

Movie crews film 'Drop out mother'

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Parts of Georgetown turned into movie sets last week when a New York production company was filming for television.

The telefilm *Drop-out Mother*, starring Valerie Harper and Wayne Rogers, features a "woman who has everything" but realizes it costs too much emotionally, according to producer Ann Shanks. Mrs. Shanks said the film is a sequel to one that aired about four years ago called "Drop-out Father."

Mrs. Shanks and her husband Bob, who also wrote the script, said they have filmed in Canada before.

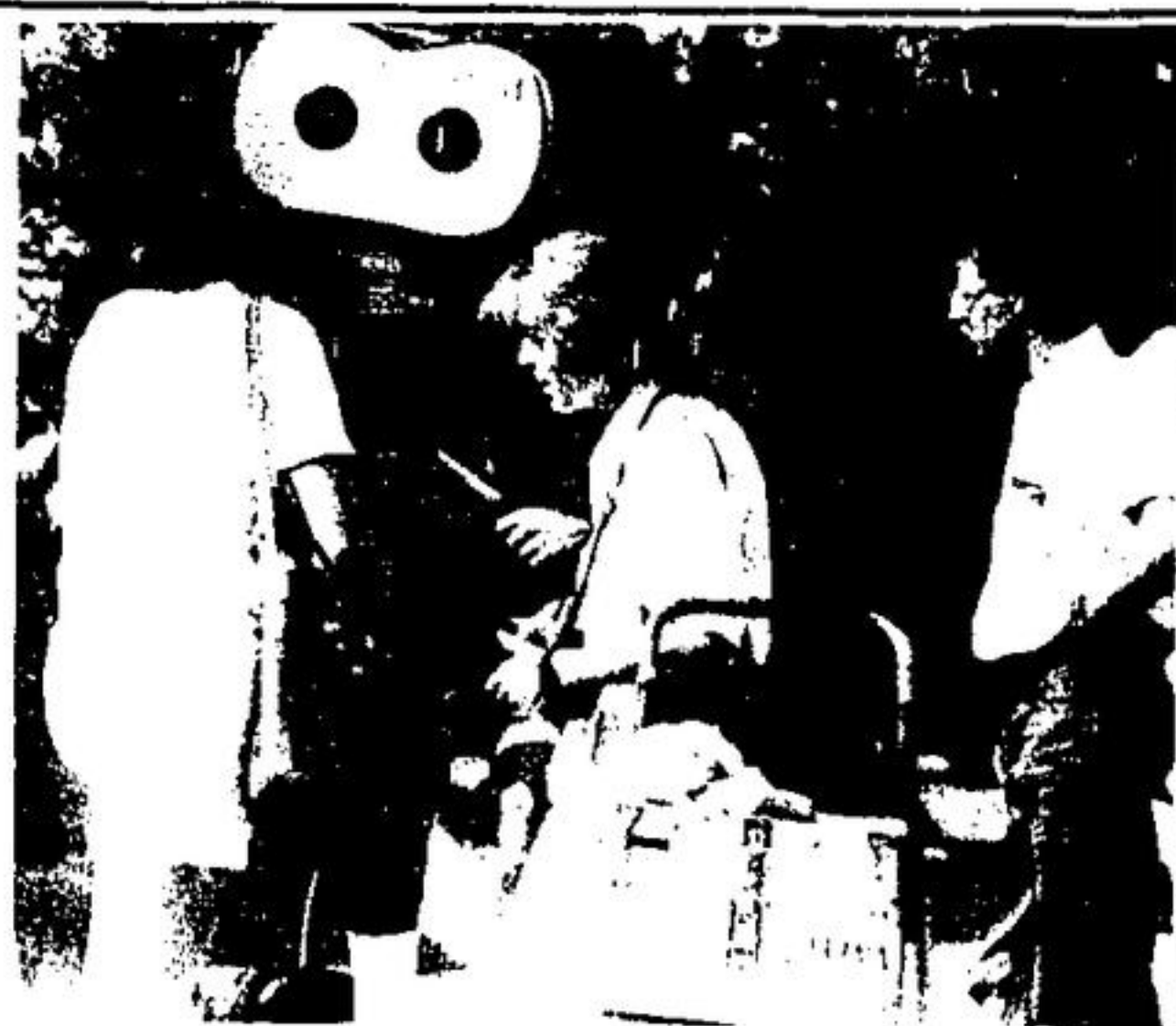
"Canada is still civilized," Mrs. Shanks said. "The people are gentle, sweet and co-operative."

The crews were shooting footage at the Georgetown Go Train station

and later at the Union Presbyterian Church in Terra Cotta. They were on location for just one day in this area. A handful of spectators tried to catch a glimpse of the stars but high temperatures seemed to scare them off, Mrs. Shanks noted.

The Georgetown station will become a suburban train station in Connecticut. Valerie Harper hops on the train to escape her life in suburbia. The Union Church sequence follows a dream about marriage. Ms. Harper has before she runs away.

Several production companies are involved in the project including CBS Enterprises, the largest investor. Cuneo Productions, the Shanks' company and Fries Enterprises, a large New York City firm. The show should run on the CBS network sometime in the fall, Mrs. Shanks said.



QUIET ON THE SET - The crew for the television film "Drop-out Mother" were filming in Georgetown last week. The film stars Valerie Harper as a woman who has everything but is unsatisfied. Wayne Rogers plays her confused husband. The film will air on the CBS network sometime in the fall. (Herald photo)

Region survey faulty, council wants changes

Regional councillors debated the merits of a scientific survey proposed by a four-member consortium Wednesday.

In the end, the region insisted the companies change their ways. The consortium, headed by the IBI Group, had proposed to poll 100 residents in each of Halton Hills, Milton and Burlington-Oakville on their views of future growth in Milton.

Why, regional councillors asked, were the two urban population centres of Burlington and Oakville lumped together? Neil Irwin, Managing Director of IBI, said the entire urban area south of Highway 5 would be considered one zone.

Burlington councillors Joan Little and Walter Mulkevich balked at that suggestion.

Councillors were told the

southern influence would be counted proportionately when the results were weighed scientifically.

But councillors still wanted change. "The results would still carry the flavour of those two communities (Halton Hills and Milton)," Coun. Joan Little said.

The firms were ordered to poll 100 residents in each of Burlington and Oakville - with the additional cost of approximately \$4,000.

The firms will conduct two rounds of surveys, public meetings and citizen panels.

Total cost of the study will reach over \$177,000.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is funding \$30,000 on that on top of a Community Planning Study grant of \$35,000.

Enterac Wants 60 more homes

Enterac Subdivision in Georgetown South (now known as Halton Hills Village) has advised Halton Region it wishes to revise the draft plan to include 60 more homes.

The plan now calls for a total of 1,190 homes in the subdivision. The region also announced some changes to the conditions of draft plan approval Wednesday.

One change saw the redesign of the subdivision to add residential and parklands and establish a school reserve block.

Phase three, limited to the east side of Mountview Road, is to be constructed and serviced in one stage for all 413 single family lots.

Other changes include the addition of public walkways and the addition of a fire station site at the northeast corner of the Eighth Line and Regional Road 10.

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Fall start for Acton Neighborhood Watch

By BRIAN MacLEOD
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Acton residents will have a chance to rejuvenate the Neighborhood Watch program this fall.

A handful of Acton residents attended an information meeting at Acton High School June 24 to find out how the program will be run this time around.

Constable Gary George, of Halton Regional Police Crime Prevention Unit said he has already started up four "bona fide" Neighborhood Watch programs in Georgetown.

Neighborhood Watch doesn't run in the summer because so many people are away on holidays so the fall is the ideal time to start a program, Const. George explained.

Acton has been divided up into 13 zones of between 200 to 250 homes in each zone, Const. George explained.

Each zone is then subdivided into blocks of approximately 15 homes. Each block has a block captain who coordinates his block and communicates with the zone coordinator.

Once a neighborhood watch program is certified as bona fide the membership meets once a year and block captains meet with their zone coordinator twice a year.

To become a bona fide program at least 50 per cent of the households in a zone must be represented by at least one adult person, Const. George said.

When residents attempt to get a Neighborhood Watch program started two meetings are held. Both meetings have the workings of the program explained and speakers are invited to deal with the various issues of crime.

The idea of the second meeting is to give those who attended the first meeting time to bring a couple of neighbors along with them, Const. George explained.

He split the zones up into blocks of 15 homes so neighbors can be more familiar with who they are dealing with.

A previous attempt to set up a Neighborhood Watch in Acton had failed partially because the zones containing large numbers of homes became difficult to deal with, he said.

To pass information along the new Neighborhood Watch has opted for the old fashioned method of people phoning two neighbors, rather than the computer dialed survey system employed in the last attempt.

"The hardest part is getting it going," Const. George said. Six groups

attempted to start a Neighborhood Watch program in Georgetown and four have been successful thus far.

News letters will be circulated twice a year containing information about the Halton Region Neighborhood Watch program and Const. George hopes to include an insert about workings in Halton Hills.

Const. George has attempted to make the system more manageable to administer and easier for members to use.

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As well, an officer will be identified with each neighborhood and he will spend time in his assigned zones every shift to become familiar with the residents, Const. George said.

In the hills

Fair registration

July 9 between 7 p.m. at the Georgetown Fairgrounds agricultural building there will be pre-registration for fall fair exhibitors.

Also, anyone who would like to provide local entertainment at the fair is also asked to come by.

Romp of songs

Halton Hills Public Libraries in wiles children ages 5-12 to its second performance of the summer season. Singer James Gordon will be presenting The Encyclopedia Show, a romp of 26 fast paced songs from A through Z. The show will take place July 15 at 11 a.m. at the Acton Library, followed by a Georgetown performance at 2 p.m., in the Gallery of the Library and Cultural Centre. Tickets cost \$1 each, and will be available at the Georgetown and Acton Libraries, beginning June 30. For further information, call the Libraries at 873-2681 (Georgetown) or 853-0001 (Acton).

Law office plan

A local law firm is seeking an amendment to the Halton Hills Official Plan in order to relocate their business to a property on the east side of Main Street between Church Street and Agnes Street in Acton.

The law firm of McKenzie and Chapman plan to demolish a house on the lot and build a one storey office building of approximately 150 square metres.

The firm must obtain permission from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Region of Halton and the Town of Halton Hills to change the Official Plan and rezone the property to General Commercial from its current zoning of Light Industrial.

Halton Region sanctioned the move by accepting the Official Plan amendment Wednesday. The firm must now receive permission from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Careless driving

A careless driving charge has been laid following an accident on Highway 5 at 6 a.m. June 7. Police say a 15-year-old Brampton woman was driving a 1987 Nissan when it rounded a slight bend and left the roadway demolishing a metal gate and 30 feet of fence. Damage to the car is listed at \$2000 and the fence received \$300 damage.

Reunion notes

Those returning to the Georgetown high this weekend for the centennial celebrations take note. Centennial yearbooks are now on sale at Oxbow Books in downtown Georgetown.

Also, parking at the high school's Guelph Street entrance will be restricted to the handicapped and buses only. A bus shuttle service will be operating from the Zeller's and Alcott Arena parking lots.

Campbellville man dies in car crash

A Campbellville man is dead after his motorcycle collided head on with a car at the intersection of Bell School Line and Steeles Avenue in Milton on the morning of June 27.

Philip Ranger, 22, of Lot 3, Concession 1 in Campbellville died when a 1976 Pontiac, driven by a 25-year-old Huron man pulled onto Steeles Avenue eastbound from Bell School Line and struck the westbound motorcycle head on.

He was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident. The Huron man has been charged with criminal negligence causing death, impaired driving causing death, driving with over the legal limit of alcohol in the blood and obstructing police.

Police charged the driver of the Pontiac and his 19-year-old male passenger with obstructing police after the passenger initially identified himself as the driver of the car. The passenger, from Oakville, will appear in court July 13. He was remanded in custody pending a bail hearing June 29.

Music teacher's pupils entered in two festivals

Pupils from the studio of Joyce Hutton were very active this year. They competed in two local festivals, Peel Music Festival and Milton Music Teachers' Festival. Their accomplishments there were 11 firsts, 12 seconds, and 10 thirds. They also were fortunate to receive 2 scholarships. The winners were Kim Davids of Brampton, winning the Brampton Business and Professional Women's Scholarship for \$100 at Peel Music Festival. The other winner was Stacey Hutton of Huttonville, winning the IODE Scholarship for \$75 at Milton Music Festival.

In the past year of studies Mrs. Hutton's pupils tried a total of 11 piano exams, five singing exams, and two theory exams of the Royal Conservatory of Music.

A very successful recital was held on Wednesday evening, June 17th at Huttonville United Church. Performers were: Natalie Moses, Treia Nicholls, Jennifer McKimney, Mark Atkinson, Stacey Duggan, Andrea Duggan, Doreen Osborne.

Leslie Piper, Jennifer Graham, Nancy Beavan, Merry Anne Hutton, Sherie Beattie, Jennifer Kuchel, Kristine Kopperud, Alena Riedstra, Christine Lueck, Sarah Nicholls, Sarah Hutton, Holly Verhaegren, Kim Jacobs, Leanne Atkinson, and Stacey Hutton.

These pupils come from Georgetown, Brampton, Huttonville, Norval, Churchville, and Glen Williams. Mrs. Hutton has studios in Huttonville and Norval.

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7 properties bought

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority recently received approval from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ontario Heritage Foundation for the acquisition of seven properties, under the Niagara Escarpment Land Act.

The approved parcels of land are located in the Halton Hills and Caledon area and total approximately 290 hectares (720 acres).

Initial discussions with each landowner has taken place.

Slope under review

In September 1986 the Credit Valley Conservation Authority retained Triton Engineering Services Limited to assess the slope stability problem at 61 Irwin Crescent in Georgetown.

The investigation revealed that the house was not in danger, however, surrounding soils at the back and sides of the house will eventually shift down slope and result in the loss of the backyards at 61 Irwin Crescent and neighbors.

The Authority has adopted a project to have Triton Engineering Services Limited examine and recommend alternative remedial measures to stabilize all properties affected by slope instability on Irwin Crescent, Dawson Crescent, Eden Place and Metcalfe Court.

The proposal cost is \$30,750 and will be completed in December 1987.

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