayor Russ Miller told The Herald. "It's very important that the town get ownership of the lake."

However, the Mayor acknowledged that if another tannery were to take over the closing plant, the deal may be contingent on the lake being sold with the property. Tanners use a large amount of water and if they don't have to pay for it, it's naturally to their liking.

The announcement that Beardmore was closing its tannery in Acton came as Halton Region, the Town and the Ministry of the Environment were in the midst of study plans and negotiations for use of a well adjacent to the lake.

It's hoped that by developing the Prospect Park well, Acton's potential for water shortage problems will be eased. Also, it's hoped the new well will allow for some further growth in the town of 7,000.

"If the lake is still to be owned by Canada Packers (Beardmore), they should still play a part in the study," Mayor Miller said of the recent proposals for a water study looking at how drawing water from Prospect Park will affect Fairy Lake.

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## 40 citizens oppose nursery school plans

About 40 Edith Street and area residents turned out Monday night to express opposition to rezoning the former J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home into a nursery school and five apartments.

Clare Riepma and his wife have bought the large historic building on the northeast corner of Edith and Park Streets in Georgetown and plan to move their Montessori Nursery School into the ground floor. The nursery school currently operates at the Norval Community Centre on Highway 7 in Norval, where it has been for the past eight years.

If you missed Monday night's public meeting into the application to rezone the former funeral home, you have until July 18 to submit written comments on it to the town.

Town planning staff are due to report back to general committee on this matter Aug. 11. Their report will consider comments made at Monday night's public meeting and written submissions made to the town.

From general committee, the application will go to council where a final decision on the rezoning application will be made.

Clare Riepma said with its bow windows and fireplace on the ground floor the facility has a residential feel to it which is important for the nursery school.

No major changes are to be made to the exterior of the building.

The home will house two bachelor apartments, two one-bedroom apartments and one two-bedroom apartment, according to the plans.

Parking on the grounds is sufficient for both the apartments and the nursery school, Mr. Riepma said. He added the traffic generated by the changes in use is going to be less than what neighbors experienced during the years the funeral home was operating there.

Already, Mr. Riepma says he has

a waiting list for the apartments, and for the nursery school. The nursery school is to have 30 children maximum and three teachers.

"I feel there is a need for it in the community, just as there was for the funeral home," Mr. Riepma said.

Opponents to the rezoning submitted a petition and expressed fears the nursery school and apartment units would affect the stability of their predominantly older, single family homes neighborhood.

"It's a nice, quiet neighborhood and we'd like to keep it that way," Henry VandenTop of Market Street said.

If five apartments are made, area neighbors could have troubles with noisy tenants, he said.

Speaking on behalf of Edith Street neighbors directly next door to the property, Mr. and Mrs. George Gray, lawyer Monty Hyde said the proposed rezoning doesn't conform to the town's official plan.

He said the official plan policy for apartment buildings requires access to and frontage on a collector or arterial road, which this site doesn't provide. As well, it exceeds the 20 units per acre density laid out in the official plan.

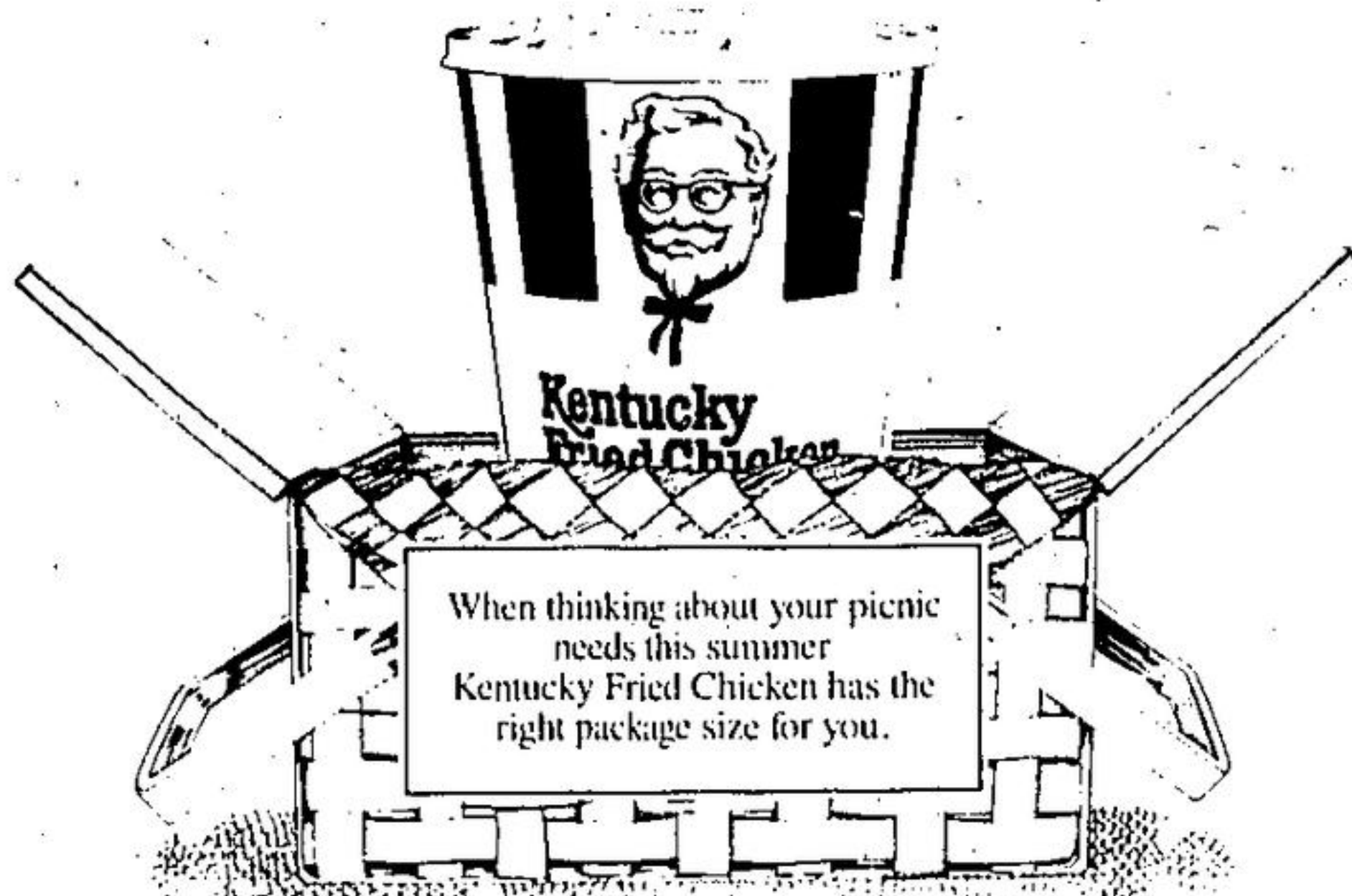
The town planning report doesn't agree, and says the application conforms to the official plan.

As for being required to provide an outdoor play area for children under the Day Nurseries Act, Mr. Riepma said that only applies if the school has children all day on the site. In the Montessori Nursery School case, the children are there for only 2½ hours daily.

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