

**Rev. Knox speaks**

The annual meeting of Dufferin-Peel Presbyterial, celebrating 25 years, will be held Feb 25 at St. Paul's United Church, 30 Main St. South Brampton.

Registration is 9 a.m. The afternoon session starts at 1:30 p.m. with guest speaker Rev. Nancy Knox, Minister at St. John's United Church, Georgetown. All women of the United Church are cordially invited.

**Wisdom of children**

The Wisdom of Children will be the topic of the Georgetown and District Christian School PTA Meeting at the School on Trafalgar Road, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m.

Child therapist Jonneke Kooles will demonstrate using children's spontaneous art expression. Everyone is welcome.

**Bridge results**

Duplicate bridge is offered, for those interested, at the Georgetown Royal Canadian Legion (upstairs) every Monday afternoon at 1 p.m. except when a holiday falls on a Monday.

There are free refreshments and partners if needed. Free play will be given for first place winners.

The winners from last week were: tied for first Ellen Gray and Norma Maynard, second Jim Sarjent, third Harry Arbie and Earl Ryder.

**Funeral talk**

By KAY WILSON

**Herald Special**

NORVAL - Brampton West Women's Institute education and cultural activities meeting took place Feb. 10 at 9:30 a.m. when members arrived at the Leo Archdeacon Funeral Home in Brampton.

President Isobel McKay introduced Mr. Archdeacon, who enlightened members in his comforting, sincere and informative remarks regarding decisions at the time of stress for a family suffering the loss of a loved one. Training for the profession includes grief therapy, which is invaluable to the bereaved. School classes are encouraged to visit as today more young family members participate in funeral services.

Ms. Dixon thanked Mr. Archdeacon for his presentation and his answers to the members' questions.

The group went to Chez Marie where a short business meeting was held, followed by lunch, served by the courteous staff of the restaurant.

Janet Strulakma will be hostess for the March 10 meeting at 1:30 p.m. The topic will be the Women's Institute twin province, Prince Edward Island.

**Clear your walks**

Coun. Lillian Bowman wants to see a public relations campaign to encourage people to clear their own sidewalks.

It would save the town money and help seniors, joggers, school children and others get around, she said.

Since there are no homes on the stretch of road from Highway 7 from Delrex Boulevard to Sinclair Avenue, Coun. Bowman would also like to have the town consider snow plowing the sidewalks there.

"There's no one else to clear it, and we can't have people walking on the highway," she said.

**Pomeroy lashes out at manager of HRCA**

Strong words were uttered against the general manager of the Halton Region Conservation Authority last week.

Halton's Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said "untruthful" and "unfounded" accusations were leveled against the Region by Murray Stephen at a public meeting Feb. 10. At the meeting the Walker Wright Young Associates Ltd. study comparing the proposed Milton and Burlington landfill sites was discussed.

Chairman Pomeroy said Mr. Stephen's comments reflected on the credibility of Regional employees.

When Susan Rogers took over the position of landfill co-ordinator, the whole issue of an environmental assessment was in chaos, Mr. Pomeroy said. He acknowledged relations with other organizations were at a low "to say the least."

"She's worked very diligently over the past year to establish relations and gain their respect," the Regional Chairman said. "The only agency that is causing us trouble is the Halton Region Conservation Authority, or at least the manager of that organization."

He said Mrs. Rogers had some tough agency problems to resolve, problems a lot more serious than those Mr. Stephen raised at the public meeting.

As for Mr. Stephen's accusation that there wasn't any discussion between the Region and the Authority, Mr. Pomeroy said there were meetings April 1, May 2, Nov. 22, 1986, and Jan. 15, 1987. Another is scheduled for March 5. There have also been additional correspondence and telephone consultations not only with Mrs. Rogers but also with the Region's consultants, the chairman said.

"His presentation was unfounded and untruthful. We need constructive criticism, not some loose cannon rolling around out there," Mr. Pomeroy said.

He said he wanted the Authority to monitor the actions of Mr. Stephen and direct him to co-operate with the Region.

"I was on a Conservation Authority (Credit Valley) for a number of years, and if any member of that staff had continually taken the position Mr. Stephen has taken in this process, he wouldn't be working here," the Regional Chairman said.

Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkevich said the chairman was protesting too much, and interpreted the comments to mean the chairman wants only "yes" people who take his point of view, around.

Oakville Coun. Fred Oliver asked for a copy of the transcript from the meeting, so that councillors could take appropriate action based on the facts.

"I support the position of the chairman 150 per cent," Coun. Pam Sheldon said. "It has always been my assumption that senior staff are there to provide co-operation as facilitators, to work together to find the answers, not against one another, especially on a sensitive issue as this."



**Birthday hugs**

Eleanor Gallagher's 50th birthday started at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 10 when fellow teachers showed up at her house. The party continued later in the day at Joseph Gibbons Public School where she is a teacher's aid

for trainable mentally handicapped students. Seen here with their teacher is Diane Hillman and John McDuffe. She has been working in schools with handicapped children for over ten years. (Herald photo)

**SHORTFALL Road grants from province "disappointing"**

There's a shortfall of three-quarters of a million dollars in provincial grants to Halton Region for road work.

That was the bad news shared by Halton's public works director Bob Moore last week.

"I'm extremely upset with this funding arrangement with the province for 1987," Mr. Moore said. "I can't express too strongly my disappointment in this funding. To say it's disappointing is to be as mild as I can be."

Halton is getting \$2,561,400 for roads construction and maintenance from the province in 1987, significantly less than was anticipated.

Mr. Moore is hoping Halton will get \$69,200 in supplementary funding as it has in the past two years to help its roads program. However, there's no commitment Halton will get this in 1987.

The Region will also be applying for another \$79,850 in supplementary funds for its 1987 traffic signalization program.

Last year's subsidy program fell short of what Mr. Moore was expecting by \$175,000. This year, it's short by \$720,800.

"In preparing the budget for 1987 we anticipated that based upon our road deficiencies relative to other municipalities a 10 per cent increase over last year's allocation could be expected," the public works director says.

A letter from the province actually reduces the allocation by 13.5 per cent. Adjusted for inflation (5.4 per cent), the subsidy has in reality fallen by 17.9 per cent, Mr. Moore says.

The Region will apply for provincial funding for road and bridge improvements through another plan called the Ontario Municipal Improvement Fund now, hoping to make up the \$720,800 shortfall.

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**Sunday openings are a provincial matter: town**

Sunday openings should be a provincial matter, not something the town should judge for itself, councillors decided Monday night.

They were replying to a survey by the People for Sunday Association of Canada.

The Association wanted the municipality to say which level of government it thinks should ad-

minister the Retail Business Holidays Act.

This Act lists specific holidays and Sundays as days when retailers can't sell goods or services, and lists exemptions to the rule.

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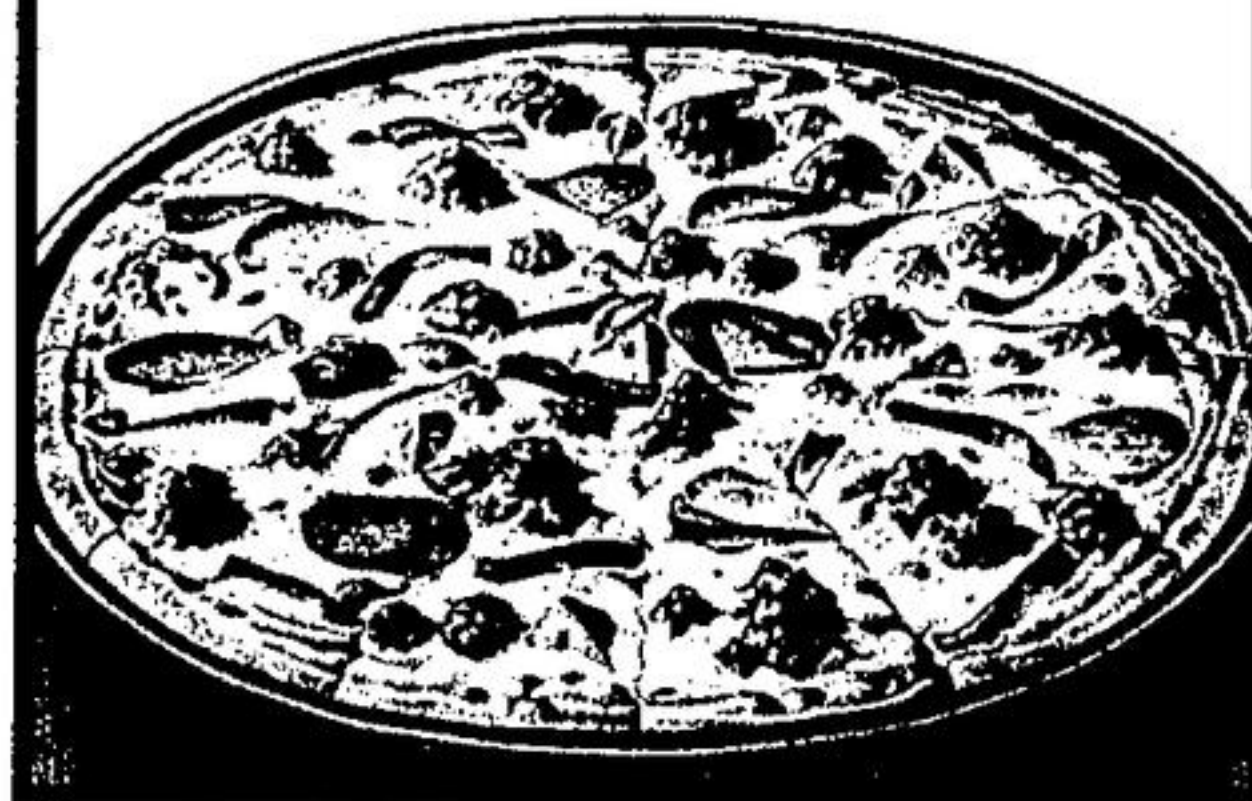
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