



### Down on the farm

A steady rain Sunday dampened the spirits of some farmers as they work at taking hay in from their fields. But all things considered, the weather has been very good for bringing hay in, as this area farmer found Saturday. (Herald photo)

## Scotsdale property without group to manage the site

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Herald Staff

The future management of Scotsdale Farm, near Ballinacree, Halton Hills remains unsettled. Three weeks ago The Ontario Horse Park Corporation decided against using the site.

The Ontario Heritage Foundation, which is currently managing the site, has received no new proposals for the overall management of the farm, OHF representative Brian Rodgers said Thursday.

The Halton Board of Education and the University of Guelph had previously been approached to manage the 540-acre farm, donated to the province by former owners Stewart and Betty Bennett. Both groups turned down the offer.

"We indicated (in 1985) that we would still be interested in using the property for education purposes," said Wally Beever, Director of Education in Halton. "I imagine we are still interested in using it."

University of Guelph's Property manager John Wills could not be reached for comment on whether the university has changed its mind over managing the site.

The withdrawal of the Horse Park Corporation has not stalled proposals by the Georgetown Optimist Club and the Bruce Trail Association to use the property.

"We are still going ahead," said Optimist President Sandy Booth. The club wants to set up a summer camp at the farm.

Mr. Booth added the OHF would like the club to start using the property this year. The Optimists are now considering using Scotsdale for its cross country race in October and its jack rabbit ski program in February.

The club's five-year proposal, which includes using up to 30 acres of the farm and building a ski trail through the woods, has been pushed ahead only slightly after the Horse Park Corporation made its announcement.

"I don't know who they (OHF) are going to get to manage it now, but it hasn't really affected us," Sandy Booth said.

The Bruce Trail Association is in the midst of signing a licence agreement with the OHF allowing the Association to care and manage sections of the trail that have been re-routed through the farm Allan

Ernest of the Bruce Trail Association said the Horse Park's withdrawal has not affected his group's proposal either. "The area we are using is probably too close to environmentally sensitive areas for use as anything but a footpath," Mr. Ernest said. "The trail was never going to be adjusted for use as a horse trail."

The trail will lead through about 5.5 kilometres of Scotsdale woods

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### Police beat

#### Youths caught

Three young offenders, aged 7, 12, and 11, were charged Wednesday in connection with a break and enter in an Acton home between Monday and Wednesday. The youths entered the home by kicking in a window, police said. Pots, pans, and kitchen utensils were thrown around the house. The family room was also ransacked with alcohol bottles broken and food spilt throughout the home. Damage is estimated at \$1000.

#### Stolen car

An 18-year-old Glen Williams was arrested Wednesday afternoon for possession of a car reported stolen from Guelph. He has also been charged with possession after he identified himself as someone else to police. He appeared for a bail hearing Thursday.

#### School break-in

Between Friday and Sunday, someone broke into Bennett School in Acton, entering by a broken window that had been boarded up, police said. The teacher's room was vandalized, the contents of the cash box spilled on the floor and appliances were used to make a lunch, police said. Damage estimates are unknown.

#### Tires missing

Four tires and four magnum wheel disks, valued at \$1900, were taken from Georgetown Motors, 336 Guelph St. between 5 and 7 p.m. Sunday.

#### Wallet stolen

A wallet left in an unlocked car at 52 Sergeant Rd., was stolen Sunday. The wallet contained \$15 cash and credit cards. The theft occurred between 9 and 9:30 p.m.

#### Purse thief

A purse, containing \$250 cash, was stolen from an unlocked car Monday between 12:20 and 12:30 a.m. The car was parked at 98 Queen St., Georgetown.

#### Impaired driver

A 33-year-old Mississauga man has been charged with impaired driving. He was stopped for a spot check on Young Street in Acton and found to be impaired, police said.

#### \$1,200 damage

The driver of a tractor-trailer unit sustained minimal injuries Tuesday morning following a collision at Steeles Avenue and the Sixth Line. The tractor was east-bound on Steeles when an unknown vehicle crossed the centre line and struck the unit in the side, police said. A total of \$1200 damage was caused to the tractor and trailer.

#### Cars collide

Close to \$10,000 damage was caused to a Mercury Wednesday when it collided with a Ford station wagon at the corner of the Ninth Line and 10 Sideroad Wednesday afternoon. An 18-year-old Brampton woman has been charged, police said.

#### Driver charged

A 44-year-old Georgetown man was charged Thursday following a collision at the intersection of Trafalgar Road and Steeles Avenue. The man was driving a 1977 Chevrolet at 12:47 a.m. when he ran a red light, hitting a 1982 Pontiac. Damage to each car is estimated at \$2500.

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## Russ Miller rebuts Burlington mayor's statement on review

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller claims Burlington Mayor Roly Bird's June 30 position paper attacking Halton's Regional government "brings the word garbage to mind."

In a written response submitted to the Regions Administration and Finance Committee Mayor Miller had some scathing words for Mr. Bird's opinions.

"Let me assure you that Halton Hills knows what garbage is all about and to listen to Mayor Bird's self-serving and one-sided statement on Regional government, it brings the word garbage to mind," Mayor Miller wrote.

"It is odd that when Ashgrove was a proposed landfill site no one from Burlington seemed to object to land-filling in Halton Hills even though municipal water is only available from underground sources, and if polluted could be devastating to every resident of Halton if services had to be piped in from Lake Ontario," he wrote.

"The Town of Halton Hills pays more for garbage disposal than other municipalities because of transportation and Mayor Bird has ignored Halton Hills' position that transportation costs should be a part of the overall garbage costs."

Mayor Miller said "the shoe would be on the other foot" if garbage was shipped to Halton Hills from Burlington. "I'm sure Burlington would have insisted on haulage and transfer becoming a Regional responsibility," he said.

He also said Burlington "had to be dragged, kicking and screaming into uniform rates (for sewer and water services)."

Halton Hills has supported the purchase of lakelands properties from Regional funds, yet it has had to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars with no request for Regional help for various Credit Valley Conservation Authority and Halton Region Conservation Authority projects, Mr. Miller said.

Mayor Bird "conveniently forgets that development in Halton Hills will also benefit Burlington and the rest of the Region," he said.

### She wasn't kidding...

When Pam Sheldon said she wouldn't support a Region review partly because there were about 20 reports already on the Region's workings, she wasn't kidding. There have been exactly 20 reports and — or studies on Halton since 1980 according to Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy.

- A regional roads classification study (1980);
- the Heckling-Johnson report; A major management review of Regional government in Halton (1981);
- an organizational audit of the Public Works Department in Halton (1981);
- a study of the role and functions of the Region in day care for children (1981);
- a study on the Region's role in family counselling programs in Halton (1981);
- a study of Halton's role in the provision of services to the elderly (1984);
- a review of the Regional and area planning functions and cost saving measures in Halton (1984);
- a study of Halton's role in tourism (1985);
- a review of the business development function in the Region (1985)

### Halton Region under review

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Coun. Sheldon said a provincial review is not necessary because 20 other reports which have either been completed or are underway on Halton's government.

When suggestions that Mr. Bird's report not be received for information arose, Oakville Mayor William Perras jumped to Mr. Bird's defense. "Written and verbal comments of a councillor can't be controlled, nor should they be," he said.

"I don't agree with his conclusions," he said. Mr. Johnson also assessed the nature of the Burlington Mayor's comments. "I'm going to kick and scream if I don't have my own way (on the garbage issue)," he said of Mr. Bird.

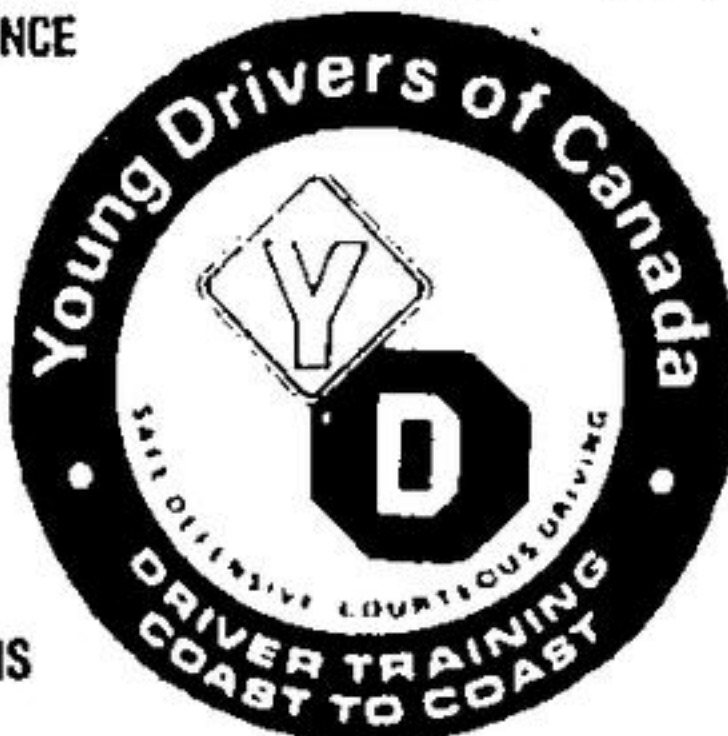
He also said representation on council should be decided by area and population because Milton only has three councillors on Regional Council. (Halton Hills has five, Oakville has seven while Burlington has nine).

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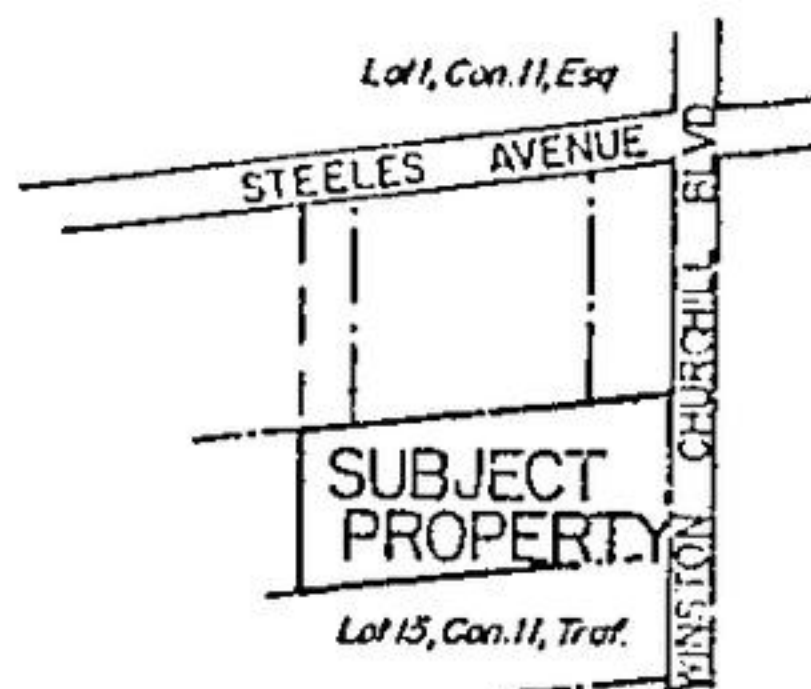
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Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Date: Monday, August 10, 1987  
Place: Council Chambers  
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